

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1988

Present: Chairman David A. Wallace, John C. Drobinski, and Judith A. Cope.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Loring Parsonage by Chairman David A. Wallace.

Dog Officer FY1990 Budget

Present: Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace.

After review, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 1990 budget for Account 350 as submitted by Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace.

Fire Department FY1990 Budget

Present: Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne.

Fire Chief Dunne reviewed the budget he had prepared, noting 1) increase in the Uniforms Account to meet OSHA standards particularly dealing with hazardous waste, 2) funds in the Maintenance/Communications Account for installation of a drain in the floor at Station 2, and 3) funds to purchase a new fan to remove smoke from buildings. Funds have been budgeted also for an alarm truck and replacement of Car 1. There is a possibility that a used Edison vehicle might become available to serve as an alarm truck and also the old Car 1 might be utilized by the Engineering Department, which is budgeting for a new vehicle for the Town Engineer.

Chief Dunne reported that he is preparing appropriation articles for ambulance equipment utilizing the Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Account and for construction of a central Fire Station on the Oliver Land. The Fire Station article is being prepared on recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee in the event townwide construction plans do not move forward.

Chief Dunne stated he had been discussing the \$1,000 budget included for testing of the Town's gasoline tanks at the Route 20 station with the Budget Officer, and it is their recommendation that the money be removed to the Unclassified Gasoline Budget. He also mentioned it may be advisable in the future to move the tanks away from Rt. 20 and the Town's wells.

During discussion, Chief Dunne informed the Board of his desire for a new townwide radio system for tying in all departments, and noted the inadequacies of the present system in the Police and Fire Departments. He suggested that, when the 911 emergency telephone number goes into effect, a joint dispatching operation with police and fire should be tried, probably keeping two separate dispatchers, but housed together. He reiterated the need for a new radio system, stating that it could be implemented by stages.

The Board approved the Fire Department Fiscal Year 1990 budget for Account 310, as prepared, with the exception of deleting the \$1,000 for gasoline tank testing and inserting the same under the Unclassified Budget.

Police Department FY1990 Budget

Present: Police Chief Peter B. Lembo.

Police Chief Lembo reviewed his Fiscal Year 1990 budget with the Board, and the sizeable increase in the Overtime Account was noted by Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that, in the past, the Overtime Account was reduced by the extra manpower that had been hired a few years ago specifically to provide overtime coverage. Chief Lembo explained he had not done that this year because he would be short patrolmen next year due to unfilled vacancies and that he had prepared the budget to provide as nearly full coverage as possible.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the Board held on approval of Line Item 320-120, Overtime, and requested the Executive Secretary and Police Chief to review the same for further recommendation to the Board.

The Police Chief was also requested to add a page to the budget indicating estimated receipts for FY1990.

Following discussion, the Board approved the Police Department FY90 budget for Account 320 as presented, with the above exceptions.

Engineering Department FY90 Budget

Present: Town Engineer I. William Place.

Town Engineer Place reviewed his Fiscal Year 1990 budget with the Board. The Personal Services budget includes changes resulting from bargaining and an additional upgrading for one employee because of qualification.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was requested by the Board that the salary for the Assistant Town Engineer be recalculated to exclude that increase which is subject to current arbitration.

It was again noted that, if the Fire Department vehicle becomes available, the budget for the Town Engineer's vehicle may become unnecessary. ✓

Following discussion, the Board approved the Engineering Department FY1990 Budget for Account 502, subject to reduction of Line Item 502-110 relative to the Assistant Town Engineer's salary.

Selectmen's Department FY90 Budget

Present: Janet Silva, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Following review of the budget which had been prepared, essentially without changes from the previous fiscal year, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 1990 budget for Selectmen's Account 501, as presented.

It was noted that the Resource Recovery Committee and Wastewater Advisory Committee would be expected to present their budget requests of \$2,000 and \$10,000 respectively (under Line Item 501-811) to the Finance Committee.

Unclassified/Transfer Accounts FY 90 Budgets

Present: Janet Silva, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

The Board approved the Fiscal Year 1990 budgets for Unclassified Account 950 and Transfer Account 970, as presented, with the exception of adjusting the Gasoline Account by \$1,000 for tank testing, as discussed with the Fire Chief.

School Committee 11/28 Meeting

The Board expressed its regret that, because of its own meeting, the Selectmen would be unable to attend the public meeting to be held November 28 by the School Committee concerning space plans. It was agreed that the office would look into having a tape of the proceedings provided - if possible, a video tape by the local cable channel or by the Police Department.

Agenda Item - Open Land Assessment

It was agreed that the Board would meet solely with the Board of Assessors on December 12, to discuss aim and procedure for a public meeting on the subject of open land assessments, which will be held following the same.

Cancel December Town Forum

The Board confirmed its intention to cancel the Town Forum for the month of December, since there will be no Selectmen's meeting during the week of December 26.

Car Radios - Building and Health Depts.

It was brought to the Executive Secretary's attention that neither the Building Inspector nor the Health Director has operating communication radios in their vehicles by which they could be reached by their offices or in case of emergency. Mr. Thompson stated he would look into rectifying the matter.

Recognition of Twenty-five Year Employees

The Board agreed that it would institute the practice of recognizing those employees who have worked twenty-five years for the Town with a dinner-for-two gift certificate.

At 11:50 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary