

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1991
2ND FLOOR TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

8:30A.M. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Slarsky, Selectman Jones, and Selectman McKinney.

The Board met with Chief Connors re: unpaid leave request. The Chief stated due to delay of Wyman retirement the chief recommended a lay off in his department of one (1) patrolman. to stay within this FY-91 budget. The Board reviewed written documentation submitted by Patrolman Judith Hadley, dated march 18, 1991 requesting a voluntary unpaid leave of absence from the Ayer Police Dept. effective April 1, 1991 through June 1, 1991, for personal reasons. The Board based upon this request and the Chief's recommendation moved to approve the laying off of one (1) patrol officer for the period commencing April 1, 1991 through June 1, 1991. Motion moved by Selectmen Jones, seconded by Selectman McKinney. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Slarsky stating that the IBPO Union had no misgivings regarding the voluntary lay-off. Chairman Slarsky requesting in writing a statement from the Union what the Union proposes to do when Patrolman Hadley returns for duty.

The Board on another matter reviewed with the Chief his report dated March 21, 1991 re: Police Cruisers. The Chief requesting not to reduce the fleet at this time. The Board to review this report and took this matter under advisement.

Calvin Moore, businessman from Ayer, Ma. requested the Board look into the possibility of an override for the Police Dept. to hire a Investigator for the next fiscal year. Chief Connors to develop language for possible ballot question for the Board's review.

The Board met with George Carpenter re: Water & Sewer Permit for a single family house with two bedrooms equalling 220 gallons per day discharge, located at 26 Wright Road, Ayer, Ma. The Board after very careful review moved to approve the permits based upon Supt. Redfield's recommendation stating the water & sewer applications were technically complete prior to the Department of Environmental Protection Declaration of Water Emergency for the town of Ayer submitted on March 18, 1991.

The Board also moved to approve a water & sewer application for a retail dry goods building with 300 gallons per day discharge,

located on Park St., issued to F&P Willows Trust. Motion made by Selectman Jones, Seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:30a.m. The Board met with Chief Parker, Ayer Fire Dept. re: Transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$16,565.00 to meet FY-91 salary account. The Board with the approval of the Advisory Board moved to approve this transfer, motion made by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board moved to establish the policy effective July 1, 1991 the Reserve Fund will not be transferred into the base of budget. Motion made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Chairman Slarsky, two to one (2-1) vote, Selectman Jones dissenting vote. The Advisory Board moved to adopt the same policy two to one vote (2-1). so moved.

The Board met with Building Commissioner, William Halligan regarding his request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$1,859.00. Mr. Higgins and the Town Accountant to review mileage and submit their recommendation to the Board. The Board requested Mr. Halligan state in writing to the Board how he plans to cut \$1,859.00 from his budget for FY-91 since the board does not support his request for a Reserve Fund Transfer. Mr. Halligan to remit this information.

FY-92 Mr. Halligan is requesting a override of \$2,393.00 he will submit documentation in writing regarding this request.

The Board met with the Board of Assessors who submitted a request for \$1,000.00 Reserve Fund Transfer for FY-91 to pay for billing encumbered for this year. The Board to review this matter. A override potential was also submitted to the Board regarding the funding a 19% increase in the Assessors FY-92 Budget for a full time Assessor (\$15,000.00) and a \$5,000.00 Warrant Article to appear on this years Annual Town Meeting Warrant if override fails.

The Board met with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding FY-92 budget submitted. This budget complies with 5% projection. Reserve Fund request approved for \$2,640.00 for the printing of the Motor Vehicle Excise bills to be built into base of FY-91 budget.

The Board met with Manuel Velez regarding the Veterans FY-92 Budget. Mr. Velez requested a \$15,000.00 override for Veterans Assistance be placed on the ballot.

The Board met with Town Treasurer, Thomas Callahan regarding the Treasurer's Office FY-92 Budget. Mr. Callahan is within the 5% projection. Mr. Callahan stated that since the town is no longer paying ADP for payroll the salary of \$22,000.00 requested for FY-92 is not a problem.

The Board met with Mark Pinard regarding his Budget for FY-92. The Tree Warden budget is over the 5% for FY-92. the Selectmen requested Mr. Pinard schedule a meeting with the Selectmen to further discuss his budget for FY-92.

The Board met with the Ayer Board of Health re: FY-92 Budget. The Board requested if the Town needed the Environmental Service paid to Nashoba Assoc. Board of Health in the amount of \$16,359.00 or if Bill Halligan, Building Commissioner could assume this service. The Board requested to meet with Mr. Halligan re: this matter. Mr. Januskiewicz stated that Mr. Halligan does not need to be a registered sanitarian to be able to perform this service. The Board also requested the Board of Health to find out if the Town can keep the Nursing portion and drop the environmental without problem. The Board of Health to contact Nashoba concerning this.

The Board requested to conduct a Forum at the Ayer High School re: emergency meeting regarding the closing of Ft. Devens on Tuesday, April 2, 1991 at 7:30p.m.. The Board requested Mr. Higgins to contact, the media, T.V., Cable and all State and local representatives as well as area Boards of Selectmen, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Fort Devens personnel.

The Board moved and seconded to accept Multiple Rate #3 as presented by the Board of Assessors on March 18, 1991 at the Tax Classification Public Hearing \$6.99/residential \$12.38 Commercial/Industrial. Motion moved by Selectmen Jones, Seconded by Selectmen McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

12:00 Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn the meeting seconded by Selectmen McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

12:00 Meeting adjourned.

 DATE 4/1/91
CHARLES H. JONES, CLERK AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN