

May 06, 1996

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on May 06, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby Bissette, Commissioners Bascoe Lewis, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis, Jimmy Meacombs and Fred Hough. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the Invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

Mayor Bissette extended a welcome to guest Faye and Jimmy Griffin, Barbara Bunn, Pauline Hinnant and Justine Hill.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as being correctly recorded by Commissioner Powell, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of April and Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized the Griffins and they were here to question the progress on correcting the problem of surface water in a ditch that runs behind their property.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that he had obtained the permission of Norfolk Southern Railway to open a ditch along on the right of way of the railroad but that the board could not reach a decision on what steps to take. Mayor Bissette pointed out that it would cost around \$20,000.00 to tile the ditch and that it was not in this years budget to do so.

Jimmy Griffin asked if anyone had considered just opening the ditch all the way down to the Edwards property, and just installing tile for drive ways from each property. Commissioner Lewis stated that it needs to be completely tiled in order that trucks unloading from the trains could turn around in getting in and out. Mayor Bissette stated that if was opened that the town was not legally responsible for providing rear drive ways

for property owners. The clerk was instructed to contact the Dept. of Transportation and to see if Powell Bill fund could be used.

Mayor Bissette then recognized Pauline Hinnant who wanted to know if the town could clean a filled ditch that was behind her house in order that surface water could flow and not back-up on the people living in that area. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis told Utility Director Sanford Wilson to look into the problem.

Chief Brock gave a report to the board on the activities of the police department for the previous month and also presented a letter of resignation from Tom Liles from the police force. He stated that Liles wanted to address the board on an issue of his holiday pay.

Liles stated that the clerk had told him she would not be able to pay him for five holidays he had worked because the town had a policy of not paying for holidays that had not been taken at the time of leaving, and showed him the policy that was outlined in the Employee Hand Book. Liles stated that until the clerk showed him the book he had never seen it before, and he had never been issued a copy of it at his hiring or he would have taken his holidays.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to pay Liles for the five days due to the fact that he was never given a handbook at the time of his hiring, Lewis' motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock then stated that Officer James Barnes had now completed his probationary period and he was recommending to the board that Barnes be hired full time with an increase in salary to \$17,144.00

Commissioner Hough moved to hire James Barnes as a full time permanent employee at salary of \$17,144.00, Houghs motion was seconded by Commissioner I. Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock informed the board that he had an applicant for consideration to replace Liles and was told that he would be interviewed at the end of the meeting.

Sanford Wilson, Utility Director presented a quote from Watson Electrical Co. to rewire the electrical controls on the larger of the wells in the amount of \$3134.00. Mayor Bisette stated that the controls were in bad shape and this work really needed to be done. Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the quote, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and was carried unanimous

Wilson then presented a quote from Bennie Lewis to build a 10'x 10.6' room for storage of his equipment within the garage for \$585.00. Mayor Bisette asked that Commissioner Hough make the decision after reviewing the area and comparing it with the jail area to see which would be more feasible.

Commissioner Powell presented the name of Larry Daniel as a replacement for John Barnes on the Library Board. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to appoint Daniels to replace Barnes on the Library Board, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

After reviewing a written request from Buddy Holland about a water leak, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust Hollands bill from \$60.20 to \$41.40., Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The clerk asked the board to give her directions on whether to require the residents of the Middlesex Manor and the Oakdale Apartments to recycle or not. At the present the complexes are using dumpsters and they are not recycling.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to require that all citizens of both complex's be included in the town's recycling program, and to have bins placed there as soon as possible and to put them on the billing system, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs asked if the industries in town that used large amounts of water for cooling air conditioning units could meter that water and not pay sewer charges on it after new rates go into effect in July. Mayor Bissette asked the clerk to check into the matter and see how other towns handled it.

The clerk introduced to the board a resolution necessary for the application of the State Loan of \$1,200,000.00 for the funding of sewer line to Zebulon.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adopt the following resolution, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Resolution By Governing Body
Town of Middlesex, North Carolina

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, and/or wastewater collection systems, and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex has need for and intends to construct a wastewater conveyance system project described as to convey wastewater to the Zebulon Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex intends to request state loan assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX:

That the Town of Middlesex will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State Loan award.

That the Town of Middlesex will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the Town of Middlesex agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Middlesex to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Middlesex any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the Town of Middlesex will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Bobby Bissette, Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Middlesex with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Bobby Bissette, Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State Agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

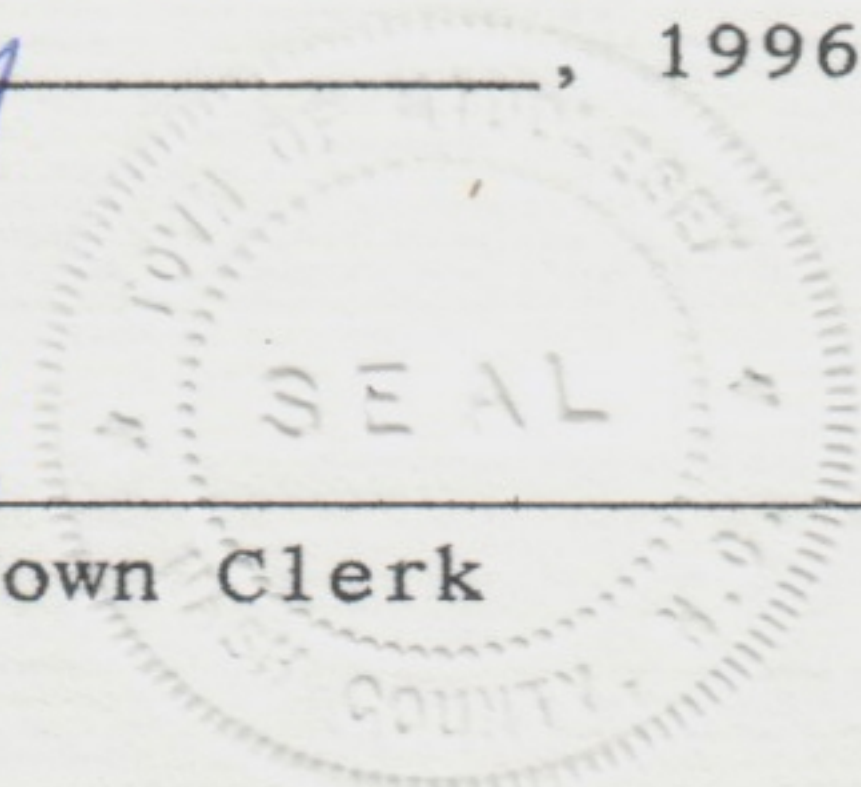
That the Town of Middlesex has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 6 day of May 1996.

Bobby R Bissette
Bobby Bissette, Mayor

The undersigned duly qualified and acting clerk of the Town of Middlesex does hereby certify: That the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town of Middlesex duly held on the day of May 06, 1996, 1996; and further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6 day of May, 1996.

Peggy Bissette
Peggy Bissette, Town Clerk



Commissioner Powell moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing Patrick Ridgeway for police work, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, and at this point Mayor Bisette thanked the guest for attending and asked that they be excused from the conference room.

Chief Brock introduced Patrick Ridgeway to the board as a candidate for employment for the Middlesex Police Department.

The Minutes of the Executive Session will be attached to this set of Minutes in a sealed envelope.

After completion of the interview, Commissioner Powell made a motion to go back into open session.

Commissioner Hough moved to hire Patrick Ridgeway on a probationary period at a salary of \$17,600.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The board set a date of May 23, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the proposed 1996-97 Budget.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved for adjournment at 10:00 p.m..

Peggy Bisette
Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby Bisette *BB*
Commissioners
Jimmy Meacombs *JM*
Fred Hough *FH*
Isaac Lewis *IL*
Naomi Powell *NP*
Bascoe Lewis *BL*