

November 08,1999

On Monday, November 08, 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 Harold Meacombs, 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.

Mayor Bissette recognized Marsha Boykin, representative of Middlesex Insurance Agency. Ms. Boykin complained of a water bill and she stated that she thought the meter might be malfunctioning. She presented data of the readings for the past year and had been checking the readings daily for the past week. The readings showed that some months the meter would not register any water usage at all and then one night it moved over three (3) thousand gallons. It moved over twenty (20) thousand gallons this past month.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that he checked the meter and the dial was standing still when he saw it and that he had tried unsuccessfully to get the toilet to hang while he was there. Lewis moved to adjust the bill back to a 3,000 gallon reading this month and to install a new meter at that business, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough, and carried with a four to one vote, with Commissioner Powell voting no. She stated that she felt the meter should be checked by town officials before the adjustment was made.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Financial Statement for October was accepted in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Bucklin, Utility Director was present for the meeting and gave a report of the activities of his department for the previous month.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis asked Bucklin to make sure that each water meter was read each month, adding that he had been contacted by some users and they said that their meter was not being read each month.

Chief Brock was present with a report on the his department for the previous month and stated that the mobile data project was complete and in use in the vehicles.

The clerk had one estimate on the sealing and repairing of the wall of Dorothy's Consignment Shop from "All American Roof" to apply one inch of polyfoam on the wall in the amount of \$3266.00. Commissioner Hough, who is in charge of buildings stated that he felt this was too expensive and wanted to get one more estimate.

The clerk had two quotes for repairing the roofs on the three town owned buildings on S. Nash Street, with one being \$8,737.00 to recoat the existing top, and one quote from High's Roofing to remove existing top and replace with felt and hot asphalt, for \$16,000.00. The board tabled the issue until Mayor Bissette and Commissioner Hough could check the tops of the buildings.

The clerk had a quote from Kenco Siding and Windows to put vinyl on the trim on the front of the town hall and two adjoining buildings, for \$3842.00, however Commissioner Hough thought that quote was too high and after discussion the board agreed to paint rather than vinyl.

Commissioner Hough moved to allow the clerk to accept the price of \$1500.00 to paint the three building fronts, with the paint color of her choice, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously. The clerk was instructed to find out if the painter did pressure washing and if not to have the pressure washing done by Rodney Hough before the painting.

The board reviewed a letter from Adelphia stating that it had bought the cable company that serves this area from Frontiervision. The clerk pointed out that neither company had requested a transfer of the franchise given to Frontiervision. The board asked her to look into the matter.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to enter into a contract with for a tank antenna maintenance program with Utility Service, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to enter into contract with Ivey's Securities for a phone dialer system for all lift stations in the amount of \$8161.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously,

The board reviewed materials from The Rural Center in reference to the \$75,000.00 grant made to the town for its well project.. New information needs to be submitted before the project can be put under contract and funds will be granted on a dollar basis of only one dollar to every four spent.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to have Clerk Bissette to present all necessary information and to accept the conditions of the Rural Center, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette stated that Middlesex had a need to update its water and sewer maps and that he had discussed this with Mike Acquesta of Peirson and Whitman and he stated that his company could take all the old maps and incorporate them into one showing all the water and sewer lines for a fee of \$5000.00.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to allow Peirson & Whitman to upgrade the maps for the \$5000.00 fee, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills as per written request:

1. Warren Lewis III from \$133.45 to \$86.45
2. James Aker from \$152.25 to \$105.25
3. Rogelio Campos \$218.05 to \$133.45
4. John Schieppers from \$216.60 to \$150.80

Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to appoint Mayor Bobby R. Bissette as the town's Personnel Director, in order to establish a delegated person to see that town policies are being enforced and to report to the entire board on issue's concerning employee related matters, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette asked the board to go into closed session to get input for a matter the town attorney had asked him to obtain.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to enter into closed session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

After discussion on the issue of the matter, Mayor Bissette informed the board that he and the clerk would take the information to a meeting to be held with the Attorney Fairman on December 9, 1999.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to go back into open session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board discussed the dinner that was scheduled and postponed because of Hurricane Floyd. The issue was tabled until the January meeting.

Being no further business, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjourn the regular meeting and give Mayor Bissette the opportunity to talk to all the employees about time cards and overtime.

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk

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