

A special meeting of the Truman City Council was held January 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Nickerson  
Absent: Councilor Mosloski

The purpose of the special meeting was to meet jointly with the township officials and the fire department for an annual update on the department.

## 1. ANNUAL MEETING WITH TOWNSHIPS AND FIRE

There were officers present from Westford and Nashville townships. There was no representation from Waverly Township.

Update was given on the recently purchased fire engine truck. The truck is currently at the factory in Winnipeg, Canada getting some additional items added to it. The truck should be in service in a month or so. Scott Safety will pick up half the cost of a new foam system for the truck. The townships will receive a billing for their annual meetings to pay their share of the \$15,000 donated by the townships for this project.

Fire Chief Dave Bentz presented information on the recent ISO insurance inspection. ISO upgraded Truman from a 5 to a 4/4Y rating. Special thanks was given to Brandon Winch at the water department for his work in gaining points on the water system for the rating. The fire department was told by the inspector that if they document some of their meetings and training that they could improve the rating points even more.

The department has applied for FEMA grants for SCBA equipment and a truck. The next cycle of grants starts in June and they will apply for funds for air packs and turn out gear.

Discuss the idea of raising fire call rates. Fire Chief Bentz asked all representatives to think about it and make suggestions in the future. More information will be obtained on this matter too. The idea is to help build up the truck fund reserves to help pay for replacement of fire trucks.

The annual fire contracts are up for renewal in May. There was no discussion about raising those rates this year.

Fire department representatives will attend all three annual township meetings to be held March 14.

The City of Northrop is very interested in the 1981 engine #3. Discussed what the value is. Fire Chief Bentz will talk to them.

## 2. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. Time: 7:54 p.m.

Monte Rohman, Clerk