

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 1990, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Tom Martinbianco, Chairman, at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Martinbianco, Hammon and Abbey.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Jane L. Nimcheski; K. Collard, City Administrator; J. Major, Asst. DPW Director; H. Throop, Street Supt.; J. Wright, Deputy Drain Commissioner; and C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS ON THE LAPEER HEIGHTS PAVING PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MIGHT ARISE.

PRESENTATION:

LAPEER HEIGHTS PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Major gave a brief explanation of what has occurred to date in regards to Lapeer Heights paving project. There are four (4) options available for discussion: 1) File the petition with no action necessary; 2) Call in the circulators and see if they can obtain more signatures to get the required 51%; 3) Reduce the district in size to include only two (2) streets with 51%, but costs would not be the same; 4) Take project to First Public Hearing with 7/0 vote of the City Council, with Roberta Street still as part of the project and see what happens at the meeting. We need to know which direction you wish to proceed in.

Mr. Martinbianco inquired about the drainage problems, if any, and what steps would have to be taken to correct them.

Mr. Wright said Lapeer Heights is serviced by the Richards Drain. There are several other projects on-going in the City. You should set your priorities on what should be done. It is a major concern to do street improvements without having necessary drain improvements done at the same time.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Charles Cross, 1092 S. Packard, asked if Roberta Street is constructed, would it go through to Castro. Mr. Major replied it would go all the way through.

Mr. Clark, Cutler St., said he is one of the petition circulators and if he has to go around and try to get more signatures, he would be willing to do so.

Eldon Card, 1343 Denies, said he would like to see this project go to a first public hearing as he is certain there has been misinformation given to residents from others in the area and he thinks any questions or misunderstandings could be cleared up at a public meeting.

HEMPHILL SUBDIVISION:

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Major explained this is a unique situation. Hemphill Subidivision (Red Arrow, Glengary & Ogema) has a loss of 13 units due to the vacating of Elmwood Gardens adjacent to Ogema Avenue, which creates a loss of \$46,000.00 in revenue for any potential paving district. Also, a storm sewer extension must be constructed along Hemphill Road from Glengary Street to Ogema Avenue at an estimated cost of \$24,537.00 to provide an outlet for Ogema Avenue drainage. We are looking for help with funds for this project or try to somehow get the unit factors figured out to get a lesser amount.

There was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Abbey asked if the Church is in favor of the paving. Mr. Major said not at this price.

ALCOTT AVENUE

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Major said Alcott Avenue has basically the same problem as Hemphill. They have lost about 13 units due to 1,395.8 l.f. of street frontage owned by Genesee County's For-Mar Nature Reserve and Arboretum, which almost doubles the paving assessment. If this district goes anywhere, we would need to subsidize this district with between \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 from some source or seek a fair contribution from the County so we can reduce the unit factor.

There was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Abbey asked Mayor Nimcheski if she had any thoughts in regards to this matter.

Mayor Nimcheski said the people have come to us for help and they can't afford this assessment, so should we deviate from the normal and subsidize this project with its extenuating circumstances?

Mr. Major said Mr. Throop has used the chip and seal material on several occasions, but the longevity of the material is uncertain.

Discussion continued in regards to this process being used for this project.

GENERAL DRAINAGE UPDATE:

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Jeff Wright updated the Committee as to the drainage projects and concerns about future projects.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Abbey asked who set the priorities for the drainage projects and is the City consulted prior to this?

Mr. Wright replied there are several factors which figure into the process. The amount of funds that are available, etc.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

LAPEER HEIGHTS

Abbey moved and Hammon supported the following motion:

Approve and authorize sending recommendation to full Council to set First Public Hearing for Lapeer Heights with a 7/0 vote and include Roberta Street as part of the paving project. This is to be an agenda item for February 5, 1990. Motion carried 3-0.

HEMPHILL ROAD AND ALCOTT AVENUE

Abbey moved and Hammon supported the following motion:

Approve and authorize sending Hemphill Road and Alcott Avenue back to the City Administration for further review of proposals with alternative paving paying methods. Motion carried 3-0.

HEMPHILL ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mr. Major suggested he and Mr. Throop get a certified bid to get the actual cost figures and bring this to Council as a Whole. Committee Members agreed with this suggestion.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd
Deputy City Clerk

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