

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2006, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Finance Meeting is called to order by Chairperson Laurie Tinnin at 6:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tinnin, Isham and Curtis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley, C. Abbey, DPW Director, G. Kray, Deputy DPW Director, Attorney R. Austin and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. PROPOSED FENTON ROAD WATERMAIN
AND VASSAR ROAD WATER PROJECT**
- 2. BUDGET STATUS**

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley said he had not spoken with the mobile home park owner regarding sharing the cost of the watermain but said there are representatives from the County to support the project, which would be a cooperative effort between Burton and Flint Township.

Mr. Abbey said funding for the project is a major issue. Correspondence first started in 1999 to move forward, but had been delayed. He urged the Board not to dwell on water hookup to the park and estimated the cost to be \$1 million. He supported the project and partnership.

Mr. Curtis questioned if the total cost would be \$523,057.00, since he was under the impression it would exceed \$1 million. Mrs. Tinnin reminded Mr. Curtis there are two phases and two project costs.

Mr. Abbey had given a project amount, assuming the Board would know the cost would be about half of that figure. He said the County receives generous bid offers and timing plays a factor.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John O' Brian, Water and Waste Director for the County noted the concern for arsenic. This being, the mobile home park is required to replace their water system due to the limit of arsenic allowed in the water supply. He said well systems usually costs about \$100,000 each and recommended utilizing Judd Rd. for project access rather than the Dylan School premises. Mr. O' Brian recommended Burton coming aboard and preparing a design to get a better estimate.

Mr. Curtis thinks mobile parks are a key factor for accumulating revenue, and Mr. Isham agreed it is imperative to have participation from the parks.

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Mrs. Tinnin asked the number of trailer parks involved and Mr. Abbey replied there was three.

Jeffrey Wright, the County Drain Commissioner said the government gave community well operators until December 31, 2006 to be in compliance with meeting this 10-parts per billion. Extensions were an option, which would extend until December 31, 2007 for completion. He said the systems have an annual cost for maintenance and Mr. O' Brian's project estimates are usually higher to eliminate surprises. He thinks the park owner may ask Council for financial assistance.

Dick Craft went over Burton's water system history. He recommended a loop on Fenton Rd. from Bristol to Maple and said Flint has 11 streets up to Judd Rd. in need of extending the water lines for fire hydrants. He was certain Burton would prosper from this.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Tinnin commented on contacting the park owner to establish a deadline for completion, maintenance costs, and what portion of money the owner is willing to share with the City of Burton. She would like to avoid being bonded, which she thinks will benefit the City.

Mr. Curtis inquired if the County department, park owner and the Council could hold an informative meeting.

Mayor Smiley said the owner has asked for tap-in fee assistance and asked the Board what would be asked of the park owner at the meeting.

Mr. Curtis said he would like a commitment from the owner and to see if he is interested in hooking up to water through Burton.

Mrs. Tinnin asked how this project would be paid for. Mayor Smiley left that up to Council.

Mr. Isham asked for the Board to make a commitment whether the project would proceed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Isham moved and Curtis seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize Council to set the proposed Fenton Rd. watermain and Vassar Rd. Water Project in motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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