

BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Agenda

Monday, March 9, 2015

**City Hall
Conference Room
4:30 P.M.**



1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. CONSIDER REPAYMENT OF PREVIOUSLY PAID BIRCHMONT ASSESSMENT ROLL #3

3. ADJOURNMENT

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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



Meeting Date: March 9, 2015

Action Requested: Repayment of previously paid Birchmont Drive Assessments Roll # 3

Prepared By: Ron Eischens, Finance Director *Ron*

Reviewed By:

On February 27, 2015 Judge Cahill conducted a hearing regarding the Birchmont Drive case to discuss issues regarding assessment appeals including the appellant's request for refunding of paid assessments.

The judge ruled that previously paid assessments of the third assessment roll must be repaid to property owners. Our legal counsel requested the previously paid assessments be placed in a third party escrow account to be applied to the revised assessments, but his request was denied.

This repayment includes assessments that were not part of the appellant group, but the judge's order states all previously paid assessments on the third assessment roll be repaid amounting to \$213,968.51.

The Council and Northern Township will meet in the near future to discuss the next steps in the process to reassess these properties.

Recommendation:

Approve the repayment of \$213,968.51 in previously paid assessments of the third assessment roll for the Birchmont Drive project.