



CITY OF BURTON
BURTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
MINUTES

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

7:00 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by President Steven Heffner at 7:00 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Councilman	Present	
Steven Heffner	President	Present	
Danny Wells	Councilman	Present	
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Present	
Gregory Fenner	Vice President	Present	
Deborah K Walton	Councilwoman	Excused	
Christina Conley	Councilwoman	Excused	

B. STAFF PRESENT

Duane Haskins, Mayor
Charles Abbey, DPW Director/HR
Lindsey Bice, Clerk's Office

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No report.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Diane Diamond of Cypress Circle in Burton expressed concerns about the road conditions in Maplewood Meadows. The residents in this area would like to participate in a match program with the city. We are circulating petitions.

Warren Nimcheski of Genesee Road in Burton spoke regarding the history, condition and safety of Genesee Road. Council should think about a millage to fix the roads.

Mr. Smith stated a resident, Jim Shustock had a question regarding the plans for Springfield and Howe. What are the administrations plans for this area?

Mr. Abbey stated he is unsure what Mr. Shustock is referring to. I will need to go look at it.

E. COUNCIL ACTION

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Local Road Projects.

Mr. Abbey read a statement from Mr. Howser regarding the process we use for road projects in the DPW. Genesee Road will need to be addressed by the TIP program where we get 80/20 matching funds. Mr. Abbey provided the council with the PASER rating map.

Discussion ensued on the city's budget for local roads.

Mr. Abbey stated we get our best bids for road projects in February or March.

Mr. Martinbianco stated there is an infrastructure push by the Federal Government that may impact bids.

Discussion ensued on using marijuana money toward local roads and using match funds with residents to fix roads.

Mr. Abbey stated the city should participate in a match program on a first come basis, until the money is gone. We need to decide what the number is. Is it 50/50?

Mr. Smith expressed the importance of setting a deadline.

Mr. Fenner asked for clarification, are we talking about entire subdivisions only or individual streets? Not all of our local roads are in subdivisions. We should approach the districts in the worst condition first.

Mr. Abbey discussed setting districts appropriately and posting the policy and procedure adopted by council on the website. The important part for us is picking a reasonable number to get the most done with the money we have available.

Mr. Wells thanked the audience members for attending. He expressed concerns regarding the need to change an ordinance.

Mr. Abbey stated there are a number of ways that roads were paved in the past. This is not a one shoe fits all situation. The city is diversified just like our funding. Some areas are low to moderate income and qualify for additional funding. Others do not qualify.

Mr. Wells asked if we will charge more in higher income areas. I do not want to overstep our bounds.

Mr. Abbey stated we need to be fair and consistent in our method. If it's a 50/50 match, it is a 50/50 match for everyone no matter where you are or who you are. What I meant was, we can use federal dollars for some areas that are lower income because they qualify for that funding.

Discussion ensued on local roads, county roads becoming our responsibility, the possibility of giving responsibility back to the county and different approaches to fixing different roads.

Mr. Heffner stated he is in support of the 50/50 match. If we don't use all of the money, we put it back in the budget for next year.

Mr. Fenner stated if you do the math at 50/50, we can do roads that will impact about 1,000 homes with the \$1.5 million we have.

Mr. Abbey stated smaller subdivisions or those with open ditch as opposed to curb and gutter, will cost less. We may be able to leverage six or eight subdivisions right away.

Mr. Martibinaco stated we have to be cognizant of our 5-year projected fund balance. I would like the council to receive a map of all the roads that have been chip sealed.

Mr. Abbey said, yes. We can give you a map of all improvements, including chip seal. Another thing to think about is, roads do not get cheaper. A full reconstruction is over \$1 million per lane mile. If you have the opportunity now, the administration recommends we take advantage of it.

Mr. Smith stated this \$1.5 million is a one time gift. If we can turn it into \$3 million, I am all for it. I support the 50/50 match. Where do we start the process from here?

Mr. Abbey stated tomorrow we will get all the legalities for you and bring it to the next council meeting.

Mr. Heffner asked if the council agrees to the 50/50 match.

Council members concurred to the city participating in a 50/50 match for local roads.

Mr. Wells asked about bonding for the city's 50%.

Discussion continued regarding the legalities of bonding.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 5180)

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