

July 01, 1996

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 1, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, and Commissioners Jimmy Meacombs, Fred Hough, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell, and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Meacombs.

Mayor Bisette recognized guest Nancy Baurer and daughter Niva Baurer. Niva asked the Board to please consider purchasing playground equipment for the park. She stated that all the children in the area like to play there and all the equipment was broken and there was not enough equipment for the children. Commissioner Powell stated that money had been put into the budget for playground equipment for this year and Mayor Bisette promised the child that the matter would be considered.

Mayor Bisette then recognized Devin Whitley, who stated that he as a member of the Boy Scouts and attendance at this meeting was required for earning a Citizenship badge that he was working toward.

Mayor Bisette than recognized Mr. Ken Warren, representing Fawn Industries. Mr. Warren stated that Fawn was seeking to be relived of the sewer charges for water that was used for the purpose of cooling machines and air conditioning, stating that approximately 40% of their water went into a tower and was never returned to the sewer system. Mr. Warren said that Fawn Industries would be willing to pay the expense of metering the water that went into the tower. The board agreed to take the issue under advisement and get back to Fawn at a later date.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as being recorded correctly in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock gave a report on the activities of the Police Department for the previous month.



Sanford Wilson, Utility Supervisor, requested a saw that could be used for cutting iron pipe and he had obtained a price of \$831.00 from Davis Meter for the saw. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that he may be able to obtain one cheaper than \$831.00

Commissioner Powell moved to purchase the saw at the best price available. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that he had received several complaints from citizens on North Chestnut Street concerning a house located on North Pine Street belonging to Terry Alford of Spring Hope. The complaints state that the Health Department should be asked to investigate the living conditions inside the house due to the abundance of junk and garbage there.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Alford had been contacted in the past and had promised that the yard would be cleaned, but the cleaning never took place.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to call the Nash County Health Department to investigate the situation at 9905 North Pine Street to see if it meets sanitary living conditions. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that complaints had also been made reference to the junk yards and asked why nothing had ever been done about them. The Clerk stated that letters had been written but no response had been received. Commissioner Lewis moved to put the matter into the hands of the Town Attorney and to allow them to proceed with the proper procedures to make the owners comply with the ordinance or move it. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough stated that the Clerk had obtained an approximate figure of \$1,857.00 for furniture for the Police Building. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to purchase the furniture which consists of one desk, two executive chairs, three small roll about chairs, and four side chairs. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.



Mayor Bissette stated that the ordinances of the Town really needed updating, especially the water and sewer ordinances. The Board agreed that it was needed and asked him and the Clerk to proceed with arranging for the updating.

FrontierVision requested that the Town reassign its franchise from Triax to FrontierVision. Mayor Bissette suggested to the Board that instead of reassigning, that he felt the Board should have our attorney look at the contract to see if Triax was not in violation of its franchise contract by the poor service it was providing here, further stating that we still had unburied cable on top of the ground in places.

Commission Isaac Lewis moved to send copies of the Town's original franchise ordinance to Fields and Cooper to see if Triax is in violation of the ordinance. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Maxine Ray as Assistant Clerk. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously. Commissioner Isaac Lewis asked the Clerk to send Mrs. Ray a letter of appreciation for the fourteen years she had served the Town and to order a plaque for presentation at the August meeting.

The board had applications on four prospective replacements for the position of Assistant Clerk. Commissioner Powell moved to enter into Executive Session for the reviewing of the applications and Mayor Bissette excused everyone from the meeting but the Council Members.

After reviewing the applications, the Board narrowed them down to two choices and called the Clerk back into the meeting.

Mayor Bissette stated that the board had agreed upon an hourly rate of \$7.00 per hour and that the applicant chosen would be placed on a ninety-day probation period and would be evaluated at that time for performance.



The first application voted on was that of Diana Daniel. Mayor Bissette asked for a show of hands of those wanting to vote to place Mrs. Daniel in the position. There was no show of hands.

Mayor Bissette then asked for a show of hands for those wanting to place Mrs. Rhonda Narron in the position. Commissioners Meacombs, Hough, Lewis, and Lewis raised their right hands. When asked for a show of hands for those not wanting to place Mrs. Narron in the position, there were none. Commissioner Powell refrained from voting on the issue. As a result, Mrs. Narron was placed in the position by a vote of four to zero.

The Board reviewed one bid from McCall Brothers on drilling a well in the amount of \$13,260.00. Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to reject the bid, stating that it was excessively high. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Having no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

*Peggy Bissette*  
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Town Clerk

cc: Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *Bobby R. Bissette*  
Commissioner Jimmy Meacombs  
Commissioner Fred Hough *FH*  
Commissioner Isaac Lewis *IL*  
Commissioner Naomi Powell *NRP*  
Commissioner Bascoe Lewis *WBL*