

February 05, 1996

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on February 05, 1996 with Members Mayor Bobby Bisette, Commissioners Bascoe Lewis, Naomi Powell, Fred Hough and Jimmy Meacombs present, Commissioner Isaac Lewis was absent. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of January and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Powell, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock was present to give a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. He also presented copies of ordinances that surrounding towns use for permitting marches, parades and street closing, asking the board members to review it in order that we may adopt parts of it that may be relevant to our needs.

Chief Brock also brought to the boards attention the repairs that are badly needed in the police office, asking when he thought they might be done, since the money is already in the budget for the repairs.

Mayor Bisette informed the board that Rhonda Jordan of Rhonda's Flea Market was under the impression that she would not have to pay rent during the month of January because the town would be doing repairs on the floor, but the carpenters finished the work in less than two weeks.

Commissioner ^{Bascoe Lewis} moved to allow Rhonda's Flea Market to pay only one half the monthly charge, which amounts to \$75.00 for the month of January 1996, in order to take care of the two weeks that the work was being done, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Powell reported to the board that Stephanie Davis had resigned as librarian effective January 15, 96 and they were actively seeking someone to fill that position.

Commissioner Powell stated that at the present the Library received \$500.00 per year from the town and \$683.00 monthly from Nash County, and that the Library Board met the second Monday of each month.

Mayor Bissette recognized Coy Pearce, owner of the RockSide Grill, who was present to discuss the invoices that the clerk had forwarded to him for payment; one from Peirson & Whitman for the design in the amount of \$2,365.93 and \$800.00 in permit fees for a total of \$3165.93. Pearce stated that he did not feel that he should have to pay for the design that he was under the impression that he agreed to pay for the cost of the installation of the line only.

Commissioner Lewis moved to have the town pay one half (\$1582.97) plus the final inspection fee and for Pearce to pay \$1582.97 plus the tap on fee of \$125.00, plus all cost involved in the installation of the actual lines, Lewis's motion was second by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Pearce then asked if he would be responsible for the \$1,582.97 even if the permit was not issued to install the lines. Commissioner Meacombs moved to hold Pearce responsible for the \$1,582.97 whether the permit was issued or not, stating that the town would not have submitted for the permits and design to be done, if Pearce had not needed it done, Meacomb's motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk had received only one bid on the 1988 Crown Victoria used police vehicle and she opened it at this point in the meeting. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the bid of James Barnes in the amount of \$651.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette informed the board that he, the clerk and Commissioner Isaac Lewis had been to visit

the Local Government Commission on February 2, 1996, to begin the paper work for the bond application and also been to the State Office Loan/Grant Section where they were told that the town could borrow the \$1,200,000 at a low rate of 3.035% interest with a twenty year payback. Upon receiving information concerning the payback, it was determined that the town could not pay the annual payment that the state loan would impose on the town.

In order to begin the process of borrowing the money through the sale of bonds by RECD Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adopt the following resolutions,

- (1) Notice of Intention to Apply to the Local Government for Approval of Bonds
- (2) Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Middlesex, North Carolina Authorizing the Finance Officer to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of the Town's Proposed General Obligation Sewer Bond Financing and to submit such application to the Local Government Commission.
- (3) Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Middlesex, North Carolina Directing the Publication of Notice of Intention to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of Bonds.

Commissioner Lewis's motion to adopt the resolutions was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Dennis Brantley was present and he said that he had heard that this board was considering adopting a police to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons on town property and he encouraged them to please consider the fact that the Law now gives one that right and for them not to take it away.

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The clerk stated that another meeting would be necessary after the advertising of the Notice of Intent to Apply to the Local Government Commission was printed on the 8th of February and Commissioner Powell moved to recess until February 19, 1996 at 7:30 p.m..

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *MB*
Commissioners
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*
Naomi Powell *NP*
Fred Hough *FH*
Jimmy Meacombs *JM*

February 19, 1996

On February 19, 1996 the Middlesex Governing Body reconvened its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. with members Mayor Bobby Bissette, Commissioners Isaac Lewis, Fred Hough, Jimmy Meacombs and Bascoe Lewis, Commissioner Naomi Powell was absent.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adopt the following:

- (1) Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,200,000.00 Sewer Bonds
- (2) Resolution Authorizing the Bond Order and Directing Publication of Notice of Said Public Hearing.
- (3) Notice of Public Hearing
- (4) Resolution of the Town Council Making Certain Statements of Fact Concerning Proposed Bond Issue.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis's motion to adopt the foregoing items hereafter known as Attachments 803d1; 803d2; 803d3 and 803d4 was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk provided the board with information supplied by the Local Government Commission in reference to borrowing the money from the state as versus borrowing from RECD. The payback is for a twenty year period at \$81,706.57 per year with RECD's payback for forty years at \$56,250.00 for the first two years and \$69,252.12 for the remaining thirty eight years. The savings for the period of the project will be approximately \$1,109,949.00.

Commissioner Hough moved to request from RECD to be allowed to use their grant money and to borrow the balance needed from the State at a 2.7% interest rate for a period of twenty years, and to release the loan from RECD in the amount of \$1,025,000.00, Hough's motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette stated that he had talked with Charles Wood and he had agreed to serve on the Middlesex Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to appoint Wood to the board, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that Ron Worthington of NC231 had contacted him about red mud ruining his concrete drive because of the cuts done recently to install the water line along NC 231. Worthington had to have his drive professionally cleaned at a cost of \$100.00 and he felt the town should be held responsible. Commissioner Lewis moved to re-imburse Worthington for the cost, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk stated that Attorney Liz Fairman had requested that the town board consider changes in a contract she signed on behalf of her firm for legal fees on the Zebulon Sewer Line Project. The original contract was for \$3,000.00. The board instructed the

clerk to ask Fairman for more detailed information on the issue and present it to them at the next board meeting.

Mayor Bissette said he had been approached about a section of land that is showing on the town map for a street that has never been officially opened. The map shows that Wilson Street extends farther than it actually does and the property owner wanted the town to declare it officially closed in order that he may use that property. The clerk was instructed to get information on the proper procedures for declaring the street closed.

Being no further business, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjourn.

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