

Selectmen's Monday Meeting, December 11, 1989

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, William Suydam, Madeleine Henley, AA and Betty Shaw, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Ed Rowehl and Bill Suydam voted to hold their first meeting of 1990, Jan. 2 at 10:00 AM.

Art Stenberg, Building Inspector met to go over his proposed budget and keep the selectmen posted on his duties as building inspector.

A meeting is scheduled with Mr. Harriman Dec. 12 to go over the Holt/Grant property problem. Mr. Hennessey wrote to Bart Mayer regarding the property. In order to clean up the property, Fire Chief, Mike Beauchamp agreed to burn the old shed after all the metal and asphalt has been removed. It is understood by Mr. Holt and Mr. Harriman that a vehicle is buried and will be dug up and removed. Mr. Stenberg, Building Inspector, understands Mr. Harriman has been employed to clean up the property and questions as to why the work has not been done. Bart Mayer has contacted the Holt attorney and the understanding was Mr. Harriman is in no hurry to do the work and Mr. Holt will not be looking for anyone else to do the work.

Mr. Stenberg spoke to Bob Cumming of ProCon and Mr. Cumming asked to have all bills for inspection fees be sent to him for payment.

Copies of the proposed budget for the Building Inspector were submitted.

Chris Joseph, Police Chief, met with the selectmen and presented the selectmen with a copy of policy and procedures which he hopes to have adopted for his department. He informed the selectmen that items which are not circled are required by law all others are subject which are for discussion are circled. Since there has been complaints on which wreckers are called by the police department, Chris presented a list of the wrecker calls for the year 1989 with the owner of the wrecker called in each case.

Chris pointed out when a wrecker is required the Dispatch is called and they use the list of wreckers and calls them in order. The officer placing the call has no say in which is to be called. The owner of the vehicle can request a particular wrecker.

Chris has been busy with the many ongoing investigations and did not have a monthly report for the selectmen.

Chris discussed his departments' budget.

In order to keep better track of payments being made and the time frame in which they are to be paid, it was agreed that on the Monday when Chris meets with the Selectmen, all invoices will be turned over for payment. The importance of the invoice as well as the bill being turned in was pointed out.

Selectmen asked to have a monthly log of activities of the police department with the name of the officers involved on each activity.

Bill Suydam moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Second, Ed Rowehl.

Meeting called to order.

Selectmen met with Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief, Barry Frosch, Bob Bethel of the fire department to discuss a proposed fire department budget and warrant item.

Since new gear is required, should it be in the budget or a warrant item? Mike would like to schedule replacing all gear within three years, and thereafter make replacements as needed each year. It would cost about \$4500 for the first three years. Secretary pointed out when the \$10,000 from Revenue Sharing was agreed upon, a similar proposal to replace as needed was to have taken place, since it appears not to have taken place, someone will have to be aware of making the replacements as needed not wait till all equipment has to be replaced again.

Mike also pointed out he is not happy with the old schedule for the replacement of equipment. Presently there are two pieces of equipment which Mike would like to have replaced the 1956 and 1974 trucks. He believes they can be replaced with one piece of equipment. The one that is scheduled for replacement in 2000 could be refurbished in 1994. Mike is also looking to replace another truck in 1991. Selectmen voiced their concern over the rising tax rate in relation to the expensive equipment.

Paul Reuss, School Board member, presented the selectmen with drafts of a proposed lease for Shea Field between the School and the Town of Antrim.

Payment options on the school construction were discussed. The first bond issue, for the new school construction, of 5M has been sold. The second 6M can be on a one year short term loan then bond it which would increase the over all cost. Phil Dwight, Treasurer thinks the town people would rather see the cost spread out more.

Paul asked the selectmen how they thought the voters would want the second bond issue taken care of. Since the selectmen did not have time to review the proposal, they made no commitment.

A question as to changing the formula was raised. The Selectmen pointed out the importance of the change to the taxpayers of Antrim.

The payment of the school bill for November was reviewed as well as the overall payment schedule. Since the difference between the proposed payments and the actual payments reported by the Department of Revenue was over \$200,000, and the school did not want to accept the reduced schedule which the selectmen voted to pay last week, Phil Dwight, Treasurer, asked if the overcharge of \$100,000 for the 89 payments could be taken off in the January

payment and spread the remainder of the over charges over the last five pay periods Feb. to June. A second suggestion from Phil was to reduce the December and January payment. Phil and the Selectmen will talk to Bart to see what his thoughts are on the subject. Paul believes the lower schedule of payments being \$200,000 less than the estimate was due to the State Catastrophic Aid which the school knew about in June. He pointed out that Peterborough's payments will go up \$200,000 as they were estimated \$200,000 lower than what they should be paying was coincidental although it appears Antrim is funding Peterborough's payment. Mr. Reuss gave the selectmen a copy of the law which requires all towns to be assessed the same % each month and he does not believe the school can change the payment schedule as suggested.

Executive session was resumed.

No public information from the executive session.

Outline notices for Police Dept.

Log from PD.

Weekly reports etc.

Invoices as well as bills to be approved at regular monthly meeting.

Monthly staff meeting within department.

Custodial work on the police dept. was discussed. Bill Suydam made the motion to offer \$50 a month. Second Ed Rowehl. So moved.

Adjourned 11:15

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