

CITY OF BURTON
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 16, 2006, 3:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Council Workshop meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Laurie Tinnin at 3:40 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bement, Isham, Conley, Curtis, Tinnin, Cross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wells.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Halstead, Fire Chief, B. Whitman, Police Chief,
K. Foster, Controller M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
2006-2007 CITY OF BURTON BUDGETS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Self-Insurance Fund
2. Employee Health Fund
3. Police
4. Fire

PRESENTATION:

Self-Insurance Fund

Mrs. Foster said this fund supports health care costs for the current 88 employees, equaling an average of \$10,977 for each employee yearly, the fund is down 7.2% or \$75,000 and she spoke on prescription billings.

Employee Health Fund

Mrs. Foster said this fund is up 13.5% that equates to \$38,500 due to 24 retirees. The fund was set up so employees contribute 5.5% of their paycheck to cover retirement costs and the costs the city pays for a single person, a two-person family and a family. She said the fund would be scrutinized by an actuarial in the near future. She spoke regarding investments, city auditors, April 2005 involving numerous trades, retirement requirements and buyouts.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Tom Strasser, 8287 Woolfit, Mt. Morris, MI commented that employees pay out of their paychecks each week into the retirement fund which has affected pay raises, personal time and other benefits in the past.

Police

Mrs. Foster noted a decrease of .79% that equals to \$34,575 due to departments funded from General Fund being reduced by .68% to balance. She mentioned staff included in the budget, 17.1% of revenue coming from taxes, grants and fees and said the Consumer Power refund to effect the department will be \$19,565.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of staff, areas in need, fleet status, Court and impound fees, grants and the growth of the city.

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Fire

Mrs. Foster said the department is up 5.3% that equals to \$38,290 due to improvements for Station #2 and is otherwise status quo.

Further discussion included the number of staff, station improvements, the need for a fully staffed department, a line item for equipment and vehicle repairs, relocating a fire station and teaming with surrounding cities, purchasing land for expansion, renovation of Station #2, cell phone stipends, expense and necessity of the firemen's gear.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The following spoke regarding purchasing land for a fire station, researching a new location and the necessity for protection gear.

Warren Nimcheski 2429 Genesee

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh

Gordon Cooper, 1124 Davenport

Kirk Wilkinson, 3285 Menominee

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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