

CITY OF BURTON

JANUARY 13, 1997, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Special Meeting was called to order by Ted Hammon, President, at 7:18 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hammon, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abbey, Cox, Cross and Martinbianco.

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, DPW Director; R. Hamilton, City Attorney and C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning BRE Communications.

Mr. Hammon said this will be an informal meeting, as there are only three (3) Council people present. We can ask questions but no action will be taken until the next regular meeting of January 20, 1997.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Major said he didn't prepare a presentation because he was uncertain as to what the Council wanted to know. He invited representatives from BRE and GISD.

Brad Evans, President of BRE, 4565 Wilson Ave., Grandville, MI, said Mt. Morris Township approved the agreement tonight and Genesee Township is having a meeting tonight to approve the agreement. He explained the purpose of the telecommunications in the community. He said they will provide local telephone service and will be competitive with the existing phone company. The main office will be located at 4074 S. Linden Road in Flint Township.

Dr. David Spathelf, Superintendent of GISD, 2413 W. Maple Rd., Flint, MI, explained that the telecommunication system will be good for the State, as well as the County. This is a State of the Art Communication Network. This will open up a whole new world to the children in Genesee County. Every school district, whether big or small, will have access to the same information. They will be able to access the internet 24 hours per day. The schools will be able to offer

languages and other high level courses. There are many other agencies who will be able to have access to program, such as fire training, police training, etc. This gives us the opportunity to share information. Dr. Spathelf said the Burton Schools are instrumental in getting this technology. He said they have had training for the different schools for teachers, counselors, administrators and young people.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Hammon introduced Tom Goring, Superintendent of Atherton Schools along with School Board Members, Betty Bigsby, President and Linda Hammon.

There was no audience participation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Zelenko asked how long it would take to complete the installation. Mr. Evans said there is 130 miles in Genesee County and they would like to have it completed by this summer.

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Mrs. Zelenko asked if they planned to expand the network. She was advised that if they chose to expand, it is in the agreement that they would have to come back to the Council for their approval to do so.

Mrs. Walls asked who determined where this cable is laid. Mr. Evans replied that the cable is mainly on the Consumer Power poles, which is more cost effective.

Mrs. Walls then asked if Mr. Major would know when they are putting in the cable. Mr. Major said this is no different than Comcast or Ameritech. It is easy to control under the existing permit system.

Mr. Hamilton asked if each individual school is responsible for connecting into

the system. Dr. Spathelf said they have teams going to each district to suggest what they will need in the way of computers.

Mr. Hamilton inquired about the pavement cuts and if they planned to hire people in Genesee County. Mr. Major said this will be treated the same as Consumers Power.

Mr. Evans said they are planning to hire 75 people by the end of the year.

Mr. Hammon asked if there is any relationship between BRE and Phone Michigan.

Mr. Evans said he owns 100% of Phone Michigan and 60% of BRE.

Mr. Hammon asked if they would be putting in their own public phones. He also asked if the citizens would have local dialing parity.

Mr. Evans said they have no intentions of having public phones. He replied that the citizens can keep their existing number or change. BRE's first three digits will be 249.

Mr. Hammon asked if BRE would be involved with Miss Dig. Mr. Evans said yes.

Discussion held regarding problems when lines are hit by another utility company.

Mrs. Zelenko asked if the 911 service would be continued. She was advised yes.

Mr. Hammon said no action will be taken this evening, but would be held on Monday, January 20, 1997 at the Regular Council Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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