

February 08, 1999

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on February 08, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, and Basco Lewis. Commissioners Naomi Powell and Isaac Lewis were absent.

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

The clerk then presented the Financial Statements for the month of February and they were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock reported on the activities of the police department for the previous month, stating that the department had applied for a grant through the Governor's Crime Control for lap top computers for the cars to assist in more rapid information when making arrest.

Chief Brock informed the board that Officer Barnes had resigned from the force effective January 8, 1999 and recommended that Officer Cardona be moved to the position held by Barnes and his pay increased accordingly.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to increase Cardona's pay to be \$20, 0.00 per year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Utility Director was present and reported on the activities of the Public Works Department for the previous month. There was a discussion on a weed cutter for the tractor.

Commissioner Lewis stated that the office had received complaints of the ditch at the end of South Chestnut Street caving in and that he thought it should be tiled for another distance of approximately 150 feet.

Commissioner Lewis moved to tile the ditch, the motion died for a lack of a second. There was a discussion on whether to tile or put rip-rap in the ditch. The clerk was instructed to ask the town's engineer to look at the ditch and give an opinion on it the next time he is in town.

Commissioner Meacombs presented the board with information on the cost involved in purchasing a generator and equipping the town's lift stations and well to connect to the Portable generator.

Mayor Bissette stated that since two commissioners were absent would like to have this matter tabled until the next meeting.

Mike and Hannah Brooks were present to request a license to operate an Arcade with pool tables at 12489 West Hanes Avenue.

Commissioner Hough moved to grant the license to operate to the Brooks, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Fred Hough moved to enter into a contract with Upper Plains Coastal Governments for Patsy King to serve as the Review Officer for the town at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a request from Peirson and Whitman to raise the ceiling on the limit for inspections from \$122,000.00 to \$153,650.00 to take care of the additional sewer work being done.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to raise the ceiling to \$153,650.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented information on mobile service being offered by Alltel for as low as \$14.95 a month through a contract with the County of Nash that would hold the town responsible for the payment of the bills in case the user failed to pay the bill.

Commissioner Lewis moved to become a part of the program sponsored by Nash County, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to furnish a phone at the town Is expense to Richard Bucklin with the exception of the cost of any personal calls made con the unit, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The clerk informed the board that several people using the community building had complained of the fact that there were not enough tables for their needs. She stated that all of the new tables purchased about three years ago had been taken from the building during the summer of 1998.

Commissioner Hough moved to purchase six tables and to try to adopt a plan to keep more control of them, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to set a date of March 8, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the Flood Plain Insurance Ordinance, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of placing a stationary generator at the lift station being built on Buck Deans Road, however no action was taken on the issue.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners

Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Basco Lewis