

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 1992
2ND FLOOR TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

The Board met with Chairman Jones and Selectman McKinney.
Selectman Slarsky not present due to prior commitment.

The Weekly Warrant was examined and signed in the following
amounts: P/R: \$84,329.50
Expense: \$363,918.61

The Minutes of July 6, 1992 were read and accepted.

The Board met with Colin Pease, Executive Vice President, Boston
& Maine Corporation regarding the Governor's announcement of the
intermodal transportation center at Fort Devens, Ma.

Mr. Pease stated the proposal before the Land Bank and the Joint
Boards was to develop rail activities in the context of a long
range industrial park. Mr. Pease stated he was here tonight to
address as well B&M's non-intent to use Church St., Tannery St.,
and Bligh St. and other residential streets as part of an access
road to serve Fort Devens. Mr. Pease stated B&M's intent to
have State and Local communities work together to designate an
access route. Mr. Pease stated it is critical to B&M's plans to
develop a distribution terminal to promote industrial development
at Fort Devens. A route which provides access to major highways
is a necessary component of our plans to redevelop Fort Devens,
as well as to attract new industries to the base. Mr. Pease
presented a map delineating the proposed distribution terminal
and warehouse locations promoting employment opportunities in
the area.

Chairman Jones addressed truck traffic impact to the Ayer rotary
and requested the number of trucks projected with this proposed
intermodal transportation center. Mr. Pease stated estimates are
in the vicinity of 75 to 225 trucks a day, very hard to predict
depending upon warehouse lease. Mr. Pease stated there was great
aspiration for medium sized companies to relocate to Fort Devens
and enormous employment opportunities for this area to bring
about economic stabilization .

Chairman Jones requested B&M officials keep the Board aware of
all new developments and that the Town through the Joint Boards
would still apply pressure to DOD for early release of land on
Fort Devens.

1992 Taxi licenses

Mr. Higgins addressed the table by stating all Taxi License applicants had complied with the new Town of Ayer Hackney Carriage By-law which was very inclusive i.e. background checks, vehicles inspected, approvals from Chief of Police and requested the Board move the list. Chairman Jones moved the following applicants: Ayer Express Limo & Taxi:

Keith Rumbo
Karen Blowey
Cynthia Newland
Beatrice Trombly
Albert Richard
Robert Persley
Levon Gill

Ayer Taxi Association:

Selectman McKinney seconded the motion, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board requested Arthur Pedrazzi, recently retired Firefighter/Driver for the Ayer Fire Department to come forward. The Board thanked Mr. Pedrazzi for coming to the meeting and wished him well in his retirement. The Board requested Chief Parker detail for the Board, Mr. Pedrazzi's career with the Ayer Fire Dept. Chief Parker stated Mr. Pedrazzi began his service to the Town of Ayer Fire Dept. in Apr. of 1955 as a volunteer call firefighter and in 1973 advanced to full time Firefighter/Driver. Chief Parker stated Mr. Pedrazzi brought professionalism and dedication to the Department over his thirty seven (37) years on the Ayer Fire Department. Chairman Jones presented to Mr. Pedrazzi a letter of appreciation reflecting his thirty seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the Town of Ayer. Mr. McKinney expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pedrazzi and wished him well upon his retirement.

The Board requested to go off the posted agenda to address the Soft Second Loan Program being funded through the Executive Offices of Communities and Development and grant awarded to the Town in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Higgins stated this funding would create financial incentive for first time home buyers. Chairman Jones stated this is a significant accomplishment enabling first time home buyers to qualify for loans with a low down payment and low interest loans. Chairman Jones stated Mrs. Margaret Kidder and Selectman Slarsky have been instrumental in securing this program. Mrs. Kidder through the Concord Co-Op bank will be administrating the program. Chairman Jones stated the Town owes a great deal of thanks to these two individuals and extended the Boards appreciation to both Mr. Slarsky and Mrs. Kidder. Chairman McKinney expressing hope for success of the program and subsequent years funded.

SUPT. REDFIELD'S REPORT: See Attached Report dated 7-20-92

1. The Board voted to accept the recommendation of Supt. Redfield and enter into an agreement with G.C.G. Associates, Inc. to perform engineering services associated with the design and construction of a 16" water main from Washington Street to Central Avenue in the amount of \$65,490.00, funding to come from the Com. of Mass., Executive Office of Communities & Development Small Cities Grant program, Seconded by Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with Don Leistikow, Andy Burnham and Edward Kelley of the Recycling Committee re: item #2. of Supt. Redfield's Report.

Supt. Redfield recommended to award to Steco Inc. of Sterling Massachusetts the contract to supply two (2) solid waste steel transfer trailers for the bid amount of \$31,110.00 each for a total award of \$62,220.00. Supt. Redfield stated only one (1) bid was received.

Mr. Leistikow requested the Board postpone this award until the Committee has had a chance of investigate used market purchase of trailers.

Supt. Redfield stating he had no problem with postponing the bid for one (1) week but anytime later than that would create problems with the uniform procurement procedures. The Board could reject all bids and go out to bid again if more time was required to investigate the used market. Supt. Redfield stated he had met with the Recycling Committee in a timely manner and requested their recommendations regarding this award be presented to him prior to this meeting.

The recycling Committee in their memo to the Selectmen requested bids for the trailer/s and transportation he held up pending their review. Also requested by the Recycling Committee was any hiring at the Transfer Station.

Supt. Redfield stated that the Recycling Co-Ordinator Okie Shumate has resigned on July 6, 1992 creating a hardship on the staffing at the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling area. Supt. Redfield recommended the appointment of Rosemarie L. Clark of 173 Willard St., Ayer, Ma. be appointed to the position of part-time permit coordinator/recycling assistant assigned to the Groton Harvard Rd Recycling and Transfer Facility.

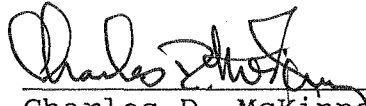
The Board accepted Supt. Redfield recommendation and appointed Rosemarie L. Clark to the position part-time permit coordinator/recycling assistant.

The Board moved to delay the bid award on the trailer and transportation until the next Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27, 1992 to give the Recycling Committee time to investigate the used market.

The Board requested Mr. Higgins, Don Leistikow and Supt. Redfield get together and develop a flow chart depicting responsibilities, job descriptions and current staffing at the Transfer Station.

Selectman McKinney moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:15P.M. Meeting adjourned.



Charles D. McKinney, Clerk
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE:

