

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AS A WHOLE
HELD JULY 24, 1978 AT 4303 SOUTH CENTER ROAD, BURTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Dombrowski, Council President.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dombrowski, Dallas, Mann and Card

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Kita, Paris and Mikulich

OTHERS PRESENT: Salary Commission and Martinson, City Clerk

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Discussion with the Salary Commission re/their determinations report.

Councilman Dombrowski explained that this meeting is not a Special Council meeting, but a Committee Meeting of the whole, thus only Council members can speak. There is not any audience participation. Also, no action can be taken.

Councilman Dallas asked at what point can Council act? He stated that he refuses to sign an open ended expense account (refer to #7). He thought that all benefits were to be rolled into the \$26,500, plus the standard fringe benefits.

Bill Young, Chairman of the Salary Commission, stated that the Commission did file their report with the Clerk on July 5, 1978. They have fulfilled all that was required of them. Re/#7, the Mayor had requested a change as he did not like the previous set-up. He asked for out-of-pocket expenses only. The BCC is responsible for their budget-and can draw a limit for the Mayor's expense. We did what we felt was best. He further stated that if Council felt \$100.00 per month was adequate, that is up to them. Council controls the expenses of the City and adopts the budget.

Councilman Dallas asked if this meant that the Mayor's lunch was being paid for?

Mr. Young stated that item #7 states he is reimbursed only for that which is legitimate within his performance as Mayor. If Council has a policy for expenses-then use that. If not, then Council should adopt a policy.

Councilman Mann stated that he disagrees with Dallas and he has read the same #7 several times.

Councilman Dallas said: Council has budgeted for out of town expenses, but his is concerned with in town expenses.

Councilman Card said that he preferred to leave the report as is except to delete #7. Can Council vote on this?

Councilman Mann asked if Card felt that the Mayor should not be paid for expenses incurred while performing the duties as Mayor? Councilman Card said that the Mayor should pay his own expenses in town. He gets \$27,000.

Mr. Young said his salary is only \$26,000. No more!

Councilman Dallas said that he is opposed to the determination, due to item #7.

Brenda Beggs, member of Commission, stated that Council should set a ceiling on the Mayor's expenses per month. The Mayor told the Commission that he did not like receiving a \$300.00 check each month and then have to account for it.

Ward Dixel, Member of Commission, explained that as the City is growing, people want to move to Burton. He feels \$25,500 is not enough. The Mayor should not have to pay expenses out-of-pocket for encouraging businesses to relocate in Burton.

Councilman Card stated that his expenses may become too large. We did not know he was going to get meeting payment until later.

Brenda Beggs stated that at one time he was receiving \$250.00 per month, and was later increased to \$300.00 per month. All Council needs to do is raise or lower this line item, keep these determinations, and just place a limit on #7 to your best interests.

Councilman Dombrowski said that no vote is necessary for this to become effective; only a negative vote is needed if Council wishes to reject the whole report. We can not vote at this meeting. Council must call a special meeting to vote against this report from Salary Commission.

Connie Williams, Member of Commission, said that it appears that Council is trying to make the Commission set limits. That is Council's responsibility, not ours.

Councilman Dallas said that he wanted input as to what the Commission means re/ out-of-pocket expenses. This is what he is concerned about.

Mr. Young said that they are concerned with that which is legitimate. Hopefully, the Controller's Office or someone will determine that which is legitimate.

Councilman Mann stated that he agrees with Dixel and Young. He agrees with the full report. He feels that the Council should find these findings as fair and just.

Councilman Dallas said that in a letter from Councilman Kita, who is ill, that he states that he does not agree with #7.

Mrs. Beggs said that if Council has to approve money above that which is allowed for out of town, then why not approve or disapprove his lunch at Walli's.

Mr. Young stated that if these findings are accepted, then he suggested that Council establish policies re/expenditures, not only for Mayor but for the other Administrators as well. Next year the Commission could use the policies as guidelines for a better solution.

PRIVILEGE MOTION: Moved by Dallas, supported by Mann to commend the Salary Commission for a job well done. Motion carried 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Mollie L. Martinson

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY OF BURTON COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JULY 24, 1978 AT 4303 SOUTH CENTER ROAD, BURTON,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by N. Dombrowski, Council President.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dombrowski, Dallas, Card and Mann.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Paris, Kita and Mikulich.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Wurtz; D. Lowthian, City Assessor; J. Rabine, Director of DPW; J. Major, Assistant Director of DPW; R. Maike, Civil Engineering Aide; M. Martinson, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

First Public Hearing for a paving program, P-78-2, Bennett Drive
(Howe Rd. to East Terminus)

PRESENTATION: J. Rabine

The DPW was presented with petitions for preliminary costs for this project. We have prepared Exhibits A & B. Petitions for paving were accepted April 7, 1978, and are eligible for the 25 % share paid by the City of construction. On April 17, 1978, Burton City Council accepted the Assessor's certification of 56% valid signatures on the petitions. Burton City Council authorized the actual district on July 5, 1978. There are 30 lots, 27 building sites and 2600 ft. to pave. The average lot is 95.42 ft., thus we have used the average lot method of assessment with 100 feet or less = 1 unit at a cost of \$2727.27 per unit. If sidewalks are constructed the cost will increase \$600.00. There are no underground sewers and we will have to construct a new sewer system. The assessment would have been about \$600.00 less if the area had sewers. We will restore the area after construction: re-pave driveways, seed lawns, etc. Inspection will be supervised by our own personnel.

Mr. Lowthian explained that we utilize the average lot method of assessment as it is the most fair and equitable way. The average lot (100 ft. or less) pays the one unit factor. If there are hardship cases, come to my office for forms. There is help both locally and federally.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Flewwelling, 4299 Bennett Dr. (owner) asked where the storm sewers would lead to?

Mr. Rabine explained that the drainage would go down to the ditch at the end of the street

Mr. Flewwelling asked why not down Howe Rd.?

Mr. Major explained that construction would be completed in the easiest and most efficient way.

Mr. Rabine explained that this is only a cursory review to see who benefits and what is required based on an engineer's guide. If Council passes this, we will then take the fine points and provide in depth answers to all questions.

Resident, 4333 Bennett Dr., asked if there is further checking, will this increase the costs? Mr. Rabine stated no, as we feel we have provided the best estimates. After Phase II, we bid the project and accept the lowest cost, then we re-spread the costs per unit. Then, a second Public Hearing will be held.

William Willey, 4324 Bennett Dr., asked if anyone has been out there to check this street?

Mr. Rabine stated that the DPW checked the road but not for repairs, just what costs would be to pave.

Arthur Shuttleworth, 4325 Bennett Dr., stated that no maintenance has been done on this road since 1960.

Mr. Rabine explained that this meeting is for citizen input only, to see if Council thinks this project should go.

Mr. Willey asked if the costs per unit included the 25% share? Mr. Rabine: Yes.

Earl Exum, 4386 Bennett Dr., stated that he has lived there 12 years. He stated that the water has no place to go, and it backs into his yard. There has been little or no maintenance on this street.

Mr. Rabine stated that when and if there is a problem, call his office. If no reply after two (2) days, call him directly.

Mr. Exum stated that a dump truck came down their street and dumped junk in the ditch at the end of the street.

Mr. Rabine said that if a resident is witness to such, he must sign a complaint. Then the Court will take care of it as there is an Ordinance regarding such.

Mr. Exum asked what will be done regarding the drain? Mr. Major stated that the district at large will be assessed. Mr. Exum asked if this is the Curtis Drain maintenance? Mr. Major: Yes.

Mr. Rabine explained that if you benefit, you are charged with assessments.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Dallas asked if costs are less than \$97,000, will their costs be reduced?

Mr. Major: Yes. In this figure is an inflation amount. This is done for the purpose of selling bonds a couple of months or so from now.

Mr. Rabine stated that it normally takes 120 days or so to process the bonds, but we are trying to alleviate the wait.

Councilman Dallas asked if the cost estimates are based on the \$78,000 or \$97,000 figure?

Mr. Major said on the \$78,000, and we hold that these figures are accurate. The additional \$19,000 includes an inflation figure plus 25%. This figure is not for Bennett Drive alone, but for the total assessment areas.

Mayor Wurtz commented that July 1, 1978 was the beginning of our new fiscal year and this district is the first to receive the Federal Revenue Sharing funds, a part of \$250,000 designated for paving.

HEARING CLOSED.

Moved by Mann, supported by Dallas to approve Standard Resolution #3 for the Special Assessment Paving District known as P-78-2.

- a. Approve maps, drawing, preliminary plans and cost estimates as presented.
- b. Determine to construct the proposed improvement as presented.
- c. Order the DPW/Engineering Division and/or the firm of Carlson, Hohloch, Mitchell & Piotrowski, Inc. to prepare final plans, specifications and take bids.
- d. Order the Assessor to prepare final special assessment roll, with provision that first payment will become due July 1, 1979.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNED: Time 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Mollie L. Martinson
Burton City Clerk

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