CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2013, 4:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Finance Chairman Vaughn Smith called the Meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: O'Keefe, Smith and Heffner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Young, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion Regarding Ideas for Use of Road Funds for the City of Burton.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Smith said that three residents have approached him about the roads. The City has paid off the 1998 Series Transportation Bond, with the last payment on June 30, 2012, which has freed up $250,000 a year. They now have to decide how to allocate the money.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. O'Keefe said it would be a good idea to re-bond. Governor Snyder is in favor of a $.30 gas tax, so we should wait to see if we can resurface the roads on the State's dime. The City should re-bond for the same amount of money since interest rates are down.

Mr. Heffner said he met with State Representative Charles Smiley who informed him that most of the money from the gas tax was intended to go to State roads.

Mr. O'Keefe said he was not sure if that would pass.

Mr. Smith said they were also looking at an increase in the State sales tax to 8%.

Mr. Heffner said an increase in sales tax would have to go to a vote of the people.

Mr. O'Keefe said some of Burton's roads are in really bad shape.

Mr. Smith said he takes pictures of potholes and emails them to the Mayor. He asked how long they should wait on the State to make a decision.

Mr. Heffner said they have freed up $250,000 and need to fix Center Road.

Mr. Smith said they may have problems with the County regarding what is appropriated.

Mr. Heffner said businesses are losing business because of the condition of Center Road.

Mr. O'Keefe said they need to find out what it is going to cost and compile a list of the problem areas. The City is not going to have a pot of money in the next few years. He suggested they get information on bonding from Mrs. Burke-Miller and information on the cost of the various projects. The City has a great bond rating and the interest rates are currently low.

Mr. Smith said that Center Road was the first choice in the road study by Rowe Inc.

Mr. Heffner said that Center Road was estimated to cost 1 million dollars to resurface Lapeer Road to Atherton Road.

Mr. O'Keefe said DPW should have an estimated list of what these projects would cost.

Mr. Heffner said they are going to need Mrs. Burke-Miller to put numbers together.

Mr. O'Keefe said Center Road should include Lapeer Road to Atherton Road.

Mr. Heffner asked if Rowe Inc. put together a cost summary. He suggested they get all the information together and come back as a Committee.

Mr. Smith said he will ask the Mayor to complete the cost estimates.

Mr. Heffner said they need to create a plan and stick to it and expand the list after some projects get completed. People are really feeling these roads. The hot asphalt is lasting, but the cold is not. He suggested they schedule another meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Heffner recommended reconvening this subject to Monday, April 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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