

CITY OF BURTON

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Finance Meeting was called to order by Keith Cox, Chairman, at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Cox, Martinbianco, and Abbey.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Smiley; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Major, DPW Director and G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendation concerning the
the following: Curbside Recycling.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley met with the Pollard Disposal representative Dave Herberholz to discuss curbside recycling for Burton residents. Pollard is currently picking up recyclable materials on Saturdays at City Hall. From January to October 1995, Pollard recycled 712 cubic yards of materials. To implement city wide recycling the cost would increase 2%-3%. This will be an increase from \$7.75 per month to about \$9.70 per month, an increase of \$1.95. Under this agreement, Pollard will provide the same quality curbside service in addition to recyclable products. This will still be the cheapest service provided for any municipality in Genesee County. The company will provide each household with one recycling bin. The customers will be responsible for the the cost of replacements. There will be revenue sharing on recycled materials. There will be no price increase until July 1, 1996 and payments would be on summer taxes. Further delays would cause billing to be deferred until 1997 taxes.

Mr. Becker said we had until the middle of May to add this to the summer taxes.

Mayor Smiley if we put it on the August Primary, the money wouldn't be

recaptured until the 1997 taxes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

David Herberholz, Pollard Representative, 11349 McKinley Rd., Montrose, was available to answer any pertinent questions.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco wanted to know if this meant the City was requiring mandatory recycling.

Mr. Smiley said it will be mandatory in fees only, at this time.

Mr. Martinbianco wanted to know if there would be a 5% cap in the remaining years of the agreement.

The Mayor said there has been no increase in four years and new increases can only be 5% maximum of inflation. The cost of living is close to 3% this year.

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Mr. Abbey said the expiration date of the contract is June 2000. He wanted to know if the Administration could change their minds on recycling once the project is implemented.

Mr. Herberholz said most communities get very involved in the project, and no communities have quit recycling once they have started. If the City would like to negotiate services, Pollard will be glad to discuss the change.

Mr. Cox inquired about a mail out or some other way to educate the community and get the information out to the public.

Mr. Herberholz said one way to educate the community is through the schools. Thirty days prior to recycling, bins will be dropped off to households which will include information on the new services.

Mr. Cox inquired about a hazardous waste pick up day.

Mr. Herberholz said he would contact Amy Gibson of Detroit, who handles these

matters. He said most landfills are lining their dump sites to handle some hazardous materials.

Mr. Martinbianco suggested we take this issue before the people by conducting public hearings.

Mr. Abbey agreed that public hearings would be a good way to educate the community and give them a voice in the procedure.

Mr. Martinbianco said he would recommend to the Council to hold a public hearing in March 1996.

Mr. Herberholz said he would provide additional language to the Amendment of Waste Disposal Contract, to include the guarantee that recyclable items are recycled. The contract states that the City can change services if they wish. He said he would contact his general manager about the promotion of a public hearing and if they will be willing to participate. There will be a clarification stating the cost per household.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Martinbianco moved and Abbey supported the following motion:

A recommendation was made to set a public hearing in March for the discussion of curbside recycling.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Gayle Webster
City Clerk

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