

CITY OF BURTON
BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES
MAY 2, 1995, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Keith Cox, President, at 6:42 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abbey.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Major, DPW Director; R. Riess, Water/Sewer Supervisor; H. Throop, Street Supervisor; Mayor Charles Smiley and C. Ladd, Deputy Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP: Discuss the proposed City of Burton 1995-1996 Budget.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Martinbianco said the Council would be discussing the proposed budget for the Road Department and Water & Sewer Departments.

Mr. Becker gave the Council an update on Act 51 monies. He said the Governor may possibly support an increase in gas and weight tax.

LOCAL STREETS

Mr. Becker said the fund balance is adequate at this time with a balance of \$400,000.00.

Mr. Throop presented the Council with an updated list of streets which need to have maintenance work done on them. He said he has listed the streets by priority and is recommending that three streets in Calvert Park be recycled and repaved. Mr. Throop said he also recommends that streets from Priority Lists 1, 2, & 3 be hot rubber crack sealed and if funds are available, that they would chip and seal several other streets.

Mr. Throop said he understands from the hearing he attended in Durand, that the Governor wants to add a gas tax and then instead of giving the proceeds to the local units, it will go to M-DOT. The smaller units of government would not be getting anything out of this. The County Road Commission said they only had funds for maintenance but not reconstruction.

Mr. Major said we receive Act 51 monies so we don't get any local street dollars.

Mr. Cox inquired about the fleet and equipment and Mr. Throop gave him an update. Mr. Cox also inquired about the chloriding and the drainage problems.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the chip and seal process and other types of road maintenance.

Mr. Hammon inquired about the paving problems in Meadowcroft and on Judd Road off of Fenton Road.

A discussion was held concerning the construction work done on Maple Road and the cost of the bridge on Belsay Road.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2, 1995/6:30 P.M.

PAGE -2-

MOTOR POOL

Mr. Becker said for 3 or 4 years we have had some minor surpluses and have had to repair equipment. We have city parking lots that are deteriorating such as the Senior Citizens lot. We had a fire with the 1979 dump truck and the insurance person will inspect this and see what we can get out of this. We will then have to determine whether the dump will be replaced or whether we can get by without it. There is a small dump truck budgeted in the current and it still has to be delivered.

Mr. Martinbianco asked for an update on the 1995-96 special assessment projects. Mr. Major so obliged.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Becker said the usage fees, as well as the number of new customers connecting, are increasing.

Mr. Riess said there have been 106 sanitary sewer connections since July of '94. We are continuing the cleaning and maintenance program and are proposing to add one additional person due to the new Confined Space Laws by the State.

Mr. Riess explained the procedure for the cleaning out of the manholes and what the state law requires.

Mr. Cox asked about the repairs and maintenance to the sewers. He also asked Mr. Becker to recap the monies borrowed from the sewer department.

Mr. Hammon asked if the City could continue to subsidize new development in the City. Mr. Becker replied that as in the past, each project is determined on its own merit and that we have not set a precedent.

Mr. Hammon asked about restructuring the tap-in fee schedule. Mr. Riess said he thought this would be a good idea.

Mr. Riess said he has retained outside contractors because of the increase in development. Since July of 1994, there have been 127 water hook-ups. The County doesn't propose any rate increases in the existing budget.

Mr. Riess said the water storage at Bristol and Saginaw Street will either have to be rehabilitated or a new one built. An engineering firm came in last fall and their report back to us was not good on the existing structure. It will cost approximately \$300,000.00 for rehab and \$800,000.00, including engineering fees for a new one. It would be built at the same location. The tower has been there since the late 30's.

Mr. Cox asked for an update concerning the vehicles in the water and sewer departments.

Mr. Martinbianco set the next budget session for Tuesday, May 9, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Police/Fire Facility to discuss those respective budgets. He said this would also include the Criminal Diversion Officer's Budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 1995/6:30 P.M.
PAGE -3-

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk