



CITY OF BURTON
BURTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020
MINUTES

Council Chambers

Public Hearing

5:15 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by President Steven Heffner at 5:15 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Councilman	Remote	
Dennis O'Keefe	Councilman	Remote	
Steven Heffner	President	Remote	
Danny Wells	Councilman	Present	5:29 PM
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Remote	
Gregory Fenner	Vice President	Present	
Christina Conley	Councilwoman	Present	

II. AGENDA ITEMS

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SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 4938)

DOC ID: 4938

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 2022 - 2024 CDBG Proposed Projects (PDF)

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Estimated 2022-2024 Allocation for the City of Burton is \$301,818.00

We would like 20% of the Award to go the Senior Center for Public Services. This has been done in the past. The amount is estimated at \$60,363.60. The amount left for Public Improvement Projects is estimated at \$241,454.40

Street Improvement Projects:

Paving of the Gravel Streets in the all qualifying areas.

- Parkwood: from 2211 to Fern (1/2 Block) with a mill and resurface of the existing ½ block - \$93,000
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- Farley: From Term to Center - \$297,000
- Farley: From Term to west terminus - \$45,000
- Byers Street - \$192,000
- Loder Ct - \$158,000
- Sayre Ct. - \$98,000
- Saxon - \$54,000
- Marion / Christner - \$356,000
- Clarice: From Atherton to Center - \$269,000
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- Buckingham - \$100,000
- Burroughs - \$276,000
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- James - \$158,000
- Barcy - \$88,000
- Whittemore: From West Terminus to east Terminus off Pringle - \$80,000
- Parkwood: From West Terminus to east Terminus off Pringle - \$32,000
- Boatfield: From West Terminus to east Terminus off Pringle - \$93,000
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- Shubert- \$209,000
- Jolson: From Fern to east terminus - \$32,000

Ditching of all streets in the qualifying areas.

Water/ Sewer Improvements

Fire Station Projects & Fire Runs

Demolition and Clearance Activities

Sidewalk Improvements

Sidewalks on Scottwood from the 2019-2021 approved paving project - \$75,000