

April 22, 1997

The Middlesex Governing Body met in special session to conduct a budget meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis, and Bascoe Lewis.

In discussing salaries, Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that we have the option of rewarding those employees who do good work without straight across the board raises. Commissioner Fred Hough stated that he would like to see a pay scale for all town employees implemented in the near future.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to give all police personnel with the exception of reserve officers a 6% raise. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to give all police personnel with the exception of reserve officers a 5% increase in pay. This motion was seconded by Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to give Sanford Wilson a 6% raise and both James Sutton and Herman Ellis a 3% raise. This was seconded by Isaac Lewis and carried three to one, with Commissioner Powell voting no.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to give Town Clerk Peggy Bisette a salary increase of 5%. This motion was seconded by Bascoe Lewis and carried three to one, with Commissioner Powell voting no.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to raise the Assistant Clerk Rhonda Narron's hourly rate to \$7.50 per hour. This was seconded by Bascoe Lewis and carried three to one, with Commissioner Powell voting no.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to increase the sanitation fee by \$0.75 and the recycle fee by \$0.25 effective July 1, 1997. This was seconded by Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The board went over each line item of the budget and a date will be set at the next regularly scheduled meeting for a public hearing on the 1997-98 budget.

Having no further business, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BRB*
Commissioners
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell *NPP*
Bascoe Lewis *BL*
Isaac Lewis *IL*