

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY OF BURTON COUNCIL
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 1979 AT 4303 S. CENTER
ROAD, BURTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Slide Presentation given by J. Major prior to opening the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 P.M. by N. Dombrowski, Council President.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mikulick, Dallas, Dombrowski, Brown.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mann, Card (Councilman Card was attending a memorial service).

✓ OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, Assistant DPW Director; R. Maike, Civil Engineering Technician; A. Hesse, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1st Public Hearing for a paving program with asphalt paving with curb and gutter drainage facilities and with associated storm sewer improvements in the following streets, TO-WIT:

P-78-12 Boatfield Avenue - Saginaw Street to Barnes Avenue

PRESENTATION:

Councilman Dombrowski explained the difference between First Public Hearing and a Second Public Hearing. He said the cost the audience had received on their notice was an estimate. If Council decides to proceed there are many costs incurred, by the City, for design, survey, etc. If the residents do not want the paving project the Council would much rather cancel at the end of the First Public Hearing before spending some \$12,000.00 that can not be recovered.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gaylord Mitchell, 2036 Boatfield presented petitions to the Council with 15 signatures against the project. He said only 7 or 8 residents were in favor.

Raymond Mose, 2047 Boatfield asked to have his name withdrawn from the petition protesting the paving.

Mr. Mitchell was the only one in the audience that had signed against the paving.

Councilman Dallas said he wondered if, the people that signed the petition for paving, still lived in the district.

Mr. Major explained that between the signing of the petitions in 1978 and now, the Headlee Amendment had been voted into effect. This brought most special assessment projects to a halt until a clear definition of the Amendment was forth coming.

Council then polled the audience for those in favor and those against.

Councilman Dallas stated that the Council must act in a democratic fashion - out of 23 taxpayers there seems to be 14 against the project. He said that is almost 61%.

Mrs. Mose, 2047 Boatfield asked Council to consider those present wanted the paving and took time to come to the meeting, while those that are against didn't bother to show up.

Moved by Dallas, supported by Brown to recess this First Public Hearing until 7:15 PM, Wednesday, September 26, 1979, at which time the petitions are to be validated.

Mr. Britton, 2069 Boatfield asked if this project is turned down now, can Council decide to go ahead later with paving? Councilman Dombrowski said yes, by a 7 - 0 vote of the Council it could be down, but the cost continues to rise. He went on to say that normally if the majority of the residents were opposed, the Council would not care to proceed.

Vote on the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 8:35 PM.

Submitted by,

Ardis L. Hesse
Deputy City Clerk

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