

September 13, 1999

On Monday Night, September 13, 1999 the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Naomi Powell and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioners Harold Meacombs and Isaac Lewis were absent. Commissioner Powell gave the invocation.

Mayor Bissette welcomed guests James Cardona, Alvin Brantley and Coy Pearce. Cardona was present to discuss a water bill that he had received with a 14,000 gallons usage. He said his regular usage was around 7,000 and he had checked his property for leaks and could not find any leaks anywhere. He stated that he thought the meter readers had not been reading the meter correctly in past months and it caught up with them on this reading. He said that he had spoken to one of the readers and they assured him that they would compensate for the high reading this month.

Mayor Bissette assured Cardona that he would talk with the Utility Supervisor about this situation and try to see that it did not happen again.

Alvin Brantley stated that his wife asked him to come to the meeting to state that they did not use the 5,000 gallons they were billed for, and he also complained of the traffic in town. He said that he felt they should be slowed down and asked if a stop light could be installed at the intersection of Hanes and Nash.

Coy Pearce was present to request that he be allowed to install a pool table in Doc's Bait and Tackle Shop on West Finch Avenue. He has "Off Premises Beer License".

Commissioner Hough moved to allow Pearce to install a pool table in his existing business, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of August and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock gave a written report to the Board on the activities of the police department for the previous month. Commissioner Hough asked Brock if there were any certified radar operators with the department. Brock said that the only certified operator was a reserve officer he used.

Mayor Bisette stated to Brock that the board had requested mileage on the three police cars and that was not being presented to them. Brock replied that the odometer was broken on the Mustang.

Commissioner Hough stated that when they board decided to keep the third car on a trial basis, it was stated that Brock was supposed to present odometer readings and expenses on each of the three cars in his monthly report. Commissioner Hough asked the clerk to search the Minutes and have that available at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hough questioned the fact that the wall at the cemetery was pressure washed in early August and was still unpainted. Mayor Bisette said that he had talked with the Utility Supervisor, Bucklin about the issue and he had assured him it would be painted in the very near future.

The board reviewed a letter from Commissioner Meacombs in regards to the issue of putting a generator at the new well site. The board did not take any action on the issue at this time.

Mayor Bisette asked the board to table the three issues (1) Tank Maintenance Program, (2) Tank Antenna Program and (3) Phone Dialers for the Lift Stations.

The clerk was directed to try and have Bill Durham at the next meeting to discuss the phone dialers, and to see if another company would give prices on the Tank Maintenance.

Mayor Bisette informed the board that we had received word from Cullington that the company they ordered the filters for the new well had filed bankruptcy and would not be

supplying the filters and to it would be at least the end of December before new bids could be obtained and filters ordered. He further stated that he, Bucklin and Clerk Bissette had met with David Flowers of WaterGuard and discussed the possibility of sequestering the chemicals with Phosphate and he had worked out a formula and Mike Acquesta had submitted a letter to the State requesting permission to sequester until filters could be rebid and obtained.

Mayor Bissette presented the board with a quote of \$6623.00 to put a top on the pump house at the new well. Commissioner Hough stated that he felt it was too high and said he would like to see another quote.

The clerk asked that tax receipt #132 in the amount of \$122.14 be removed from the 1999 tax scroll as it is out of town and erroneously put inside. Commissioner Powell moved to remove the \$122.14 from the 1999 scroll, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed quotes from Peele's Cleaning Service to strip and wax the floors in the Community Building for \$375.00 and the Police Building for \$275.00. Mayor Bissette asked Commissioner Hough to look at the floors in those buildings and to make the decision if he thought they needed it. Everyone felt the prices were reasonable.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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