

February 9, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on February 9, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioner Basco Lewis, Larry Daniel, Luke Robinson, and Fred Hough. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2004 meeting as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the January Financial Statements as correct. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Per Utility Director Jeff Waddell's request, Commissioner Robinson moved to add a sewer line in the town's right of way on Hanes Avenue to Poplar Street as part the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. This will provide sewer to one home and one church. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Police Chief Charles Ferrell reported that the applicant for the part time police officer's position was involved in an accident and would be unavailable for 6-8 weeks. Chief Ferrell requested that the Board promote Officer Judy Hill to Sergeant at a salary of \$28,000 per year. After some discussion, Commissioner Daniel moved to appoint Officer Hill to Sergeant at a salary of \$27,640. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented changes to simplify the Animal Ordinance adopted at the December 8, 2003 meeting. Commissioner Daniel moved to rescind the ordinance adopted December 8, 2003 and adopt the proposed Animal Ordinance. Commissioner Robinson seconded and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to deny a request to from Darlene Mullins to rent the building next door to the town hall for a sports bar and grill with on-premises beer. Commissioner Lewis seconded and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Stan Overman's letter of resignation from the Planning Board. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Brenda Liles to the Planning Board. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

At the Clerk's request, Commissioner Hough moved to upgrade the computer system in the town hall at an estimated cost of \$1900, which was included in the fiscal year budget. Commissioner Robinson seconded and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept Officer Jason Newsome's resignation. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to advertise for tax liens on real property once the 30-day advertising notifications have expired. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette requested that anyone interested in attending a meeting in Nashville regarding the Adelphia Cable Franchise Ordinance on February 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to contact the Clerk by Friday.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Basco Lewis