



CITY OF BURTON

BUDGET MEETING

APRIL 20, 2015

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Public Hearing

6:30 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by Councilman Tom Martinbianco at 6:39 PM.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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	Present	
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Present	
Steven Hatfield	Councilman	Present	

B. STAFF PRESENT

Paula Zelenko, Mayor	Rik Hayman, Chief of Staff
Amanda Doyle, Attorney	Ginger Burke-Miller, Controller
Bette Bigsby, Benefits	Sue Warren, Human Resources
Robert Slattery, DPW Director	Teresa Karsney, Clerk

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
Mr. Martinbianco stated we are having a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016. He then turned it over to the Mayor.
Mayor Zelenko stated Dear President Martinbianco and Members of the City Council. Today, Controller Ginger Burke-Miller and I present a balanced budget for the City of Burton Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Once again, in building this budget, we worked hard to maintain the delicate balance between addressing critical needs and keeping a healthy financial posture including continuing with the plan to pay down unfunded liabilities, increase infrastructure improvements, and maintain public safety. Decades of declining property values and lost revenues have plagued our City with little means to address roads, water, sewer, blight and staffing needs. Property values are finally starting to recover and the accompanying revenues are rising, but with Headlee limitations, revenues for fiscal year 2015-2016 can only grow by 1.016%. New home builds, rehabilitating vacant homes, new businesses and blight elimination are ways to grow our revenue. The extensive investment in infrastructure projects coupled with our public safety focus has given developers, potential business owners and new residents reason to look at Burton. Public safety, police and fire, remain the number one priority of this administration. We continue to work to incorporate the elements of our successful police millage and keep our pledge to voters. One of the goals of the millage was to increase the

number of sworn officers to 36. We stretched to grow the department to 39 in Fiscal Year 2014-2015. While our ultimate goal remains to have 42 officers on board, the forecasted revenues do not allow us to move closer to that number in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Another goal of the millage was to utilize the unencumbered general operating funding to address the needs of our other city departments; fire department, roadway division, water and sewer division, the unfunded liabilities and add key personnel positions.

You will see in the fire department budget, we are proposing a new fire engine, gear, equipment and siren upgrades.

The water and sewer divisions are continuing with the phases of replacing the infrastructure utilizing the DWRP, SAW, S2 and SRF grants and loans. In the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, we stepped up blight elimination efforts and will continue these efforts in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Perhaps the most visible efforts this fiscal year will be the Center Road improvement project, Belsay Road rehabilitation and the ramping up of our road maintenance program. Center Road was an accelerated TIP project that has caused some accounting challenges. To rectify the situation, the proposed budget indicates securing a short term loan until the MDOT funding comes through in 2017.

Infrastructure projects will continue for the next several years. The DPW Deputy Director position has been re-combined with the City Engineer position and filled by Mr. Gregory Kray. The DPW Director position is held by Mr. Robert Slattery. Bob's background in management and planning will be a major asset to seeing our city through the next several years of infrastructure projects. In addition, due to the complexity and volume of projects, this budget includes hiring three laborers for the long term schedules and utilizing contractors for more temporary work.

Lastly, this year we will begin the first phase to refresh our computer/work stations and continue to improve website content.

While local governments like Burton continue to face serious challenges, our city has proven we are up to the task because we work together to find opportunities to move forward in a fiscally responsible manner. We owe it to our citizens and they expect it of us. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming budget workshops.

Mr. Heffner asked what the Assistant DPW Director wage is?

Mayor Zelenko stated that she didn't know off the top of her head. It is less than the DPW Director and more than the former Deputy DPW Director because he has the engineering degree. The job description has gone back to the original job description from when Mr. Kray was hired.

Mr. Heffner asked if we could get that number.

Mayor Zelenko stated absolutely, she would get the number for them.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that the Mayor and Controller more than likely used the 5 year forecasting spreadsheet from Plante Moran to come up with this budget and he was requesting the Council get a copy of the spreadsheet. He feels the spreadsheet would show the big picture. Also, he requested the schedule of the Budget Workshops.

Mayor Zelenko stated that Finance Chairman Mr. Smith has requested some additional information like the 5 year forecast before the budget workshops start. We are in the process of pulling all that together for them.

Mr. Martinbianco stated that Mr. Smith had carbon copied him in on the memo.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Howard of Burton asked why the storm drains are not being cleaned out. If these drains are not cleaned out they can't drain.

Jim Shustock of Burton asked if the Library Parking Lot could get fixed. Also he has been trying to get a small building for sorting books, recreation center, or story hour.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if the restrooms at the Library have been taken care of.

Mr. Shustock stated yes. He also asked when some roads with large cracks are going to be filled in Burton.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.



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