

January 05, 1998

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on January 05, 1998 in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as being correctly recorded in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Financial Statements for the month of December were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

John Anthony, CPA for the town was present to review the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1997. He stated that the town was in a very solid and sound financial condition and that all the governmental procedures were correct for the monies coming into the town from various grants and loans and commended the board on its operations of the town.

The clerk reported that she had been contacted by Mr. Sid Harrell of the Water Quality Division of the State of North Carolina and had been told that \$768.00 was available in grant money along with \$23,342.00 in revolving loans as a result of the application for money to complete the well project. Harrell further stated that effective March 1, 98, federal money will be made available through his office and if we accepted this money then Middlesex will be first place on the list for the remainder of the request as a loan.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the \$768.00 in grants and \$23,342.00 in loan, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough.

Chief Brock stated that he had checked on the issue of age as pertaining to pool rooms and arcades, and that there were no statues involved unless a parent makes a request in writing to the operator of the business

Brock further stated that he had checked with several of the departments on how the money in the drug funds is disbursed and was told that Zebulon had adopted an ordinance relating to the use of drug funds, but left it mostly to the discretion of the Chief of Police as to what they used the funds for.

The clerk presented a contract from Peirson and Whitman with along with a request for an amendment to the contract. Peirson and Whitman requested that the original contract be amended from a ceiling of \$78,000.00 for design to \$122,000.00 for design in order to take care of the additional work the town has added to the Zebulon project.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to amend the contract as specified, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Attorney Liz Fairman in reference to pool room and arcades.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to hold a public hearing at the February Meeting to get the public input on the zoning and regular town ordinances on the pool room issues, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Hannah Brook was present to discuss the building that she and her husband are renting to locate their video business. She stated that approximately \$3,000.00 worth of material would have to be purchased to get the place useable for the type of business they had, and that they were doing the work themselves.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to give the Brooks credit on their rent, not to exceed \$2250.00 for materials if receipts were presented, Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The rent on the building is to begin in February.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills:

- (a) James Cardona from \$195.40 to \$110.90
- (b) Middlesex Enterprise from \$397.15 to \$219.70
- (c) Kimberly Ashford from \$161.60 to \$110.90

Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Harold Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BB*
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell *NP*
Isaac Lewis *IL*
Bascoe Lewis *BL*