

Ayer Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 1998  
Ayer Town Hall-2nd Floor Meeting Hall  
Main Street, Ayer, MA

7:00p.m. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Norstrom and Selectman Hamel. Selectman Bresnahan detained due to earlier commitment.

**Public Input:**

Chairman Norstrom opened the meeting requesting if there was anyone present wishing to meet with the Board. No one stepped forward.

**Town Crier:**

1. Chairman Norstrom announced the Public Hearing re: the Landfill Consolidation proposed at Shepley Hill and urged all Town of Ayer residents attend and become informed.
2. Chairman Norstrom announced the 4th of July Committee/98 being formed and looking for new members and requesting residents to contact the Selectmen's Office if they would like to help out with this years festivities.

Chairman Norstrom took this opportunity to announce that she has signed the blanket nomination form with the Town Clerk's Office seeking re-election to the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Norstrom stated she does plan on running-stating she has enjoyed her term as Selectman having been privileged to serve Town of Ayer residents adding that much has been started and there remains a lot more to accomplish that she would like to see through.

The Board met with Lisa Gabree, Town Accountant re: Fy-99 Revenue Projections.

Ms. Gabree reported on Chapter 70 Funds coming in at \$122,500.00 over Fy-98's distribution. Lottery Aid projected at \$614,746.00 or \$47,276.00 over Fy-98's distribution. Total State Aid for Fy-99 \$4,862,786.00 or \$169,776.00 up from Fy-98.

On another matter Ms. Gabree submitted to the Board a Reserve Fund Request for the Police /Fire Liability Account. Ms. Gabree stated this account being overspent by \$2,000.00 due to more Police & Fire personal injury activity. Ms. Gabree requested the Board approve this Reserve Fund Transfer. Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$2,000.00 2nd by Chairman Norstrom. Motion passes.

The Board met with Diane Sullivan, Economic Development Director. Ms. Sullivan presented a lien subordination to the Board re: MSCP Case #91-26 stating the owners are looking at refinancing their mortgage at this time. The owners are currently in the MSCP Rehabilitation Program and had originally requested to subordinate in 1996. Ms. Sullivan stated she is comfortable with this subordination and supported the request. The Board based upon Ms. Sullivan's recommendation moved to approve the lien subordination for Case #91-26. Motion made by Selectman Hamel, 2nd by Chairman Norstrom. Motion passes.

Ms. Sullivan presented a draft letter from the Board to MRPC in support of the Town of Littleton's getting the Route 2A-Willow Road intersection on the TIP list for the Mass Highway improvements. Selectman Hamel moved to support this request by writing a letter of support, 2nd by Chairman Norstrom, Motion passes.

On another matter Ms. Sullivan advised the Board to Hybricon requesting to refinance their UDAG notes. Ms. Sullivan stated in anticipation of the Board requesting to meet with Hybricon officials she has arranged a meeting with Town officials to meet with them. Selectman Hamel requested the Board meet with Hybricon in Executive Session to address this request. The Board took this matter under advisement to have Mr. Kreidler look into the request and contact the Board with his findings.

Selectman Bresnahan entered the meeting.

***Supt. Girouard's Report:*** see report dated 2-9-98

1. Mr. Girouard requested if the Board has noticed the difference in the street lighting on Main Street-stating new lamps and ballast's have been placed in a couple of lights along Main Street and that there is a remarkable difference. Chairman Norstrom stated she had noticed the difference and has had the opportunity to speak with a few merchants who acknowledged their appreciation for the enhanced lighting. Selectman Hamel requested assistance from Supt. Girouard to have West Main Street lights replaced stating a whole section of Street lights are down and the area is extremely dark. Supt. Girouard stated two (2) lights that are out are directly associated with the Fire on the corner of Park & West Main Streets, and that letters had gone out to the owner requesting they contact their carrier re: replacement of the lamps. The problem being is that the owner is in litigation with their insurance company. The third light was a hit & run and the Town's carrier has not relinquished responsibility. The cost to replace the lights is approximately \$3,800.00 a piece for a total of \$11,500.00 for all three lights. Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the \$11,800.00 to replace the lights as soon as possible, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

2. Supt. Girouard presented pictures of the DPW's new "multi purpose dump/sander installed on the former Ayer Fire Department's Ladder Truck. Supt. Girouard advised the Board to the truck being painted green and runs and looks like a brand new truck and has the versatility to be used as a sander or a dump truck.

3. The Board approved of the parking proposal presented by Supt. Girouard for Park St. and moved that no more than \$4,000.00 be expended for the creation of the twenty (20) additional parking spaces.

4. Supt. Girouard stated he had before him the Screening Committee's recommendation for the Town Engineers position. Mr. Girouard stated the Screening Committee consisted of himself, Mr. Kreidler, James Williams, Planning Board Chair, and Dennis McLaughlin of David Ross & Assoc. Supt. Girouard stated twenty eight (28) applications had been received and five (5) of the above were selected to interview. Supt. Girouard submitted the name of John Deline, this candidate perceived as the outstanding finalist by the Screening Committee. Mr. Deline's diversified background and water & sewer proficiency enhanced his areas of expertise. Mr. Deline also has a strong knowledge of AutoCAD computer knowledge valuable to the Town's water distribution system as well as knowledge with regard to Superfund work to include landfill closings and could step into ongoing discussions with the Regional Waste Water Study Group. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Screening Committee and appoint John Deline to the position of Town Engineer, 2nd by Selectmen Bresnahan. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

***Town Administrator's Report:***


***Action items:***

1. The Board took the award of the Town Report under advisement.
2. The Board moved to approve the funding for the PACE flyer and postage re: the Public Hearing scheduled for 2-25-98 at the Ayer High School to be paid by Town Funding.
3. The Board was advised to Mr. Kreidler meeting with the Council on Aging re: screening the resumes received for the Director's position. Mr. Kreidler stated twenty resumes had been received and the Council and he had scheduled to meet with the finalist.

4. Mr. Kreidler reported to the Board that a team of businesses, technical and Town government officials meeting with representatives from Shirley, MCI-Shirley, and Devens about the possibility of Ayer becoming a part of this regional Wastewater Treatment system. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to Paul Routhier being active and enthusiastic. A report is being readied by this group for the Selectmen.
5. The Board appointed Charles (Chuck) Horgan to the Commission of Trust Funds. Mr. Horgan to replace Ralph Richardson who passed away earlier this year. This appointment to be in effect until the April 98 Election.
6. The Board took the appointments to the Time Capsule Committee under advisement to their next meeting and requested citizens who would like to serve on this committee to contact the Selectmen's Office.
7. Mr. Kreidler read into the record the letter from the Board of Selectmen to Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry, Congressman Meehan, and State Representatives re: the Public Hearing on the landfill consolidation scheduled for 2-25-98 at the Ayer High School and also Senator Kennedy's letter stating his unavailability. The Board expressed their disappointment.

9:10p.m. Selectmen Hamel moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39 section 23b Exemption #3, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:10p.m. Open Session Adjourned.

 DATE: 2/23/98  
Paul Bresnahan, Clerk