

August 3, 1998

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby Bissette and Commissioners Bascoe Lewis, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell, Fred Hough, and Harold Meacombs.

Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

Mayor Bissette recognized guests Ms. Edna Mount, Mr. Alvin Brantley, and Mr. Bobby Stanley.

Ms. Mount had a flyer addressed to "concerned citizens of Middlesex" that she wanted to know if the Board knew anything about. Mayor Bissette stated that he had not seen the flyer and knew nothing about it. Ms. Mount presented Mayor Bissette with the flyer which listed the following as community problems/concerns:

1. Taxes being paid for beautification of the community the Mayor lives in and other communities of this town are being neglected.
2. Nepotism in city hall/township (mother working with daughter).
3. Utilities are considerably too costly.
4. Independent audit needs to be conducted in a timely manner and intervals.
5. IRS audit needs to be conducted on various businesses.

Mayor Bissette addressed each of these items as follows:

1. The curb and gutter project on NC 231 in the area where the Mayor lives is a North Carolina Department of Transportation project and not being funded by the Town. It is the second phase of a curb and gutter project that DOT began several years ago with a project on US 264.

2. Nepotism in the Town Hall has never been an issue here.
3. The cost of utilities are directly based on what it costs the Town to provide these services to residents.
4. An independent audit is conducted annually as required by law and the results are sent to the appropriate state agency.
5. The Town of Middlesex has absolutely nothing to do with who the IRS chooses to audit.

Mayor Bissette asked Ms. Mount if his answers adequately addressed these concerns for her and she stated that they did.

Mr. Brantley had several questions concerning the lift stations and sewer lines going to Zebulon. Mayor Bissette explained the final inspection process and the agreement we have with two (2) Town of Zebulon employees that are helping us look after our lift stations.

Mr. Stanley was here regarding the Southwinds Subdivision project. However, this issue must go back before the Planning Board before the Town Board hears it.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented in a motion made by Commissioner Fred Hough, seconded by Bascoe Lewis, and carried unanimously.

The financial statements for the month of June were accepted as presented in a motion made by Commissioner Naomi Powell, seconded by Bascoe Lewis, and carried unanimously. Financial statements for the month of July were unavailable due to the absence of the Town Clerk but will be presented at the next meeting.

Chief Brock presented the Police Report for the month of July. He also presented a sample ordinance concerning the closing of streets for parades and other public events for review.

Mayor Bissette stated that the new Utilities Supervisor, Richard Bucklin, is doing an excellent job thus far. He is learning and catching on quickly. Mr. Bucklin will be present for the next meeting.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis reported that work on the new street is going well and it will be paved soon. Approval has been received from the State to put in tile for a state maintained road.

Commissioner Fred Hough reported that the Police Department building has been resurfaced and that the facing on the rear of the building has been bricked.

Commissioner Fred Hough moved to adjust the June bill for Harvey Wann from \$102.45 to \$77.10. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Naomi Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Rhonda Narron. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred Hough and carried unanimously.

Concerning the recommendation by the Planning Board to approve the annexation request of Mr. Bill Jones, a Public Hearing was scheduled to be held on Monday, September 14, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

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

Rhonda Narron
Asst. Clerk

Mayor Bobby Bisette *BAB*
Commissioners
Fred Hough *FH*
Bascoe Lewis *WB*
Isaac Lewis *IL*
Harold Meacombs *HM*
Naomi Powell *MRP*