

July 07, 1997

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 07, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middlesex Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Bascoe Lewis, Isaac Lewis and Naomi Powell. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

Mayor Bisette recognized guest Alvin Brantley who was present to complain of the dust being created by the work being done by the construction company installing the new sewer pipe.

Shawn Whitley of Scout Troop # 524 was present to observe the council in session in order to earn a badge.

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

Chief Brock presented a report on the activities of the Police Department for the previous month, stating that ads were placed in the paper for the recruitment of officers.

Commissioner Powell reported to the board that all of the ordered equipment had been installed at the park, and the board asked the clerk to get regulatory signs printed for posting, after Chief Brock advised them of older teenagers being asked to stay off the equipment.

Commissioner Powell moved to appoint Mayor Bisette to serve as the town's representative to report to the North Carolina ABC Board, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.



At the June meeting, the Board tabled the issue of the repairs to the ditch on South Chestnut Street, and it was brought up for discussion.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to make the necessary repairs to the ditch in the least expensive method that will solve the problem permanently, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The matter of the banking services tabled in June was brought up for discussion, and after discussion Commissioner Hough moved to accept the bid of Heritage Bank for a three year period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried by a majority of three yes votes and one no vote from Commissioner Bascoe Lewis. The change is to be completed by September 01, 1997.

The board reviewed an amended contract between the towns of Zebulon and Middlesex for Zebulon to accept Middlesex's wastewater. Commissioner Issac Lewis moved to renew the original contract with the following amendments:

- First. The parties agree that the Purchaser shall be given an additional year in which to complete the construction of the system, hereby making the original contract null and void should the system being constructed by the Purchaser not be completed by July 1, 1998.
- Second. That the initial tap-on fee in the amount of \$506,194.00 will be paid by the Purchaser to Seller at the time of the signing of this contract modification.
- Third. Except as hereby modified or amended, the Contract shall continue in full force and effect and it is expressly understood and agreed that all of the terms, stipulations, and conditions of the Contract not expressly modified by this agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Commissioner Lewis motion to adopt the foregoing amendments was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.



The board reviewed the bill submitted by Attorney Liz Fairman of Fields and Cooper for the work done on the Zebulon Sewer Line Project. She originally signed a contract for the work in the amount of \$3,000.00. The bill is \$12,941.65.

Mayor Bissette stated that there would not have been any way for Ms. Fairman to know just how much work was going to be involved in obtaining easements and land acquisition and he felt the amount of the bill was excessive in dollar amounts but the actual hours recorded were not.

Commissioner Powell moved to void the contract and to pay the bill of \$12,941.65, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjust the water bill of McKinley Pully from \$84.55 to \$67.65 upon written request for an adjustment, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Powell moved to allow the clerks office to go on line with the internet, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept Work Change Orders Number 2 and 3 to allow additional work on the rehab of the sewer lines, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

*Peggy Bissette*  
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BAB*  
Commissioners  
Fred Hough *FH*  
Naomi Powell *NP*  
Isaac Lewis *IL*  
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*