

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

SEPTEMBER 18, 1989

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 P.M. Present: John F. King, Chairman, Philip B. Ernst, Clerk and John F. DelPrete. Also present: Edgar C. Gadbois, Executive Administrator.

WARRANTS:

#34 - September 18, 1989 - Bills - \$1,045,226.72
#35 - " " " - Miscellaneous - \$285,800.41
#36 - " " " - Salaries - \$566,493.64

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE LICENSES:

Bayberry Hill Clubhouse - Dinsmore Avenue - October 15, 1989 - 12:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Bayberry Hill Clubhouse - Dinsmore Avenue - October 17, 1989 - 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

LODGING HOUSE LICENSES:

South Middlesex Non-Profit Housing Corporation - 58 Clinton Street
South Middlesex Non-Profit Housing Corporation - 14-16 Gordon Street

BANNER PERMIT:

Framingham Union Hospital Aid Association - To be flown over Union Avenue from Memorial Building to Fitts Bldg., September 22 thru October 22, 1989.

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to Open, Occupy and Obstruct a Street:

Construction Materials Service - Pole #24 Franklin Street - September 26 to September 27, 1989
Commonwealth Gas Company - 218 Beaver Street - September 15 to October 15, 1989
" " " - 3 Wheeler Avenue - September 15 to October 15, 1989
" " " - 1241 Edgell Road - September 15 to October 15, 1989
" " " - 38 Summer Street - September 15 to October 15, 1989

PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK:

The Board of Selectmen proclaimed the week of September 17 thru September 23, 1989 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

HEARING - BOSTON EDISON COMPANY PETITION - WORCESTER ROAD - CONDUIT:

A representative of Boston Edison Company appeared on a petition for the installation of 7 feet of conduit in Worcester Road to provide electricity for the Bank of New England. Hearing no objections, the petition was granted on a 2-0 vote.

HEARING - NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY JO BOSTON EDISON COMPANY PETITION:

A representative for New England Telephone Company appeared on a petition for the installation of anchors and guys at Pole 113 Pleasant Street to place the pole opposite the pole line on Waveney Road to support the weight of the pole line which is going out on the street. The petition was granted on a 2-0 vote. Selectman John King did not participate in the hearings to prevent any conflict of interest.

JAMES GAVIN OF CELEBRATION COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF FLAG:

Mr. James Gavin, Veterans Agent and President of the Celebration Committee appeared along with Brian Roe and Brian Fabbri, committee members to present the official flag for the Town of Framingham. Mr. Gavin stated that the flag was designed by students at Keefe Technical School under the direction of Brian Roe. Mr. Roe presented the flag to the Board. Last December, the Board accepted the official flag for the Town. Mr. Gavin stated that Celebration '89 was a complete success. Celebration '90 theme for this year will be "The Spirit of Unity". The dates will be June 7, 8, 9 & 10. The Board of Selectmen praised and thanked Mr. Gavin and committee members for a job well done.

LIQUOR VIOLATION HEARING - VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF U.S. INC. AT 74 PEARL STREET:

Lieutenant Teal of the Police Department appeared before the Board and read the Police Report regarding the alleged violation. He stated that on June 22, 1989 at 1:49 A.M., an officer observed the door open and people inside with alcoholic beverages. The closing time is 1:00 A.M. Police Chief Larrabee recommended that the Board suspend the license for a three day period.

Mr. Orrie Tucker, Manager of the Club stated that he spoke to the bartender and he admitted that he remained open thirty minutes over the closing time. The bartender did not serve any drinks.

Selectman DelPrete stated that the last call comes before 1:00 A.M. This gives an opportunity to clean up a little after 1:00. He could not see any excuse for it.

Selectman DelPrete also stated to Mr. Tucker that he was going to have to instruct his bartender that the last call is before closing time and that everyone will be out at 1:00 A.M.

Following the discussion, the Board took the matter under advisement.

DISCUSSION - AUDREY HALL, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY CABLEVISION:

Ms Audrey Hall of Community Cablevision appeared before the Board to introduce herself and discuss the service.

She stated that they have been spending time getting to know the customers and what they want from Cablevision. They launched Turner Network Television (TNT) on August 1st and customers have received it very well.

They are working on filling key positions that have been open and are looking for other things that can be done to enhance the service in the Town. They always welcome input from their customers and the Board of Selectmen.

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Selectman Ernst asked if they would continue the monthly magazine that was put out with the Sunday Middlesex News.

Audrey Hall said they have gotten feedback from the customers on the magazine. Right now they are looking at ways that the listings publication that they send to the customers on a monthly basis can be improved. Whether that means changing to a different publication or working with the Middlesex News to make changes to the one they already have is questionable because they are looking at the different alternatives.

Right now, anyone who subscribes to the Middlesex News does receive a copy of this guide in their Sunday newspaper, the Sunday prior to or on the 1st of each month. If they don't subscribe, the guide is mailed directly to their home. There is a possibility that they will be looking at mailing the guides directly to all of their customers homes because it seems that some people are having problems getting the guide on a regular basis.

Selectman King had a concern on getting their service restored after 5:00 P.M. and on weekends.

Ms Hall stated that the technicians are on-call twenty-four hours a day. They have their phones monitored with a machine. They call into the machine anytime their are three calls within a certain area, then they are required to go out and correct the problem.

Selectman King asked what the normal response time was if someone reported before 10:00 A.M. that a problem existed.

Ms Hall stated, the same day.

Following the discussion, the Board thanked Ms Hall for attending.

PHIL CHASE - PARKING GARAGE:

The Executive Administrator introduced Mr. Phil Chase to the Board. Mr. Chase will maintain the property, sweeping down, paying the telephone, picking up debris. The hours will be 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. The fee will be: \$2.00/day or \$32.00/month or \$.25/hour. The contractor will collect fifty percent and the Town will collect fifty percent.

Selectman Ernst asked if Mr. Chase was planning to do any promotion.

Mr. Chase stated that he is going to send out a flyer this week and will be followed up with more advertising.

Selectman King stated that during inclement weather, he thinks more people will be using the Parking Garage. He said that if you drive thru town at 6:30 A.M., there is 144 parking spaces next to the railroad station and most of those spaces are taken by 6:30 A.M. If we are only having coverage from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., he thinks we will miss some of those people that will use the parking garage in inclement weather. He asked if 7:00 A.M. was early enough to be there.

Mr. Chase stated that it's listed 7 to 7 but they intend to be there at 6:45. The hours are optional. If he finds that they have to be there at 6:00, they will be there.

Selectman King asked the Executive Administrator how many people were using the Garage.

Mr. Gadbois stated that 30 to 35 cars per day are using the Garage.

Selectman King stated that when parking meters are installed, it will increase the use of the facility.

Following the discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Chase for attending.

The Board noted receipt of the following items:

Correspondence from Attorney Andrew Rogers re: Fortune Teller's license for Barbara Miller at 209 Worcester Rd.

Correspondence from Attorney Peter Barbieri re: Dennison Manufacturing Company property at Bishop Street and Everit Avenue.

Fire Department Overtime week ending September 9, 1989.

Correspondence from Liann Chan, Golden Leaf Restaurant, 57 Hollis Street to remain open until 2:30 A.M. (Chief Larrabee's recommendation was to deny).

CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Selectman Ernst, seconded by Selectman DelPrete, Deborah Blumer was appointed Finance Committee Representative to Community Development Committee.

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LABORER'S CONTRACT:

The Board of Selectmen signed the contract for the Laborer's International Union, Local #1156, ⁽³⁾

FIREFIGHTERS CONTRACT:

The Board of Selectmen, on a motion by Selectman Philip Ernst and seconded by Selectman John DelPrete, voted to accept the negotiated contract between the Town and the Firefighters Union.

MEETING HELD ON JULY 17, 1989 RE: CONRAIL PROJECT:

All the members of the Board of Selectmen were present at a neighborhood meeting which took place in the private home of Mr. Angelo Tofani, 8 Brackett Road, Framingham, MA. on July 17, 1989. This was not a meeting of the Board of Selectmen. No notice of that meeting was posted.

Some general discussion took place on the proposal of Conrail in reference to expanding the facilities located in the Hollis Street area.

The Selectmen did express some of their thoughts on the matter and promised assistance to the people in the neighborhood. No votes were taken at the meeting.

In addition, some of the neighbors voiced their concern about the subject.

As a result of an investigation by the District Attorney's office for Middlesex County regarding the Open Meeting Law, the Board realizes that it should have posted the meeting or have only one selectman attend the meeting called by the residents of the neighborhood. The Board will make every effort to avoid these types of meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Executive Administrator stated that Parking Meters should be in within the next ten days.

Selectman King asked the Executive Administrator how the Management Study will be implemented.

The Executive Administrator stated that he would like to meet with the Board and go thru it and will prepare an implementation program.

Selectman King asked if all of the Labor Agreements were ready to go.

The Executive Administrator stated that all of them are except one. That is the Engineers.

Selectman Ernst asked about the School.

Mr. Gadbois stated that the School has been ratified. He said that all contracts should be ready by the end of the week to be signed.

Selectman King asked if tax bills were ready to go out.

Mr. Gadbois stated that the tax bills should be out by the first of the week, a week from today at the latest.

Selectman Ernst asked Mr. Gadbois to invite members of the Civil Defense team to come before the Board to inform the public as to what resources would be available during this Hurricane season.

Selectman King questioned Mr. Gadbois about the letter to Precinct Captains re: Street Lights. He asked if the Captains have responded. Mr. Gadbois stated that all of the responses were taken under advisement and those that responded with a request that certain lights not be turned off were honored. Those that responded back to the Administrator submitted a breakdown of locations.


Selectman King stated that if a street light is going to be put off in front of a particular house, he would hope that those people are notified in advance.

Mr. Gadbois did not think the individuals were told. He thinks the Precinct Captains met with Town Meeting members and discussed it. He also wanted to point out that the only street lights that were removed were where a light existed between two other street lights.

LIQUOR VIOLATION - VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - 74 PEARL STREET:

On a motion by Selectman John DelPrete, the Board voted to suspend the liquor license for two days, Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17, 1989.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



PHILIP B. ERNST, CLERK