

November 09, 1998

On Monday Night, November 09, 1998 the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

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

The Financial Statements were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette recognized John Anthony, CPA who was present to review the 1997-98 audit with the board. Mr. Anthony stated that the town was in very sound financial shape, better than most small towns the size of Middlesex. He further stated that the General Fund Revenues had well over one year's revenues in reserve and that was above what the Local Government Commission recommended, and the Water and Sewer Fund was also in very sound shape, and prepared for its debt repayment. The tax collection rate for this year is 98.52%, Anthony highly praised the board for the financial condition of the town.

Mayor Bisette recognized guests Joyce Kale, Minnie Kale, Gloria Thomas, Dorthy Kent and Tina Scarbor who were present to complain about the drug problem in their neighborhood, stating that at times they could not get into their drives for so many males gathering along the road side and hanging out in their area. Joyce Kale stated that she had called the police office and requested they patrol the area more often but had not gotten any cooperation from them.

Chief Brock was present and stated that he was working on an ordinance that would help him in getting the problem solved, and the board instructed him to have the police department to patrol the area in question more that usual.

Coy Pearce was present to discuss a permit for him to operate a business in the building vacated by the ABC Board on West Hanes Avenue. The clerk stated that she had told Pearce to get a written letter to her stating the type of business he wanted to license and she would start the process of the license.

Larry Daniel was present to ask the board to reconsider their decision not to sell him Lot 15 Blk 19. Mayor Bisette stated that he asked Henry Manning if he would be willing to exchange a lot that he owns for the lot in question and he is supposed to get back with Mayor Bisette and let him know. If this is done, it will provide an extra lot to expand the existing storage area for the town equipment. Commissioner Hough stated that he felt that the town should keep the lot. The entire board was in agreement to Mr. Daniel using the lot for access to his building whenever needed.

Utility Director, Richard Bucklin was present and stated that the he would probably need a larger piece of equipment than the town owns to clear land to locate sewer manholes that have a lot of overgrowth over them.

Chief Brock was present to discuss the activities of the police department for the previous month.

Commissioner Powell stated that a new librarian had been hired and the library hours will be from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Commissioner Hough stated that he could identify the musty odor in the town hall and would look into having an attic fan installed to ventilate the building.

The board reviewed a contract from Waste Industries increasing the cost of recycling from \$.95 to \$1.25, and instructed the clerk to call the company and try to negotiate a lower price or look for other options.

Commissioner Powell moved to adjust the water bill of Jimmy Radford from \$110.90 to \$77.10, per written request, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from the State of North Carolina approving a loan in the amount of \$24,000.00 to complete the well project and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adopt the following resolution to accept the loan.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987, Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex has need for and intends to construct a water supply systems project described as a new water supply well and treatment facilities, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex intends to request loan assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX:

That the Town of Middlesex will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project if approved for a State Loan award.

That the Town of Middlesex will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Middlesex agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Middlesex to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Middlesex any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the Town of Middlesex in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the Town of Middlesex will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor and successors so titled is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Middlesex with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Town of Middlesex has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 9 day of November, 1998
at Middlesex, North Carolina.

Bobby R. Bisette
Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Middlesex does hereby certify: That the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town of Middlesex Board of Commissioners duly held on the 9th day of November 1998; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office, IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set hereunto my hand this 10th day of November 1998.

(seal)

Peggy Bisette

The clerk informed the board that there were four homes being occupied in town with no water or sewer, that services had been suspended because of non payment.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to have the clerk send the names and address of those people to the town attorney to begin condemnation process through our Minimum Housing Code, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The clerk then stated that there was one customer on RockSide Road that refused to pay the water and sewer charge because he was on private well and septic tank, all others began paying the service charges once the town lines were in place.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to send that persons name to the town attorney for legal action for collection, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Aeroquip objecting to a late penalty on their water bill in the amount of \$793.10. They stated that the bill for September was \$7931.10 and after receiving the bill a call was placed to the town hall in reference to it and they began to look for a leak, only to find it was a malfunction of a machine they were using. The bill did not reach the town hall until the ^{18th} day of the month, but due to circumstances, they felt they should not be charged a penalty.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to relieve Aeroquip of the \$793.10 penalty, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board also reviewed a proposal in the amount of \$15,000.00 from EnvironLink of Bailey to drain and clean the lagoons at the sewer plant. The board decided to wait until the spring to clean the lagoons and no action was taken on his proposal.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BHB*
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell *NP*
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*