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Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, September 4, 1990  
Upper Town Hall Meeting Room  
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, Ma.

7:30 p.m. Open Session

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

The minutes of August 7, 1990 were approved and signed.  
The minutes of August 20, 1990 were set back pending review.

Thomas Callahan, Town Treasurer was present for explanation of the weekly warrant and bonding.

The Weekly warrant was reviewed and approved in the amount of

Payroll: \$79,702.56

Expenses: \$1,383,149.92

Mr. Callahan explained that \$1,248,000.00 included in the weekly bill warrant reflected a pay off of a short term loan, whereas the Town obtained long term borrowing for certain indebtedness at smaller interest rate. Chairman Slarsky requested if interest was included in this \$1,248,000.00 payoff? The Treasurer stated yes, \$64,000.00. Selectman Jones, moved the Board approve the weekly Town warrants, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board signed the Industrial Pre-Treatment Bonds in the amount of \$25,000.00, \$25,000.00 and \$18,000.00 totaling \$68,000.00 at 7.9% for three years. Motion: Selectman Jones moved to approve the \$68,000.00 Bonding for Industrial Pre-Treatment, seconded by Selectman McKinney, vote: Selectmen Jones, aye, Selectman McKinney aye, Chairman Slarsky aye, unanimous. So moved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board was updated on the Towns Recycling efforts. The Board was advised of the Kick Off for the Town's Recycling Project being Saturday, September 15, 1990 at 10:00a.m. at the Ayer Transfer Station. Table displays and refreshments to be donated by Town businesses presently involved with recycling. Chairman Slarsky requesting at this time for letters of appreciation to be sent out to the Ayer Board of Health, Don Leistikow and others committed to this project.

2. The Board was advised of the clerical pool position being filled by Lauri Rosas of Forest St., Ayer, Ma. Mr. Higgins stated that Mrs. Rosas began work on Tuesday, September 4, 1990.
3. The Board was advised that Mr. Higgins met with Mindy Ordway, of the Department of Revenue regarding Chapter 70, Cherry Sheet formula with regard to the Town of Harvard, census. Ms. Ordway suggested contacting Leslie Curwin at Administration & Finance with regard to changing the formula.
4. The Board was advised that the Town's application regarding 3d2b was on hold due to conflict with the Assessors recap sheet. Mr. Higgins stated that the Assessors were confident in the 68% projection and were to submit numbers again.
5. The Board was advised of Two (2) present Police Dept. Executive Session matters presently before Henry Stewart regarding:
  1. Separation of Commanding Officers from Contract
  2. Light Dutyto be rescheduled for the next Selectmen's Meeting on 9/18/90.
6. The Board was advised of the Town's Insurance Specifications being reviewed by Markham Priest and with anticipated release of specs projected for early next week.
7. The Board was informed that Chief Parker has a new computer at the Ayer Fire Dept. The Computer was the product of contributions received at the Fire Dept. which were actively sought out towards this purchase. The Board requested Chief Parker be congratulated.
8. The Board was updated on the status of the West Main St. bridge. The Board was advised the bridge was on the 1993 project repair report per a letter the Town received by Jane Garvey. Chairman Slarsky stated Col. Hoover assured the Town of his support declaring this Bridge a critical access root for Fort Devens. Chet Atkins and Col. Hoover to be re-contacted.
9. The Board was advised that survey is complete regarding the Truck Traffic on Sandy Pond Road-Willow Rd. area. Town of Wilmington information is in. A Public Hearing will be required again pursuant to survey.

8:00 PUBLIC HEARING - J.C.MADIGAN - CLASS II LICENSE

The Board conducted a Public Hearing regarding the application by Jack Madigan seeking a Class II License at property located at Shaker Rd., Ayer, Ma. Mr. Madigan presented to the Board certified green cards returned by his abutters with regard to notification of the Public Hearing.

Mr. Madigan stated that he currently has a Class I License and wishes to surrender this license for a Class II License, stating he no longer carries Mack trucks. Mr. Madigan stated he currently stocks Hi-way, Fontaine and Eastern Truck bodies and would be dealing in resale of these products. The Board requested how many vehicles Mr. Madigan would have stored at his Shaker Rd. business? Mr. Madigan stated less than ten (10) at one time. Chairman Slarsky requested if anyone wished to speak in favor or against this license. No one in attendance spoke for or against proposal, based upon this Selectman McKinney moved the Board approve the Class II License for J.C. Madigan, with a ten (10) vehicle restriction to be placed on the license, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with Chief Plant Operator Robert Smith sitting in for Supt. Redfield who is presently on vacation.

Selectman McKinney reviewed with the Board his tour of the plant conducted on Tuesday, September 4, 1990, stating he was quite impressed with the operations of the facility, considering layoffs and other problems the facility was experiencing re: capacity limitations. The Board requested if plant was operating effectively. Mr. Smith stated with recent cut backs it was more difficult to plan work activities and also the demand being so great that Grove Pond wells have been put on more. Chairman Slarsky stated his concern with this activation stating that the quality of water is absolutely unacceptable with Grove Pond wells turned on. Chairman Slarsky re-iterating the seriousness of the problem such as odor and color of the Grove Pond water, stating drastic action should be taken.

The Board met with Mark Knowlton regarding his Class II License for 63 Park St., Ayer, Ma. Present for this discussion was Building Commissioner, William Halligan. Mr. Knowlton presented to the Board a sketch of the Donahue garage site he is presently leasing. The Board reviewed the drawing and requested from the Building Commissioner if he was satisfied with the operation and conditions the Board imposed. Mr. Halligan stated Mr. Knowlton had met earlier conditions the Board imposed and he recommended to the Board the approval of the Class II License for Mark Knowlton with a limit of seventy five (75) cars on site for resale only. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the Class II License for Mark Knowlton with the restriction of no more

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than seventy-five(75) cars on the dealership site. Seconded by Selectmen McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:07p.m. The Board called a five (5) minute recess.

8:10p.m. The Board moved to re-enter Open Meeting.

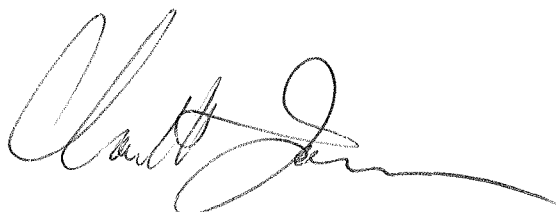
The Board met with Chief Connors regarding a thirty (30) day extension request to his letter to the Board dated June 6, 1990 relevant to two (2) layoffs in the Ayer Police Department. Chairman Slarsky read the Chief's letter dated June 6, 1990 into the record.

Present for the meeting were I.B.P.O. Union members: Harvey LaPrade, Mark Coulter, John Busack, Dana Beauvois, Judy Crumpton, David Bonner and Brad Madge.

The Chief stated he had hoped he would not have to implement the layoffs due to pending retirements awaiting County Retirement approval. Chief Connors stated the extension would also create time for any alternatives that might be available. The Board moved to grant the thirty (30) day extension request. Selectman Jones moved the Chief's recommendation for a thirty (30) day extension be granted until November 1, 1990, seconded by Selectman McKinney. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:30 p.m. Selectman McKinney moved the Board adjourn, Seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Harvey LaPrade, Union President, requested to speak with the Board at this time. Selectman McKinney stated the Board had moved and seconded to adjourn. Chairman Slarsky requested Mr. LaPrade contact the Selectmen's Office, regarding scheduling an appointment to be on the next Selectmen's Meeting.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Jones", is located at the bottom center of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.