

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 1993, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Charles Abbey, Chairman, at 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Abbey, Walls and Zelenko.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendation concerning:

1. Disposal of City owned lots
2. Curbstoning
3. Other matters that might arise

PRESENTATION:

DISPOSAL OF CITY OWNED LOTS:

Mr. Abbey said the Mayor is unable to attend the meeting this evening, but he spoke with Mr. Major regarding this matter. He and Mr. Hamilton had discussed a possible solution to getting the properties sold and back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Abbey said the City could do similar to what HUD does. This would be to notify the public of the sale of the properties with bidding dates. Those who bid would have to have a cash bond payment, which would protect the City so those who are truly not interested after bidding the low bid, could not back out. The City would have to require a certified letter and receipt from the tax office for sealed bids, then the bid opening time and date would be set.

The objective is to get rid of the properties and place them back on the tax rolls and have them developed. If we go with the appraisals, some of the properties have no real value except to possibly a neighbor who would want the lot for added lot space. If the City Assessor's office does the appraisals, a bid would have to be large enough to cover any special assessments on the parcel. Should we have an outside appraisal, the cost of the property would increase.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe Rd., asked if the property on Davison Road is by Belsay Rd. He was advised no.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Zelenko asked if the City Charter explained the disposal of city property.

The Committee reviewed the City Charter.

Mr. Abbey said the ordinance would have to be amended as it is written today, because it is cost prohibitive and cumbersome.

Mrs. Walls said the charter said we have to get back any money the City has invested in the property.

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Mr. Abbey said the City didn't by the parcels, they were deeded to the City, received through back taxes or special assessments. The City has not invested any money, but would have to collect for any special assessments on the property. Most of the properties are small lots, which are not buildable.

Mrs. Walls said possibly the City could make a sign so the people know the lots are for sale. Even though this will be advertised, some residents don't get the paper.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to recommend to the City Council adoption of the changes as previously stated, and proceed with action to modify the existing methods of disposal for city owned property.
Motion carried 3-0.

CURBSTONING:

Mr. Abbey suggested nothing be done with the curbstoning at this time, as the parties requesting that action be taken, are not present this evening as they said they would be. Curbstoning is a problem and getting bigger all the time. A few communities have a Curbstoning Ordinance, but only a few. Contact will be made with the Car Dealer's Association and ask them to send a representative at our next Legislative Meeting.

Mr. Abbey said the sign ordinance issue needs to be addressed and a decision made one way or another. Mr. Abbey said the committee could go out and physically measure 1,000 feet, then make a decision for a recommendation to the City Council to act upon.

Mrs. Walls asked if the change in height would only be along the expressway. She was advised yes. She agreed with the committee making the physical inspection and measuring the 1,000 ft. for the sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk