

Ayer Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 1990
2nd floor, 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 21, 1990 and September 4, 1990 were read and approved.

The Weekly Warrant was examined and signed in the following amounts:

Payroll: \$317,825.02

Bills: \$125,888.87

The Board reviewed and approved a one (1) day Beer & Wine License for the Ayer Gun and Sportsmen Club for the following dates: October 1, 7, 13, 20, & 27, 1990. Sunday restriction to be in effect: not to start serving or selling before 12:00 noon. Selectman McKinney moved the above motion, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved four (4) Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Carlin's Restaurant to include: pool table, juke box, video, and pin ball, for the period of 9/90 to 9/91. Selectman McKinney made the above motion, second by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Slarsky, requested the Board's permission at this time to discuss the recent media coverage of the Selectmen's meetings. Chairman Slarsky stated his dismay regarding misquotes, inaccuracies and inflammatory remarks reflected at the Selectmen by a daily newspaper, whom have not been present for the Selectmen's Meetings in several weeks/months. Chairman Slarsky read from a recent article published the week of 9/4/90 stating fallacies that had not occurred and then proceeded to read from the Selectmen's meeting minutes of 9/4/90 which reflected actual reporting of this meeting. Selectman Jones reiterating he had not seen this particular reporter present at this meeting. Selectman McKinney expressing corresponding sentiments. Selectman Jones requesting other daily newspaper's be contacted to cover the meetings, i.e. Fitchburg Sentinel, Worcester Telegram.

The Board met with Fire Chief Wellman Parker, re: Hazardous materials Truck Fee.

Chief Parker presented letter dated August 23, 1990 from the town of North Reading, Ma. regarding the Town of Ayer, Ma. being in the District #6 Response Unit area. The letter stated that due to State fiscal problems Ayer would be asked to contribute

\$2,000.00 for the service of the Hazardous Material trucks services. The Board entered into a lengthy discussion pondering pro's and con's of requesting the Ayer Industrial Association to contribute to this assessment, as well as potential hazardous situations that could occur with the railroad or an industrial accident, all agreeing this truck was very needed for the safety of the Citizens of the Town of Ayer. Chairman Slarsky stating the Industrial Community has been very generous to the Town in the past and the Board should not be too hasty to request donations. Selectman Jones moved the Board appropriate \$1,000.00 from the Reserve Fund for this year, and appropriate \$1,000.00 next year towards the Town of Ayer's assessment for the Hazardous Materials Truck, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board was advised that Col. Hoover of Ft. Deven's has sent a letter of support designating the West Main St. Bridge as a critical access road which was forwarded to the Military Mngt. Command who will determine if it qualifies for Federal Funding.

2. The Assessors have submitted the School Tax Formula to DOR depicting 68% local effort towards schools funding.

3. Letters were sent 8/15/90 to the Retirement Board emphasizing the seriousness of J. Busack & J. Wyman early retirements stating delay could cause elimination of two positions in the Police Dept.

4. Completed application request for a 24 hour, heavy truck exclusion filed with the State DPW was reviewed by the Board.

5. The Board approved the Chapter 90 fund allocation of \$55,398.00. Selectman McKinney moved the Town accept and authorize the Chapter 90 performance and provisions of this Agreement, Seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

6. The Board approved the School Department FY-91 Equal Education Opportunity Grant for direct educational expenditures in the current fiscal year endorsed by R. Neville Markham, Supt. of Schools and William H. Noeth, Chairman of the Ayer School Committee. EEO Funding approved at the Annual Town meeting of May 1990. Selectman Jones moved the acceptance of the EEO Funding, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

7. The Board acknowledged with thanks, the Recycling Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Troop 3, Board of Health, Town businesses and volunteers for the Recycling Kick off that took place on Saturday, September 15, 1990 at the Ayer Transfer Station. Town Businesses displayed their recycling efforts as well as supplied refreshments for the citizens of Ayer.

8. The Federated Church requested no parking signs on the Newton Street side of Cambridge St. as well as one way arrow or a no right turn on the opposite side of the street by the parking lot by the church. The Board requested this request be run by the Ayer Police Chief and Supt. Redfield for their review and comment.

9. The Board was advised the Town Accountant submitted the Balance Sheet and the Town was awaiting "FREE CASH" CERTIFICATION.

SUPT. REDFIELD'S REPORT

1. The Board was presented options regarding shifting the solid waste transfer trailer in and out of the Groton Harvard Rd. Transfer Station.

a. Replace the 25 year old fifth wheel with a new or used fifth wheel which would be mounted on the existing DPW International Dump Truck. Used: approximate cost \$1,000.00 + \$500.00 labor. Drawbacks addressed were extreme clutch wear.

b. Hire a Company to move the solid waste transfer trailers in and out of the buildings at \$44.00/hour x 15 trailers x 12 months = \$5,400.00. Disadvantages are cost and the town would have to arrange to hire a fifth wheel tractor to move the DPW's low bed or other DPW trucks.

c. lease purchase a 1977 Mack fifth wheel tractor trailer from Explosives Engineers for 2 1/2 years at a cost of \$3,990.00 and \$2,020.00 for the third year = \$10,000.00 The advantage of lease purchase would be the town would be able to utilize as a dump truck and snow plow.

After reviewing the three (3) options the Board approved Option #3. Selectman McKinney moved the Town lease purchase a 1977 Mack fifth wheel tractor trailer from Explosive Engineering, not to exceed \$10,000.00 over a three (3) year period, contingent upon Executive Secretary setting a determination on Uniform Procurement Bid Requirements seconded by Selectman Jones. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:45 P.M. Selectman Slarsky left the meeting for prior commitment.

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The Board reviewed the list of water & sewer connection applications.

After a short discussion re: the towns disturbing water dilemma, the Board moved to sign only sewer connections and one water connection for Sandy Hollow Sub-Division so not to hold up the construction.

sewer: Lot 7 Samantha Lane - Sandy Hollow
Lot 6 " " " "
Lot 1 " " " "
Lot 4 " " " "
Lot 2 " " " "
Lot 5 " " " "
Lot 3 " " " "
8 Mountain Ave. - D. Daudelin
20 Wright Rd. - R. McGuire
7 Sedgeway - J. McDowell
Lot 1 Wright Rd. - G. Moore
Lot 2 " " - " "
Lot 3 " " - " "
Restaurant Bldg. - Park St. Plaza

water: Lot 1 Samantha Lane - Sandy Hollow

Supt. Redfield presented a list of street lighting changes for Pleasant St. to include:

Pole #29 install 4000 lumen, sodium vapor/remove incandescent
Pole #31 " " " " " " " "
Pole #33 " " " " " " " "

9:00 p.m. Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session regarding IBPO grievance pursuant to MGL, Chapter 39, Section 23B adjourn and enter into executive session regarding Labor Strategy, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 39, Section 23B and adjourn only to re-enter Open Session to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:00 p.m. Executive Session

