

CITY OF BURTON
PUBLIC HEARING FOR POLICE GRANT
FEBRUARY 22, 1999, 4:00 P.M., POLICE/FIRE FACILITY

The Public Hearing was called to order by Police Chief John Benthall, at 4:00 p.m.

Advisory Board Members Present: M. Crawford, Resident, Lt. Bruce Whitman, City of Burton Police Department, T. Gorang, Atherton School Superintendent, J. Dickinson, Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

Others present: City of Burton Police Chief John Benthall, and J. Adams, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Public Hearing relative to Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.

PRESENTATION:

Chief John Benthall said the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant #1999LBVX2650 is in the amount of \$42,983.00. The public hearing is a requirement of the Grant to give the people of the City an opportunity to give input in how the money is spent. Prior to this public hearing, a meeting was held by the Advisory Board consisting of representatives from the local school district, a local community group, Prosecutor's Office, the Court and the Police Department. Chief Benthall said the Grant was discussed, and indicated his intention is to purchase new equipment for the Burton Police Department, primarily new computers and radios. The Advisory Board approved of the way the money from the Grant will be utilized.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Robert Bray inquired as to utilizing the radios in the police squad cars.

Chief Benthall stated he wants to first purchase at least 10 new computers and monitors. The computers are very outdated and not compatible with the year 2000 coming up. He would like to use any money left over to replace radios that are outdated. Chief Benthall spoke further regarding problems they have with the hand held radios.

Mr. Gorang, Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Dickinson spoke in support of the Grant.

Chief Benthall closed the public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Julie R. Adams
Clerk's Office