

September 9, 1996

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Jimmy Meacombs, Fred Hough, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell, and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and carried unanimously. The Clerk then presented the financial statements for the month of August and they were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Hough, and carried unanimously.

Larry and Dorothy Daniel were present to request to rent the building formerly occupied by Mann's Antiques on Nash Street. They stated that she wanted to move her consignment business from the present location of Hanes Avenue to Nash Street for better visibility to the public, and also to have more space.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to rent the Daniels the building for a rental fee of \$150.00 with a required lease of one (1) year. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock was present with the monthly police report. He also requested that the Board consider buying a copier for the Police Office. He stated that Ronald Worthington had a used copier that he had offered to sell the town for \$1,200.00 plus the trade in of the old copier, and he offered a one year warranty contract on it. Commissioner Powell moved to purchase the copier from Mr. Worthington. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Utility Supervisor, Sanford Wilson, presented copies of the ordinance pertaining to bulk collection of refuse and stated that the town did not have sufficient manpower or equipment to clear the town of all the trees downed by Hurricane Fran and that the town citizens would have to be responsible for clearing their own trees and disposing of the stumps. He was told to make a poster to that effect and to post it in all the business windows in town.

Mayor Bissette stated that he had located a generator that will provide electric current to both wells at the park in case of power failure in the future. It is a 15KW, three phase, with 60 hours of running time on it. The cost of the generator will be approximately \$3500.00. Commissioner Powell moved to have Mayor Bissette look further into the matter and if it seems to be in good condition, to purchase it. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Sanford Wilson, Utilities Supervisor, stated that the NC231 sewer project was not constructed properly and that the construction company had left the area. Mayor Bissette stated that Mr. Braswell had been to his house and left word with his wife that he was going to come back into town and completely re-do that project if necessary to get it right. Braswell contracted to do the job, but later he sub-contracted it to another contractor.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis asked the Clerk if Terry Alford had ever contacted her about his rental house on Pine Street that the Board had previously discussed having the Nash County Health Department to investigate. The Clerk informed him that she had received a letter asking that the town give him until August 15, 1996, before contacting the Health Department and that he had written the tenants and instructed them to clean the house inside and the yard also, and that he would do an inspection somewhere around the 15th and get back in touch with her. At this point, she stated that she had not heard any more from him. Commissioner Isaac Lewis instructed the Clerk to call the Health Department and ask them to begin inspection.

Commissioner Powell stated that she felt it would be a good idea to upgrade the playground equipment at the park in a three year plan. She presented copies of playground equipment for the toddlers - kindergarten age for this year's budget and asked the Board if they would like for the representative of the company to come to a meeting to design the park for them. She told the Board that a representative would come without a charge. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the company and see if it could be arranged.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to contact McCall Well Company and ask them to schedule digging a well for the town on the Edwards property. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to appoint Harold Meacombs to serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Bobby Pope requesting to be annexed into town because of having to pay double water and sewer rates; however, it was determined that Mr. Pope does not own the property and the Clerk was asked to do research on the issue before the next town meeting.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the N.C. Department of Transportation giving complete permission to take down the two trees on NC231 in the right of way near the Powell property.

Being no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex has acquired bids to drill a well for the town and bids have been offered to the town by McCall Brothers and N.W. Poole Co. to dig the well and,

WHEREAS, McCall Brothers is the lowest bid of the two, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town shall enter into a contract with McCall Brothers for the purpose of drilling a well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds to drill this well shall be paid from the Water Reserve Fund in the amount of \$9554.00.

Bobby K. Bissett
Mayor

Attest:

Peggy Bissett
Clerk 09-09-1996

After discussion, the foregoing was adopted.

The following commissioners voted in the affirmative:

Jimmy Meacomb
Naomi Powell
Baswe Lewis

Fred Hauge
Isaac Lewis

There were no negative votes.