

CITY OF BURTON

FEBRUARY 6, 1995, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Keith Cox, President, at 7:06 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Escrowing Sewer Units for the City of Burton.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Hamilton gave a brief background of the history behind the agreement of the allocation of the sewer units from Township days to the present. He said there are some municipalities who are getting close to their limit of the purchased capacity. The City of Burton is within a few hundred units of the purchased capacity.

Don Parks, Supervisor of Davison Township, said he and Tom Hundley, City Manager of Swartz Creek, are present to answer any questions regarding the agreement. He said that Birch Run and Beecher are outside the agreement and are listed under other units of government. Birch Run is listed with Vienna Township and the Village of Goodrich is listed with Grand Blanc. Mr. Parks said if all of the municipalities don't agree, then the agreement will not be in effect. Grand Blanc City and Clayton Township have not agreed to date, but we are hoping they will change their minds.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jane Nimcheski, 2429 N. Genesee Rd., questioned Birch Run being allowed to purchase units when they are not in this system.

Mr. Parks said they are not allowed to purchase any more sewer units.

Mr. Hamilton said unless there is an agreement, the City could end up with a system where we cannot further expand. Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Parks if he had a projection when the design capacity will be utilized.

Mr. Parks said between 5 and 10 years. He explained that the reason for the agreement is to try and avoid one area from growing and stopping growth in another area. It is foolish to set on the extra units and not use them. He said we are now at 80% capacity. He would like to be equitable and fair to every municipality. The revenue bonds will be expiring in the next two (2) years.

Larry Stephens, 3049 Vineland Ave., asked how many more units could each municipality get and how much for each unit. Mr. Major replied there are approximately 17,000 units left County-wide.

Mr. Parks said the cost of each unit is \$270.00 today. He said we are now at 80% capacity and when we get to 90%, we need to make some adjustments.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco said any community could be in the system if they sign the agreement, correct? Mr. Parks said yes. We don't want a situation like the one previously between Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden.

Mr. Cross asked what a design surplus is. Mr. Parks said a design system for peak flows, such as infiltration of rain waters.

Mr. Abbey said he thinks everybody that is a party to the agreement should be paying their fair share. He asked why the other units don't want to participate.

Mr. Parks said there may be some misunderstanding of the agreement by the other communities.

Mr. Martinbianco said he has some concerns about the value of the cost of municipalities unable to purchase any capacity.

Mr. Parks said when Birch Run came into the system, there was healthy charge paid to the sewer district as a whole, except for units purchased from Vienna Township. That policy is in place today with those who are there today.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Moved by Martinbianco, supported by Abbey to approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached agreement with the Genesee County Drain Commission relative to the sale of existing sewer units. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Cross voting no.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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