

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2009, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Meeting was called to order by President Tom Martinbianco at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conley, Ellenburg, Haskins, Heffner, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; G. Kray, DPW Director and G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize preliminary design engineering contract and the transfer of funds for the resurfacing of Davison Road, DPW Job # 09-003-P.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley thanked the Council for coming on such short notice. He said everyone was aware that we were very fortunate to be awarded nearly \$750,000 for Davison Rd. Mr. Cook was present from CHMP to answer questions relating to the project. He promised to have the project shovel ready within the timeline. In addition, Mr. Kray was available to answer questions.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Kevin Cook, Director of Engineering, CHMP, appreciated the opportunity to work with the City. He understood the importance of the stimulus funding. He will meet the stringent timeline to have the Davison Rd project shovel ready. They will do a design survey from Genesee to Belsay along the four lines of Davison Rd. This will include the two intersections at Genesee and Belsay that need to be improved. He understood the general scope was for milling and resurfacing. They will do a design survey and a core of the existing road. There was some concern as to what was underneath the paving. They need to determine if it is concrete or just aggregate. Then they will move forward with bidding documents under MDOT requirements.

Mrs. Zelenko spoke regarding sidewalks or non-motorized bicycle lanes. Mr. Cook indicated that this would be a milling and resurfacing project. The sidewalks could not be incorporated into this project because they were not part of the original proposal. Mrs. Zelenko supports the addition of safe lanes to our roadways. This would allow for all types of transportation, such as pedestrian, biking and wheel chair traffic.

Mrs. Tinnin wanted to know the timetable for construction of this project. Mr. Cook said there was a 45-day requirement for the grade inspection. They will accommodate that timeline. Mr. Kray said after the grade inspection, they do plan on advertising and letting these projects. He thought construction would probably start about July or August of this year.

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Mrs. Conley attended the Metropolitan Planning Commission on March 4th. She said there was discussion and a roll call vote on the projects. This project passed by a 14-3 vote. There is a 45-day deadline to have these projects ready. She provided more information regarding the prioritization of local projects.

Mrs. Tinnin asked for clarification on the other portion of Davison Rd. Mr. Kray is pursuing another Davison Road project through federal funding on the 80%/20% split basis through the Metropolitan Planning Commission. He explained the current project scored higher, along with lower costs, allowing it to go forward. Mrs. Tinnin appreciated some of the stimulus money coming to Burton.

Mr. Heffner agreed with Mrs. Zelenko on the bike trails. Mrs. Conley agreed with adding bike trails, however the timing was wrong. She said this would cost a lot of money.

Mr. Martinbianco spoke briefly on the current Davison Rd. sidewalks. Our intent was to initiate a walkable community, however we are going in another direction due to the expediency of the project. Maybe at some point, we could add sidewalks under a similar process like we did on Center Rd. These types of projects might have to be self-funded. He said there is a need for several major street projects and there is a constricted amount of ACT 51 dollars available. He said there was an element of ACT 51 dollars that needs to be used for non-motorized projects. He suggested we let these funds built up to do some of these projects. Mrs. Zelenko wanted everyone to be mindful to incorporate non-motorized lanes into road repair projects. Maybe some type of grants would be available.

Mr. Martinbianco said we could pass the Council's intent on to the Mayor. He could pass this information on to the grant writer to see if there is any money available for these types of projects.

Mr. Haskins asked if there were other road projects in the works. Mr. Kray indicated there were some projects that they hoped would be federally funded. If we receive federal funds, we will need a local match to proceed. There is a combination of efforts to make sure all the funds are in place.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Heffner moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City Council to execute a Preliminary Engineering Contract with CHMP, INC., for the design of the proposed resurfacing of Davison Road from Genesee Road to Belsay Road, DPW Job #09-003-P, at a cost not to exceed \$48,600 for the design engineering.

Motion carried 7-0.

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Heffner moved and Conley seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the City Controller to transfer \$48,600 from Major Streets Unappropriated Surplus to Davison Rd. resurfacing project known as DPW Job #09-003-P for the design engineering.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
City Clerk