

April 22, 1998

The Middlesex Governing Body met in special called session on April 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bobby R. Bissette was absent due to sickness and Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Hough called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin work on the proposed 1998-99 budget. Clerk Bissette, who also serves as Budget Officer for the Town, had prepared copies of a proposed budget for all the members.

Mr. James Lee was present for interview for the position with the town under the Title V Program that is funded through Region L Council of Governments, however the issue was tabled until the next regular meeting in May in order for a more detailed background check on Mr. Lee.

The clerk stated that the Planning Board had met and would be submitting information on rezoning issues that would require a Public Hearing. Commissioner Meacombs moved to set a date of May 11, 1998, to hold the Public Hearing, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk stated that the first item of business was to set the salaries for all employees for the town. Mayor Pro-Tem Hough and Commissioner Bascoe Lewis had met with the Police Department earlier in the week and Hough had drawn up a scale that he wanted the board to review and comment on in order to develop a pay scale for this department.

After reviewing and discussing the pay scale that had been drawn up for the police department, Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that he felt that it would be wise to put all employees on a similar scale, since all salaries now in effect were close to those outlined on the scale before them.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to adopt the following pay scale for various employees, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

**SALARY RANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 01, 1998****CHIEF OF POLICE**

Starting Salary =	23,408
Step 1 =	24,345
Step 2 =	25,319
Step 3 =	26,331
Step 4 =	27,385
Step 5 =	28,480

**SERGEANT**

Starting Salary =	21,642
Step 1 =	22,508
Step 2 =	23,408
Step 3 =	24,344
Step 4 =	25,318
Step 5 =	26,331

**POLICE OFFICER I**

Starting Salary =	18,500
Step 1 =	19,240
Step 2 =	20,010
Step 3 =	20,810
Step 4 =	21,642
Step 5 =	22,508

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Starting Salary =	20,010
Step 1 =	20,810
Step 2 =	21,642
Step 3 =	22,508
Step 4 =	23,408
Step 5 =	24,345

**UTILITY DIRECTOR**

Starting Salary =	23,408
Step 1 =	24,345
Step 2 =	25,318
Step 3 =	26,331
Step 4 =	27,385
Step 5 =	28,480

**LABORER I**

Starting Salary =	18,500
Step 1 =	19,240
Step 2 =	20,010
Step 3 =	20,810
Step 4 =	21,642
Step 5 =	22,508

**TOWN CLERK**

Starting Salary =	23,408
Step 1 =	24,345
Step 2 =	25,318
Step 3 =	26,331
Step 4 =	27,385
Step 5 =	28,480

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to place employees as follows:

Chief Brock-----Level 3	Chief-----\$26,331.00
Patrick Ridgway----Level 1	Sgt.-----\$22,508.00
Richard Price-----Level 1	Officer 2-----\$20,809.00
James Cardona-----Level 1	Officer 1-----\$19,240.00
Rustin Barnes-----Level 2	Starting-----\$20,009.00
Sanford Wilson-----Level 3	U. Dir.-----\$26,331.00
James Sutton-----Level 1	Laborer I-----\$19,240.00

Harmine Ells-----Level 1 Laborer I-----\$19,240.00  
Peggy Bissette-----Level 3 Town Clerk----\$26,331.00  
Rhonda Narron at \$8.00 per hour

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

Budget Officer Bissette had included a police vehicle in the proposed budget as requested by Chief Brock. Bissette learned that it was too late to get a 1998 Police Vehicle under State Contract Bid, however VC Bailey Ford in Spartenburg, S.C. had nine unclaimed 1998 Police Vehicles and could sell one for \$19,978.00.

Commissioner Powell moved to take the vehicle out of the proposed budget and amend the 1997-98 budget and buy the car at this time, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously. The clerk will have the figures for the amendment at the May 4, 1998, meeting.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,  
Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Hough  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
Naomi Powell  
Isaac Lewis  
Bascoe Lewis

