

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 1991, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Members Present: Martinbianco and Hammon.

Members Absent: Abbey.

Others Present: Mayor, Jane L. Nimcheski; Police Chief H. Clark; Fire Chief C. Sanford; City Clerk, W. Walworth and City Administrator, K. Collard.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion of the 911/Dispatch Proposal and Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

911/DISPATCH

Mayor Nimcheski said the Grand Blanc Township Police Department had put the South End Proposed Consortium 911 project together and she believed that it should be studied further. She said funding for the County 911 program does not go beyond October of this year. She stated the City needs to study different alternatives if the present funding is cut off.

Mayor Nimcheski also said the Executive Board plans to go to Lansing to discuss this further with the Legislators and the Governor's office.

FIRE VEHICLE

Chief Sanford distributed an equipment replacement schedule. He is recommending that the City purchase a replacement for the E-21 pumper as soon as possible. He also noted that the City should be budgeting \$50,000 a year for future major vehicle replacements and \$25,000 a year to maintain and upgrade the support vehicles. This would be a total of \$75,000 a year to maintain the entire fleet. He said if the Council purchases the truck that it would be a 7 to 9 month delivery time.

Chief Sanford said he would like to use part of the monies in the capital improvement budget to purchase the new pumper and discuss the amount that needs to be put away each year at the budget workshops.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

911/DISPATCH

None.

FIRE VEHICLE

None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

911/DISPATCH

Chief Clark said the present program is a good deal when you look at what we are getting for the volume of calls. He said there are advantages to the regional set up, as you have more control over services and cost. He said that dollar for dollar he preferred the regional set up.

Chief Sanford said the Fire Department often feels like an orphan to the system and that most of their coordination is with other municipalities for fire problems.

Mayor Nimcheski noted some areas that could be explored are as follows:

1. A county wide millage;
2. Legislation to increase phone costs and
3. look at a local or regional set up.

Mr. Collard noted that the City must be careful on moving away from the present system and should thoroughly study the alternatives.

Mr. Hammon asked about what would happen to the state and county funding if we went to a regional set up.

Mayor Nimcheski said she would explore that at a county meeting tomorrow. She said there may not be any funding if a series of regional 911's are set up.

Mr. Hammon asked Chief Clark why we needed control.

Chief Clark said it would be an independent board responsible to each municipality of the regional group.

Mr. Hammon said his personal preference was a centralized 911 but we cannot turn our back on the regional proposal.

Mayor Nimcheski said the regional group wanted a letter sent to the county in May, notifying them of a possible regional group. She also noted that Grand Blanc Township is thinking of going on their own.

Mr. Martinbianco noted that on February 18th the Council approved a transfer of \$6000 to the Police budget for the 911 payment. He said the commitment to the county system was to September 1992.

Chief Clark said the State does not have to honor that contract.

Mr. Martinbianco also noted that we had allocated \$36,000 next year to the program and the new proposal would be higher than that.

Mr. Hammon said the Council needs to keep all doors open as the game plan could change at any time. He said he would like to visit some municipalities to the south, with the Mayor, as possible examples to consider.

Mayor Nimcheski said we should also study a plan on our own in light of the potential regional costs of \$125,000.

The Mayor said she did not need a formal recommendation at this time but wanted them to be apprised of what is happening while she looks at the different alternatives.

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Mr. Hammon asked about the possibility of increasing the surcharge above what is presently going to Michigan Bell to defray some of the costs of running a 911 program.

FIRE VEHICLE

Mr. Martinbianco asked about supplementing the purchase of new vehicles by selling the old ones.

Chief Sanford said it is difficult to sell the old vehicles and we have two on hand at the present time that we cannot sell.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

911/DISPATCH

Mr. Martinbianco summarized the different possibilities of 1. county millage, 2. increased contribution, 3. local or regional grouping and 4. assistance from the Board of Commissioners.

He said the Finance Committee would keep the options under advisement while the alternatives are explored by the administration.

FIRE VEHICLE

Moved by Hammon, supported by Martinbianco that monies be allocated from the capital improvement fund for a fire vehicle and that the committee recommend to the total Council an authorization for the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a contract with West Shore Services Inc. for the purchase of a pumper fire vehicle and for that motion to appear on the next regular council agenda.
Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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