

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28, 1998, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Keith Cox, Chairman, at 10:10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Cross and Martinbianco.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE TAKE OVER OF THE COUNTY ROADS
SUCH AS VASSAR, MAPLE AND GENESEE AND OTHER
ROADS IN THE CITY OF BURTON JURISDICTION.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley gave a brief presentation concerning the possible take over of the 11 miles of County section roads. To get the roads fixed, we either pay 50% of the cost with the neighboring municipalities contribution or pay 100% of the cost. Mayor Smiley said he strongly believes it would be in the best interest of the City to take over the roads and get 100% of the revenue for the roads. He said the City has enough equipment and manpower to handle the additional roads, and if another person is hired for the street division, the cost would be minimal versus the revenue coming into the City. Mayor Smiley also referred to the participation of the allocation program for local county road improvements in the 17 Townships in Genesee County and in the City of Burton. He said the allocation for county local roads within or on the boundary of the City of Burton is \$29,400.00. Mayor Smiley referred to Exhibit A of the priority list of streets to be repaired. He said the City would like to see the process started in the repair of the roads.

Mayor Smiley also presented a proposal from CCS Inc. for computer services. He said there is about a \$4,000.00 shortage of being able to meet the proposed agreement. He said he would like to transfer this amount out of the General Fund and would like to enter into the agreement with the President of CCS, Brian Thurman. He noted that the price will be difficult to beat and the computer system we currently have is on borrowed time, due to the year 2000. With this proposal, we will all be networked and able to talk through the computer system. He asked the Council to consider approval of the proposal.

Mr. Throop gave a brief overview of the high and low costs for repair or reconstruction of several of the local streets within Burton.

Mr. Cox stated he would like to keep the topic as stated on the agenda. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Cox asked if any further information could be given regarding Vassar, Maple and Genesee Roads.

Mr. Major said the revenue would come back to the City at approximately \$11,000.00 per mile if the City takes over these roads.

Mr. Cox asked how much money did the County receive for these roads.

Mr. Major replied he was told the County Road Commission doesn't keep records broken down by units of government, and therefore, couldn't tell us what is spent annually for local streets in the City of Burton.

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Mr. Martinbianco referred to a memo dated December 23, 1997 regarding the allocation of fund and a brief discussion was held concerning the funding of the repairs for the roads. He said there is consideration for resurfacing, but no reconstruction.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, said she asked the road commission for clarification if there were any changes between the City and the County on the roads. She was advised there was a proposal by the administration to take over the streets. She said she understood there was talk of taking over Maple and Genesee Roads, but not Vassar Road. She noted the portion south of Lapeer Road to Maple Road, has a drainage problem.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco said he thinks if the City takes over these roads, there needs to be other financial means. He thinks the portion of Vassar Road, between Lapeer and Maple, should be reconstructed. He would like input from the County regarding the take over of these roads. He said on Maple and Vassar Roads, there is still a great deal of land which can be developed and the developer should be held accountable for wear and tear on the roads and the costs for repairs. They should reimburse the city to restore the roads when land is completely developed.

Mr. Major said he thinks the developer should post bonds to take care of the restoration when a development goes into the City.

Mr. Cox suggested that a special meeting or workshop be held concerning the prioritization of the streets to be resurfaced, as requested by the DPW. He said regarding the Maple, Genesee and Vassar Road improvements, he has a few questions concerning the County making any improvements to bring the roads up to standard.

Discussion continued regarding the County's involvement and long range plans for the take over of Maple, Genesee and Vassar Roads, and the problems of drainage, reconstruction and road improvements.

Mr. Martinbianco said he would like to have Bill Ayre from the County Road Commission attend the workshop and show why it would be cost efficient for the City it take over the roads and why it is not cost efficient for them to do the maintenance of the roads. Also, he would like to go back through the list of proposed roads the City is considering taking over and look at the repairs and consider if the take over would reap the benefits. We need to know from the County what they are prepared to do for us.

Mr. Major said Davison Township and Grand Blanc Township are willing to pay their share on Maple and Vassar Roads for the improvements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Martinbianco moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Administration to set a meeting to include the attendance by the Genesee County Road Commission, Bill Ayre and/or Dennis Grylicki, regarding the take over of the County secondary roads. Also, to review the priority listing set by DPW regarding the bond projects.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk