

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 1999, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT, TED HAMMON AT 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; J. Major, DPW Director; B. Becker, Controller; Attorney R. Hamilton and G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 1999-2000 CITY OF BURTON BUDGET.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley said the proposed budget book contained a cover letter outlining his plans for the upcoming fiscal year. The reason for this meeting is to provide time for public input on the proposed budget.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jane Nimcheski, 2429 N. Genesee Rd., felt we should not spend \$40,000 on a water study for the City of Burton. She said the City should be part of the current water loop.

Warren Nimcheski, 2429 N. Genesee Rd., suggested the City purchase property next to Fire Station #3. He said there is a need for a new fire station at that site.

Linda Burris-Crowley, 6223 Crabtree Lane, suggested a new audio system be purchased for City Hall. She indicated that meeting tapes are hard to hear.

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, spoke in favor of spending \$17,598 dollars for the DARE program. She spoke in opposition to spending \$40,000 on a water study and \$30,000 on Davison Roadside Park. She suggested money saved in these areas could be spend on purchasing a vacant lot next to Fire Station #3.

The Mayor clarified that \$17,000 would help the schools provide funding for an officer for the DARE program. This year the three year grant will cover high school age students. In reference to the officer's salary, he said only 15% of CD funds can go toward salaries. Currently, CD money is being spent on the Senior Citizen Director's salary.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cox stated that the budget would be reviewed during a series of upcoming workshops. In addition, he asked for clarification on MERS, as it relates to the police budget.

Mr. Becker gave a brief status report on the MERS actuaries, as it relates to the budget. He said the \$70,000 MERS subsidy is reflect in the past and current year as revenue in the police budget.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if the 1999-2000 Budget Hearing would be held the first part of June.

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Mr. Becker said we should be on the same timetable. There will probably be four of five budget work sessions set to review the budget. Some proposed dates have been sent to the Mayor's office for review. Truth and Taxation numbers will be formalized and millage rollbacks will be addressed and incorporated into the budget.

Mr. Martinbianco indicated that we have had a strong period of growth. He will consider many aspects of the budget, including the potential for some form of tax relief.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.