

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1991  
AYER TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
MAIN STREET, AYER, MA.

7:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

THE BOARD MET WITH CHAIRMAN SLARSKY, SELECTMAN JONES AND SELECTMAN MCKINNEY.

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 1991 WERE READ AND ACCEPTED.

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 1991 WERE AMENDED TO REFLECT THAT THE BOARD DID NOT MEET WITH GEORGE CARPENTER, THE BOARD REVIEWED HIS APPLICATION, MR. CARPENTER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MINUTES WERE THEN APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT.

THE BOARD APPROVED A ONE DAY BEER & WINE LICENSE FOR THE AYER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: APRIL 6, 20, 21, AND 27, 1991.

THE WEEKLY WARRANT WAS EXAMINED AND APPROVED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:     PAYROLL:   \$346,198.19  
                  BILLS:     \$166,756.59

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY ANNOUNCED THE EMERGENCY PUBLIC FORUM THE BOARD ORGANIZED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1991 REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF FORT DEVENS. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT CONGRESSMAN CHESTER ATKINS HAD CONFIRMED HIS ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH SENATOR DURAND REPRESENTATIVES: HORNBLOWER, HALL, WALRICH. AIDES FROM SENATOR KENNEDY'S & KERRY'S OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SCHOOL DEPT., AND SELECTMEN AND MAYORS FROM ALL THE SURROUNDING AREAS. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY INVITING ALL TO ATTEND THIS FORUM.

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY OPENED THE PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING CITIZENS INPUT FOR THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION IN THE TOWN OF AYER. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY READ INTO THE RECORD THE NOTICE WHICH APPEARED IN THE PUBLIC SPIRIT THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 1991.

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO POLICE CHIEF, PHILIP CONNORS.

CHIEF CONNORS THANKED EVERY ONE FOR COMING TO THE MEETING AND GAVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENT FACILITY TO INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING FACILITY'S NEEDS PRESENTED THROUGH A VIDEO PRESENTATION CONDUCTED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY CABLE T.V. CORRESPONDENT, COLEEN NORSTROM.

THIS PRESENTATION DEPICTED A CONTRASTING LOOK AT A MODERN FACILITY AND KEYED IN TO AYER'S PRESENT FACILITY FOR CLARIFICATION. THE CHIEF REITERATED PROBLEMS FACED WITH EVERY DAY FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY THE STAFF AT THE AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE CURRENT LOCK-UP AND METHODOLOGY RE: PRISONERS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE FACILITY WAS ADDRESSED RELATIVE TO SAFETY AND LIABILITY ISSUES, NO SEPARATION BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE LOCK-UP AREAS, NO FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE CONFERENCES, NO SPACE FOR TRAINING OF STAFF, FACILITIES FOR STAFF INCLUDING LOCKERS, TOILETS, SHOWERS, ARE INADEQUATE OR NON EXISTENT AND POORLY LOCATED.

CHIEF CONNORS INTRODUCED MARTIN KRETSCH FROM DINESCO KRETSCH ARCHITECTS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO PRESENTED TO THE CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE A BLUEPRINT OF THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING FOR THE AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF CONNORS ALSO ADDRESSED THE MMA STUDY CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO WHICH ADDRESSED THE PRESENT POLICE FACILITY AS BEING OBSOLETE, INADEQUATE AND A SERIOUS LIABILITY. THE CURRENT POLICE FACILITY ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO POOR MORALE AMONG POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS THESE FINDINGS WERE AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE MMA REPORT.

PRESENT ALSO FOR THE DISCUSSION WAS THE AYER BOARD OF ASSESSORS WHO PRESENTED THE TAX IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW POLICE STATION. THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER WOULD PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$47.25 IN PROPERTY TAXES TO FUND THE FIRST YEARS DEBT SERVICE COSTS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A NEW POLICE FACILITY. THE BOARD PRESENTED THE AVERAGE VALUE OF A HOME IN AYER BEING \$135,000.00 MULTIPLIED BY THE RATE INCREASE OF \$.35 (PER THOUSAND) = \$47.25

RESIDENTIAL: \$.35 CENT INCREASE

COMMERCIAL: \$.64 CENT INCREASE

ESTIMATE TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A NEW POLICE STATION: \$2,420,000

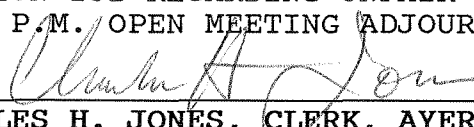
FINANCING: TOWN WOULD BORROW FOR A TWENTY (20) YEAR TERM, AND WILL QUALIFY FOR FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION FINANCING OF 6% INTEREST.

FINANCING MECHANISM TO BE A DEBT EXCLUSION OF PROPOSITION 2 AND 1/2.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THANKED CHIEF CONNORS FOR HIS PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION AND HELD A SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. THE BOARD THANKED EVERYONE WHO CAME TO THE MEETING AND REFERRED CONCERNS OR QUESTION REGARDING THE CURRENT FACILITY BE PRESENTED TO CHIEF CONNORS.

9:05P.M. SELECTMAN JONES MOVED THE BOARD ADJOURN FROM OPEN SESSION AND ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23B REGARDING UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE-STRATEGY.

9:05 P.M. OPEN MEETING ADJOURNED.

 DATE 4/16/91  
CHARLES H. JONES, CLERK, AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN