

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2ND PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 16, 1995, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Special Meeting Was Called To Order By Keith Cox, President, at 7:04 P.M.

Members Present: Cox, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

Members Absent: Abbey.

Others Present: D. Lowthian, Assessor; J. Major, DPW Director and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

CHAIR STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Public Hearing on an Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate filed by Robert Sorensen, President of Soroc Products, Inc.

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THAT: This is the time fixed for the hearing and considering any objections and/or favorable comments to the approval of an application of Soroc Products, Inc., 4349 S. Dort Hwy., Burton, MI 49529, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for its facility in the City of Burton Industrial Development District No. I-84-1:

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Lowthian said this was the second tax abatement requested by Soroc. The first was about 11 years ago and it was approved with 10 people employed. The company now has 40 to 50 employees and plans to add another 9 jobs and is requesting a 1.4 million in new equipment. Under the new guidelines, they qualify for 6 years.

COUNCIL LISTENS TO OBJECTIONS/FAVORABLE COMMENTS TO SAID EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION:

Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe, asked if the person was notified. He was advised that all the agencies and owner had been notified.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if it was a personal property improvement, not real property improvement. Mr. Lowthian said yes.

Mr. Hammon asked what a thermformer and Extruder was. He was advised that they are used to form and mold plastic.

Mr. Hammon expressed concern on approving a tax abatement without the owner being present.

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Mrs. Walls asked if there was any conflict with the new guidelines. Mr. Lowthian said no.

Mr. Cox asked about taxes coming to the City. Mr. Lowthian said he did not have those figures with him.

Mr. Cross asked about time lines. He was advised that all paper work needs to be completed by the end of October to get an abatement this year.

Mr. Hammon said he would not vote for an abatement without the owner present to answer questions.

Mr. Lowthian said that the public hearing is complete and they could act on the matter later.

Mr. Martinbianco said the zoning board has mandatory requirement for the resident to be present and that Council could handle abatements in the same way.

Mr. Lowthian noted that if the abatement was denied, the owner could appeal to the State and get even a greater length of time. He said that if we deny, we have to give a reason. He said we can postpone to a later date.

Mrs. Walls said she thought they should support the abatement anyway.

Mr. Walworth noted that the Council will have held the public hearing and could take action at a later date. The motion to deny was withdrawn.

PRESIDENT DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED.

No action taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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