

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 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: David Vruwink, Maureen Tollman and Mike Dietrich. Town of Barron Board members present: Gary Nelson and Darren Bjugstad. Absent: Lee Swan. Town of Maple Grove Board members present: Darlene York. Absent: Paul Hutchison and Trishia Kuehndorf. Others present: Mike Romsos, Dean Coleman, Dillon Palmquist, Curt Cutsforth, Tim Goodlet and Ben Cole.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by City Council President Rod Nordby.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014 as printed. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Curt Cutsforth presented the 2014 Secretary report

Moved by Bjugstad, seconded by York to approve the 2014 Secretary report as presented by Curt Cutsforth. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dillon Palmquist presented the 2014 Treasurer report.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Bjugstad to approve the 2014 Treasurer report as presented by Dillon Palmquist. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion took place on a D.N.R. grant in the amount of \$3,200.00 which is in effect until April 15, 2015 for 50% of the cost of communication equipment. We did not receive a FEMA grant this year. The department will keep each municipality advised of what they might apply for with the FEMA grant for next year.

The proposed three year plan was reviewed. It was noted that many items included in the last five year plan have been acquired. It was suggested that each municipality contribute \$5,000.00 per year towards purchasing personal protective equipment in the future. Examples include: SCBA air tanks; boots; turn-out gear; radios and miscellaneous equipment. After three years if the plan was followed, the following items would be replaced: thirty-six air tanks; thirty-two boots; six turn out gear and six radios.

The following "big" ticket items will need to be addressed in the future: addition to the fire station; replacement of Tanker II and a stand-by generator for the fire station.

Mike Romsos, Fire Chief will contact Andrew Harrington, City Attorney regarding some revisions to the by-laws of the fire department.

Discussion took place on some of the fire calls from 2014 as pictures were shown.

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk