CITY OF BURTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2013, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairman Joey Richvalsky called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richvalsky, Fenner, Coates, Paulus and Gilmore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stapleton and Moncrieff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor P. Zelenko, G. Burke-Miller, Controller, Police Chief, T. Osterholzer, Sergeant M. Odette, S. Bassi, Assessor and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2013-2014 Burton Downtown Development Authority Budget.

PRESENTATION: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Police Chief Osterholzer explained Back to the Bricks is a very big event for the City and brings in a significant amount of money for the businesses. However, one bad incident could make the event go away and this is why police presence is very important. He said they utilize cameras and bring in the FBI and other sources for safety. Last year they took 27 guns off the street. He has tried to get grants through the Mott Foundation to help pay the officers overtime, which could be approximately $24,000-26,000 but without success. He said the Police Department has gone from 42 officers to 30 and Community Mental Health used to help but their funds have been used up as well. He asked the DDA members to change their minds and allocate money to the Police Department for this need.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Fenner said in a 2011 brochure the City of Burton was only mentioned 1 time and indicated they only cruise 2 days.

Chief Osterholzer said yes, it is 2 days of a rolling cruise but they monitor the five day event.

Mr. Fenner expressed aggravation towards Al Hatch.

Mr. Paulus said this event does nothing for his business except create aggravation. He asked what the main objective is when patrolling.

Chief Osterholzer went over where the officers are mainly stationed and how many are present.

Mr. Fenner asked if Mr. Hatch gets money or perks from this event.

Chief Osterholzer wasn't aware of perks but said Mr. Hatch needs to take responsibility now.

Mr. Paulus asked where the rest of the overtime money is paid out of.

Mayor Zelenko said it is paid from a General Fund budget transfer.

Mr. Fenner asked how long Mr. Hatch is going to get away with this.

Chief Osterholzer said a meeting is going to be held with Mr. Hatch.

Ms. Bassi said the DDA funded some of the Master Plan and mentioned a sod grant.

Mr. Fenner had questions on the Consumer's Energy bill from Christmas and asked for a detailed bill.

Mrs. Burke-Miller said Consumer's Energy would be called out for meter details and DPW would keep track of their job duties regarding decorations, etc.

The Board set a Special Meeting for Monday May 20, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss funds for the Police Department services during Back to the Bricks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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