August 04, 1997

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on August 04, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

The Minutes of the previous month were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously. The clerk presented the Financial Statement for the month of July and Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized guest Dorthy Daniel, who was present to make sure that the board would continue renting her the building that she operates Dorthy's Co-signment's from. Commissioner Powell moved to continue the lease for a period of one year at the present rent of \$150.00 per month, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette then recognized Larry Daniel who informed the board that the tennis net at the park had been burned by someone and wanted to know if the town planned to replace it.

Mayor Bissette recognized Edna Mount, who stated that she was still complaining about the cable service in town.

Chief Brock gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month and submitted a letter of resignation from Officer Chris Batchelor, who is resigning after only two months on the force in order to take a job with the Nashville Police Department. Brock went on to say that in order to keep men on the force in Middlesex, there would have to be salary increases to stay in line with surrounding departments.

Mayor Bissette asked the Police Commission to look at the possibility of creating a pay scale and present it to the entire board.

The board discussed the plans to put the newly dug well on line and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to have the town engineering firm to put the project out for bids for a turnkey job, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Naomi Powell moved to replace the burned net at the tennis court, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to second her motion and it was carried unanimously. The board agreed to have the police to lock the courts around 9:p.m each evening and to have it unlocked around 7:00 a.m. each morning.

The board read a letter received from Nina Bauer thanking them for the playground equipment. Mayor Bissette asked that the letter be made part of the minutes.

Mayor Bissette stated that Utility Director, Sanford Wilson had informed him that the water dispenser behind the police department had quit working and he could not find parts for it because of the age of the dispenser. Bissette stated that he thought Wilson had given him a price of \$750.00.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to purchase the new dispenser not to exceed \$1000.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette informed the board that the Zebulon Sewer Line Project is running about three months ahead of schedule and Middlesex would probably be sending its wastewater to Zebulon by the end of the year.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette Commissioners Fred Hough Naomi Powell Isaac Lewis Bascoe Lewis