

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY OF BURTON COUNCIL
MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 1980 AT 4303 S. CENTER
ROAD, BURTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Meeting opened at 8:00 PM by Council Vice President, Raymond Brown. Council Members in attendance were: Brown, Nimcheski, Mikulich, Goulet, and Wright. Councilmen Dombrowski and Mann were absent. Others at the meeting included: Director and Assistant of DPW, J. Rabine and J. Major respectively; D. Lowthian, City Assessor; R. Fickes, Civil Engineering Technician; D. Woodbury and A. Hesse, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk respectively.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Second Public Hearing for paving project P-78-11 Jolson Street, from Saginaw Street to Greenley Street.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Rabine

Mr. Rabine stated the cost from the first Public Hearing was quoted at \$3,350.00, since the bids the actual cost is \$3,311.00. If paid in cash by May 1, 1980 there would be no interest, or if paid annually before May 1, 1980 it would not appear on your taxes, therefore if your home is still under mortgage your house payment would not be raised due to the paving project. If you choose to pay in annual installments over a period of fifteen (15) years at 8% interest your annual payment would be \$386.00 per year. To date the City has invested \$35,400.00 that can not be recovered if the project does not proceed.

Mr. Rabine explained the sidewalk program. It would be possible in the areas where cars parked in driveways would still be in the right-of-way to divert the sidewalks up to three ' (3') from the roadway. Also possible to put a slab of cement besides the garages as an extension of the drive so they could park their cars that way and not extend over the ROW.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Evelyn Walker, 1422 Jolson said she only has one income and would like to see the sidewalks deleted. The cost is just too high.

Mr. Palmer, 2005 Jolson stated he built his garage and planted trees there twenty-seven years ago. There are only three blocks of sidewalks anyway why not just delete them. One year ago he was given a permit to extend his porch, if the sidewalks go thru the walk would be right under the railing.

Bill Parker, 1411 Jolson questioned why the change in sidewalks? Mr. Brown said Mr. Rabine had worked out a plan to include sidewalks without eliminating all the privacy from the residents, and giving them as much yard space as he possibly could. Mr. Parker said the prices for Jolson had gone up at least a \$1,000.00 over the rest of the streets in less than a year. Mr. Rabine explained the first cost figure was quoted in April of 1978, the City had not received the Community Development funds to use for their 25% match and next Headlee was accepted which caused a delay, now under 1980 prices the inflation has hit the construction business the same as all businesses, that's why the cost is up. Mr. Parker then asked what this would do to his taxes? Mr. Lothian said a paving project would definitely have a positive effect on taxes. Your land value will be up, therefore your taxes will raise approximately \$15.00 a year. This is for the land not your buildings.

Margaret Kempf, 2229 S. Center Road asked for clarification, \$15.00 for the road or for added assessment? Mr. Lowthian replied if he pays in installments for fifteen years, he would pay \$386.00 a year for the Special Assessment and an extra fifteen dollars on his property tax.

Mr. Parker said he signed for the paving before he knew the cost, he did not think the people wanted to spend that much.

Councilman Brown said prior to the hearing on September 18, 1979 a letter was sent to the residents with a cost factor of \$3,347.00 per unit, the cost has been reduced since then. There apparently were not many against at that hearing so the Council proceeded with the project, now the City has committed some \$35,000.00 that can not be recovered if we delete this project.

Linda Russell, 1400 Jolson said if people were against the cost, they should have said so at the September meeting.

Mr. Doyle, 1452 Jolson asked if the property tax would increase by \$15.00 or 15% of the current valuation. Mr. Lowthian said he would have to know the exact lot size to give an exact cost.

Mr. Palmer asked the dates of this project. Mr. Rabine said not before May 15, 1980 and will be completed with clean-up no later than September 1, 1980.

Discussion followed on storm sewers and flooding problems.

Mr. Parker asked if the trees would all have to be cut down? Mr. Rabine said if there was any way to avoid taking down a tree that the residents wanted, they would. He suggested that the residents should speak with the contractor about the trees that they want to keep.

Councilman Brown said a decision would be announced on March 17, 1980 concerning the sidewalks.

VICE PRESIDENT DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Mikulich asked the Clerk if any petitions had been presented from those who were against the project? The Clerk replied no.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Goulet, supported by Nimcheski to adopt Standard Resolution # 5-A for P-78-11 Jolson Street. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Moved by Goulet, supported by Nimcheski to adopt Standard Resolution # 5-E for P-78-11. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time 8:45 PM

Submitted by,

Ardis L. Hesse
Deputy City Clerk