

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 1992, 3:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Finance Meeting was called to order by Ted Hammon, Chairman at 3:30 P.M.

Members Present: Cox, Zelenko and Hammon.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Charles H. Smiley; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Major, DPW Director and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendation concerning Morrison Street and Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Major explained the packet the Council had been given at the last Council Meeting concerning Morrison St. and the conversion of local streets to major streets.

He said that the President may devise a program using federal dollars for streets and that we should be ready to react at that time.

Mr. Becker said we have been very aggressive in major street monies in the past, but at this time we would be hard pressed to come up with monies this coming year. He said we have a balance of \$45,000 and need these monies for bond payments, etc. He said Act 51 funds are actually decreasing and we may not break even at the end of this year. He recommended that we not pursue any further projects till a later date.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

CHMP provided the committee with a summary sheet on income from our roads.

Tom Martinbianco, 5187 Lippincott Blvd., suggested that the City look at its relationship with the County Road Commission which, has not been clearly addressed. He said the administration should reassess all its major roads this coming year and develop a strategic plan.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cox said it is obvious that we cannot proceed with new projects unless the Council wants to float another bond issue.

Mrs. Zelenko concurred.

Mr. Hammon asked how often we have transfers on street funds. He was advised monthly.

Mr. Cox asked if the monies come straight to us from the State and he was advised yes.

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Mrs. Zelenko asked if any of these monies came from the County and she was advised no.

Mr. Hammon asked how we would get the county to hear us.

Mr. Major suggested three ways: 1) Communications between the Mayor and the Road Commission; 2) The Council and the Road Commission and/or the Council and the County Commissioners.

Mr. Major also stated that we could have problems maintaining some major streets if we took them back, especially during bad times like heavy snows and early spring.

Mr. Hammon asked if Belsay Road would have to be completely redone.

CHMP said they thought that it still could be upgraded and repaired. New dollars from the feds, for highway match, has not been determined as yet.

Mr. Hammon asked about the letter written to the County in December 1990 concerning intersections.

Mr. Major said he had no answer concerning the letter.

Mayor Smiley said if he meets with the Road Commission, he would have to know what directions the Council wishes to proceed.

Mr. Cox hoped the City would put pressure on the County to get the potholes filled.

Mr. Major noted that some streets, outside the City, are worse than ours.

Mr. Hammon asked if Burton's 50-50 match is similar to other communities in Genesee County.

Mr. Major replied that township major streets are 100% funded, but they do not get any Act 51 monies.

Mr. Hammon asked if Morrison could be a special assessment. He was advised yes.

Mrs. Zelenko asked how Act 51 monies are generated. She was advised that it is mostly from gas tax, with a little from truck haulers weight tax.

Mr. Walworth apologized to the committee concerning the discussion of fees. He said that he had not informed the Senior Citizens Director of the meeting time change.

Mayor Smiley said he had a report from her in his office if the committee wanted to review it tonight.

Mr. Hammon said he would like to discuss the fee structure with the Clerk's office, DPW, and the Senior Director at a later meeting.

Mr. Major will supply the committee with the present fee book.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Moved by Cox, supported by Zelenko to recommend to Council that the Morrison project be denied, due to lack of funds.
Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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