

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Common Council of the City of Barron, Town of Barron Board and Town of Maple Grove Board held on January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: Kevin Haller, Ron Fladten, Mike Dietrich and Tony Allen. Absent: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby and Bob Rollins. Town of Barron Board members present: Gary Nelson and Lee Swan. Absent: Darren Bjugstad. Town of Maple Grove Board members present: none. Absent: Paul Hutchison, Trishia Kuehndorf and Aaron Mickelson. Others present: Andy Harrington, Kay Bender, Mark Thompson, Mike Romsos, Dean Coleman, Rick Jari, Brian Jensen, Tim Goodlet, Dillon Palmquist and Curt Cutsforth.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Alderperson Tony Allen.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Fladten to approve the minutes of August 16, 2013 with the correction of Paul Hutchison seconding the motion rather than Kevin Haller on the purchase of the used 1980 chassis from Lawrence J. Prock. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Mike Romsos presented the 2013 Secretary report. It was reported that the 2014 officers of the Maple Grove Fire Department, are as follows: Mike Romsos, Chief; Dean Coleman, Assistant Chief; Curt Cutsforth, Secretary; Rick Jari, Treasurer; Tim Goodlet, Master Mechanic and Ben Cole, Safety/Training Officer. The 2013 total calls were reviewed.

Rick Jari presented the 2013 Treasurer report.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Haller to approve the 2013 Secretary report and 2013 Treasurer report as submitted in printed form. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Discussion followed on the fact that the department will not be receiving a FEMA grant this year. It was noted that the previous grant writer is no longer preparing grant applications on our behalf. The department will pursue a new grant writer for consideration by the city council and town boards at a later date.

Mike Romsos, Fire Chief reviewed a proposed five year plan that he would like to review more closely at the next meeting of the fire board. He suggested we meet quarterly.

The department will look at a Focus on Energy audit of the fire department building in an attempt to save money on the natural gas bill.

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk