



CITY OF BURTON

BUDGET MEETING

JUNE 20, 2016

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Budget Workshop

5:00 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by Councilman Steven Heffner at 5:15 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Councilman	Present	
Duane Haskins	Councilman	Present	
Dennis O'Keefe	Councilman	Present	
Steven Heffner	Councilman	Present	
Ellen Ellenburg	Councilwoman	Excused	
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Present	
Steven Hatfield	Councilman	Present	

B. STAFF PRESENT

Paula Zelenko, Mayor
Ginger Burke-Miller, Controller
Robert Slattery, DPW Director
Bette Bigsby, Benefits
Marvin Epperson, Fire Chief

Rik Hayman, Chief of Staff
Teresa Karsney, Clerk
Jean Johnson, Senior Director
Michael Odette, Lieutenant

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

D. BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Workshop.

Mr. Smith stated what was added to the budget was \$219,300 to the expenditures at the last budget meeting. There was an accounting correction of \$171,000 in the sewer fund. He passed out a contractual service sheet which included each department. There is \$187,229 left over in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. He thought this one area we could look to make cuts. Mrs. Burke-Miller wasn't able to get a hold of all department heads but this is a rough estimate of what is was left over in each department.

Mr. Martinbianco stated that he is looking at page 18 on the projected fund balance in 2021 is \$48,472. We are going to have to make some cuts somewhere. We can't keep spending like this. We are going to have to put a freeze on hiring or cut back on what we have.

Mrs. Burke-Miller stated that the city needs to consider a bond for road funding.

Mr. Haskins asked does our debit have an effect on our EVIP or State Shared Revenue.

Mr. Martinbianco stated we need to get a priority road list done. We need to know which are going to TIP program. We need to know which road we as a Council want to get done. We need to know how much we can borrow and make sure we have the money to make those bonds payments.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that after this budget is passed we need to look into the bonding for the roads. He stated he feels very comfortable with the budget the Mayor presented and the changes they have made. With all the salary increases taken out, it is a savings of \$130,000. I don't think we need to try and make cuts to get it back to the original budget the Mayor presented. Just because that is the budget the Mayor put it together doesn't make it right or wrong.

Mr. Smith had questions about the 5 year forecast sheets. Mayor Zelenko stated that the sheets were made up when the budget was put together and things have changed since then. Mrs. Burke-Miller stated these were inflation rates that she found out on the internet. We adjust them down because of the information that was provided to us by the Assessor.

Mr. Heffner asked if we really need a new DPW auxiliary garage. Where is the Vector truck parked now. Mr. Slattery stated it is parked in the water garage and needs to be winterized in the winter. This building is for all the trucks we own. Mr. Slattery stated that they would just like one to keep the fleet inside. We would be able to load the salt trucks in the winter the night before. The difference is response time. Mr. Slattery stated if he had to choose he would rather have the 5 new trucks instead of the new building. Mr. Martinbianco asked if we have a site plan for the DPW property. Mr. Slattery stated no not at this time. Mr. Hatfield said we should get the 5 trucks and wait on the garage. He would like to do the lease on the vehicles. Council was all good with that. Mr. Haskins asked who takes a vehicle home. Mayor Zelenko stated the Mr. Howser, Mr. Marshke, Mr. Gabriel, Mr. Kray and the on call person.

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In park projects 1001-6090-974.7049 for \$105,000, \$2,500 for Iron Bell Trail, \$97,500 for east wall mitigation at Kelly Lake and \$5,000 for Settlement Park Parking Lot. Council asked has that park project for the east wall been pre-engineering. Mrs. Bigsby stated no, the \$97,000 was just an estimate. Council decided \$60,000 for park projects for engineering for east wall, \$5,000 for Settlement Park Parking lot and \$2,500 Iron Bell Trail.

Mr. Haskins didn't agree with giving the Park and Recreation Director the \$4,900 increase. We took out the all the wage increases and I think this should also be taken out. Mr. Martinbianco feels we should have a hiring freeze. Mr. Haskins stated that for the Chief of Staff there was no letter of understanding with the union. This was changed without Council approval and he feels this position should be eliminated and taken back to the Executive Assistant position as it was with the proper pay adjustments. Mayor Zelenko stated this is a question for your labor attorney. Mr. Hatfield agrees with Mr. Haskins that the Mayor should have gotten Council's

approval to change the contract, but we did approve that in the budget from last year. Mr. O'Keefe agrees with Mr. Haskins but this employee has been in the position for almost two years. I think we need to discuss with the labor attorney. Council agreed they need to discuss this in closed session with their labor attorney.

Mr. Smith recapped council decisions: Reduced wages by \$130,000, DPW Garage removed for \$275,000, went from 3 to 5 pickups, reduced park projects to \$60,000.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.
