

January 08, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on January 08, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Harold Meacombs, Commissioners Fred Hough, Larry Daniel and Luke Robinson. Mayor Pro-tem Meacombs called the meeting to order with the invocation.

Commissioner Daniel moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously,

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Financial Statements for the previous month as being correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Vennie Brock was present and asked the board if any of them were familiar with the employee hand book for the town, stating that they used the policy set forth in the hand book to fire him and had now violated one of its own policies by making an officer a Sergeant with less than one year of law enforcement experience. The hand book states that an officer must have at least two years of experience before becoming a Sergeant.

Chief Ridgway presented the resignation of James Neal from the Middlesex Police Department and asked the board to move Jarrett Umstead from part-time to full time employment.

Ridgway had a proposal of \$1800.00 from Computer Sorcery to update the software for the records keeping of the department. He stated that the old programing was out dated and not acceptable and the format was not accepted by State Departments any longer.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the resignation of James Neal, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to move Jarrett Umstead from part-time status to full time as a police officer at a salary of \$23,000.00 on a six months probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

The board asked Chief Ridgway to get a trial sample of the software package before the actual purchase.

Commissioner Hough stated that a pine tree in the park was in need of being taken down before it fell on the park restrooms. He further stated that he had contacted someone to take it down as soon as possible.

Commissioner Robinson moved to adjust the water bill of David Pope from \$180.45 to \$117.40, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to go into closed session for the six months evaluation of employee Jeffery Waddell, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed an evaluation prepared by Clerk Bissette in lieu of a supervisor for the maintenance department, and discussed the job with Jeff.

Once the review was over, Mayor Pro-Tem Meacombs declared the meeting back into open session.

Commissioner Hough made a motion to remove Jeff Waddell from the probationary period and to make him a permanent full time employee of the Town of Middlesex at a salary of \$9.50 per hour, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem Harold Meacombs
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel