

CITY OF BURTON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 1996, 5:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Ted Hammon, President, at 5:32 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abbey, Cox, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Smiley; J. Major, DPW Director; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller and C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS CURBSIDE RECYCLING FOR THE CITY OF BURTON.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley said he has been in negotiations with Dave Herberholz of Pollard Disposal for the past two years for curbside recycling. He said that Burton is the only municipality in Genesee County with the cheapest price and greatest service for the curbside pickup. Mayor turned the meeting over to Mr. Herberholz for a brief presentation.

Dave Herberholz explained that in late 1994 negotiations were made to pilot a drop off area two (2) times each month. This is usually a good gauge in finding out if the residents are genuinely interested in having curbside recycling. He said since starting the program, the service has been expanded.

Mr. Herberholz said if the curbside recycling were to begin, there would be a weekly service and Pollard Disposal, Inc. would provide each household with one 18 gallon bin. Additional bins could be made available for purchase from Pollard. There will be educational material given to each household that will be placed into the recycling bin for delivery to curb approximately two (2) weeks prior to the program beginning. He said Pollard will share revenues from the sale of recyclable items generated in curbside recycling. The market prices and collected volume will impact the share of revenues for the City.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Don Sanderlin, 4460 Killarney Park Drive, praised the workers from Pollard Disposal when picking up trash. He said he is in favor of the curbside recycling and thinks the \$2.00 fee is reasonable. Mr. Sanderlin asked a series of questions concerning what items would be collected, such as newspapers, glossy paper, used motor oil, magazines, books, etc.

Richard Vickrey, 2045 Judd Rd., said he ran a survey and read the statistics resulting from the survey. He asked why it is necessary to pay \$2.00 per month per home, when the recyclables bring in revenue to the company. He inquired about a check and balance system to be certain that the materials are going to the landfill.

Tom Hernandez, representative of Valley Rubbish, said they would like to be considered as a possibility of doing the City's recycling program, if it goes out to bid.

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Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe Rd., said he thinks consideration of other companies should be considered.

Wesley Hawks, 1203 Arrowhead Dr., said he is for the recycling and is in favor of starting it as soon as possible. He said the \$2.00 fee is not unreasonable. He asked about recycling business material.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cox asked about the payback to the City from the recyclable items and how the City would know the status of the revenues. He also asked if the bidding process is necessary for recycling. He asked if there would be a charge for the first month or two when the program is getting underway. He was advised yes.

Mr. Herberholz said he would check with their controller concerning the payback, and reports would be given to the City regarding the revenues.

Mr. Martinbianco said a random audit could be conducted. Recycling is voluntary, but paying is mandatory. He asked the Mayor if he had solicited bids from other companies for this process. He was advised no.

Mr. Cross inquired about apartment complexes, mobile home parks and businesses being included in the recycling program. He said he would like everyone treated equally, homeowners, mobile home parks and apartment complexes.

Mr. Herberholz said they are looking for the recycling program to be a community wide project.

Mrs. Walls said recycling takes time and effort and she does recycle. You can get the funds, but making it mandatory is going to be hard to do.

Mr. Cox inquired about getting this cost added to the summer tax roll. Mr. Becker said if this was approved, it should be done by the 15th of May.

Mr. Hammon said we are looking for input from the public tonight and will be having further meetings regarding this issue.

Mrs. Zelenko said the educational materials sent to the public need to convince them that recycling is necessary.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE  
Deputy City Clerk

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