

CITY OF BURTON
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 15, 2008, 4:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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President Tom Martinbianco called the Council Workshop to order at 4:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wells, Martinbianco, Tinnin, Haskins and Ellenburg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Conley and Heffner.

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Foster, Controller, G. Kray, DPW Director, R. Howarth, Street Foreman, M. Holzer, Utility Supervisor and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE
PROPOSED 2008-2009 CITY OF BURTON BUDGETS,
AS FOLLOWS:**

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| 1. Water | 3. Major Streets |
| 2. Sewer | 4. Local Streets |

Water:

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Foster said this budget is status quo, there is an overall decrease of 2% for this year's allocation and the revenue bond is due in December 2019.

Mr. Kray said there is no word yet on an increase from Detroit, but they are looking into bringing a 72" pipe into Burton in the future and the County anticipates a pipe coming from Port Huron.

Mr. Howarth said Detroit's residents are paying 9% more for their water.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Tinnin asked about the surplus of \$142,000. She thinks residents should receive their bill 30 days prior to the due date and that the 10% late fee is too high.

Mrs. Foster said she could prepare an operating statement for this year and there is probably a \$211,000 surplus. She went over the percentage of wages coming out of the department.

Mr. Wells asked what the late fee covers. Mrs. Foster said the cash flow would not be as large.

Mr. Holzer said 20 samples are done per month and the cost of brass and copper fittings has doubled. He spoke about the trailer park on Fenton Rd.

Mr. Martinbianco asked what was included in the contractual line.

Mrs. Foster said it covered repairs, payments to Miss Dig and maintenance agreements of water equipment. She said there is no money for additional employees.

Mr. Holzer said the City is 75% complete on installing remotes and read time decreased by weeks.

Sewer:

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Foster said this budget is status quo along with having a 2% increase in allocation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

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Mr. Kray mentioned that the \$20,000 in new usage fees, are affecting the City's budget.

Mrs. Foster said there is about \$9 million in interest income invested in CDs.

Major Streets:

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Foster said there is a decrease in allocation due to potential completion of construction projects, a foreman could be budgeted if needed and she suggested a resolution from 1973 requesting a transfer of 25% from streets to local be changed to say "up to 25%".

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Howarth said the gravel streets are in good shape.

Mr. Kray said the department is looking into chip seal and asphalt overlay.

Discussion ensued regarding the work AT & T has done on Center Rd. and the length of time they've been there. Mr. Wells asked if the City could charge AT & T to have the road cleaned.

Mr. Haskins requested the blacktop roads not be changed to limestone.

Local Streets:

Mrs. Tinnin asked that the heaved manhole on Melody Ln. be fixed.

Mr. Howarth said they could reseal or recess it.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Martinbianco asked what is contained within the 2008-09 sidewalk program for \$35,000.

Mrs. Foster said the City would spend 1% over five years on sidewalks. She said fringe benefits and equipment rental charges cannot be made to Administration.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Howarth said there was a shortage of salt this winter and anticipates the price to increase.

Mrs. Tinnin asked if the City would promote within for the foreman position.

Mr. Kray said that is undetermined.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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