

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE  
Special Meeting  
July 7, 2014

On July 7, 2014, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan and Bill Wheeler present, held a special joint meeting with members of the Fire Department at the Town Hall. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Jeanne Martin and George Nero; Fire Chief Niles Howell, Charlie Hensley and many members of the Fire Department; and visitor Jody Higgins. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to meet jointly with the Burnsville Fire Department to discuss departmental needs.

Finance Officer Leslie Crowder presented financial data pertinent to the fire department's operation. Copies were made available to everyone in attendance, and are attached to these minutes and by reference made a part hereof.

Chief Niles Howell discussed proposed plans for the future of the department. A reasonable plan is a new station since the old department does not have enough space. Remodeling has been ruled out and existing parking is inadequate. Borrowing power is apparently limited for the town.

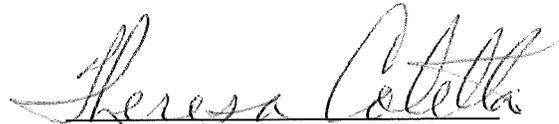
The department has considered going out as an independent organization, and vehicles would need to be retitled, etc. The department is aware of the costs they would incur and is currently exploring the practicality of this restructuring. He asked Council if there is interest in such a plan, noting that it would definitely reduce liability, and there would be no more employees to keep track of.

The Chief said the department thinks it could borrow approximately \$1.5 million over 20 years at \$90,000/year. The fund balance could be used for some of that.

The mayor said the town will support the Fire Department in any way it can.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan moved to adjourn. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

  
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Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk

  
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Theresa Coletta, Mayor