

CITY OF BURTON

JANUARY 21, 1997, 7:00 P.M., POLICE/FIRE FACILITY

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chief John Benthall, at 7:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Advisory Board Members are Judge Richard Hughes; Jerry Dickenson, Prosecutor's Office; Tom Gorang, Superintendent of Atherton Schools and Don and Mary Crawford, Block Club Members.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discuss the Police Department Grant applied for on behalf of the City of Burton.

PRESENTATION:

Chief Benthall said the City of Burton is eligible for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant established within the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Fiscal Year 1996 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Burton will receive \$38,652 under this Program. This was approved by the City Council and I was asked how I wanted to spend the money. I decided it would best be used in manpower. The cost of an additional officer would be \$36,493.00, leaving a balance of \$2,159 from the Grant. This \$2,159 was put in as overtime pay and instead of using it for that purpose, it would be better spent for equipment to outfit the officer.

Chief Benthall explained the process in obtaining the grant. He said the money cannot be spent without first having an Advisory Board Meeting and holding of a public hearing. The Advisory Board met this evening at 6:30 P.M., prior to this public hearing.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe Rd., said he had no questions, but is glad to have an additional officer.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gorang asked how many officers Burton currently has. Chief Benthall said

there are 36 and we plan to hire three (3) more people. One to fill the Grant and we had a Sergeant recently retire and another retirement at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Moved by Judge Hughes, seconded by Mary Crawford to accept the Block Grant for the City of Burton Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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