

**Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 7 September 2017**

Attending Board Members

Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer
Archie Patterson, Secretary
Irvin Dedow, Director
Jeff Foster, Chairman
Jerry Counterman, Director

Other Attendees

Anna Beach, EMS Coordinator
Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief
Charles Merchant, Assistant Fire Chief

- Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- Minutes from the 6 July 2017 meeting were reviewed. Irvin Dedow motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 July starting funds was \$69,025.44, plus donations and Par Plan Div of \$654.49 and interest of \$15.73.00 with expenses of \$7,402.39 leaving a total funds in our accounts of \$62,293.27. August interest income of \$14.97, and expenses of \$3,372.86 left funds in our accounts of \$58,935.38. The equipment fund started May at \$31,83.88 with two months interest of \$26.90 for an ending balance of \$35,210.78. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jerry Counterman and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.
- The Treasurer presented the Audit Report. The report was reviewed by the board without comment.

Fire Chief's Report:

- In the two month period since our last meeting there were two runs. One search and rescue and one fire run at Black Lake.
- There was support for medical response.
- Maintenance was done on several of the trucks.
- Risk Control Evaluation by the Township Participation Plan sighted some risk on fuel container.
- The County 800MHz plan was discussed. Training for the new radio system was outlined.
- Superior Services pressure wash the hall.
- Ken Pehovic suggested adding a breathing test for new members. The board would check to see if is included in the next physical.
- The Chief stated we need to continue our recruitment of new members. He noted former members may come back to help on special projects.
- Looking into participating in the Posen Potato Festival.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

- Training was done on dry hydrants used at two sites. Pumper was used with rigid hose. Don't have the necessary fittings for the other units that can pump as they don't normally go to a dry hydrant. Parts have been ordered add these units as backup options. Need to check the O-rings on 701. A member build folding supports for use with the double rigid hose connection to the bridge dry hydrant.
- Checked equipment and batteries.

Medical Coordinator's Report

- For the two month period there were twelve medical runs of which Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to ten and Onaway to two. Bearinger had two calls and Ocqueoc had ten. Eleven were transported to the hospital.
- The Chairman asked how many AED units we had. We have four and it was detailed where those units are kept.
- An update on the Red Cross smoke detectors was asked for. The department has not been contacted by them.

Old Business:

- HBCA Garage Sale – We have received \$3000 from HBCA with conditions on how the money should be spent. Over the last 25 years HBCA has given \$58,250. An HBCA officer state the conditions were suggestions. HBCA will be contacted for clarification.
- The Demo of the new extraction equipment was done during the HBCA garage sale using a donated car mounted on a members trailer.

New Business:

- There were complaints at the Ocqueoc Township Meeting and the Ocqueoc Board requested the complaints be put in writing. Ocqueoc Township confirmed with their lawyer that the Fire Chief works for the Fire Board and not the township supervisors and thus all complaints should be addressed to the Fire Board in writing. The Chairman read the complaint letter. The complaints were from Ken Pehovic and Chuck Hilger. Since the Fire Chief and the other board members have not seen the written complaint it was suggested the complaints be tabled to another meeting to give everyone time to review the complaint. A special meeting will be held on 21 September at 7:00pm to review the

complaint.

- The chairman read a letter from Ken Pohovic concerning his desire to be paid for the time he attended physical therapy. The letter was addressed to the Fire Chief but given to the Assistant Fire Chief who gave the letter to the Chairman. It was pointed out that this issue was taken care of by the board at two prior meetings and is closed. Ken Pohovic pointed out it should not have been brought before the board as it was addressed to the Fire Chief.

Public Comment

- None

Board Comment

- Archie Patterson pointed out that RCAASA and OAAS are both getting grant writers to buy lift systems for the ambulances.
- Jerry Counterman said there was a lack of cooperation and a bad attitude on the part of ~~some of the volunteers~~ *the whole department.*

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson

Archie Jay Patterson II
Secretary, Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next regular meeting: 2 November 2017 at 7:00 pm.