

February 12, 2001

On February 12, 2001 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. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as being recorded correctly, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the Financial Statements for the month of January 2001 as being correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway gave a report to the board on the activities of the police department for the previous meeting. He also gave an update on the Governor's Highway Safety Project, stating that he felt there would be some funds available for additional purchases for the department. He further stated that Officer Jason Newsome had completed his probationary period and requested a closed session for the board to review his evaluation.

Chief Ridgway also discussed the parking ordinance with the board and they instructed him to order parking violation tickets, he further stated that he was working on a Standard Operating Procedure Policy and wanted the police commission to take a look at it and then send it to the town attorney for an opinion on its legality, before presenting it to the entire board for adoption.

After discussion, Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase the following software from Logics, Inc.:

a) General Ledger-----	\$2,000.00
b) Accounts Payable-----	1,750.00
c) Payroll-----	2,000.00
d) Water Utilities-----	2,500.00
e) Central Cash Collections-----	1,750.00
f) Property tax billing-----	2,750.00
g) Epson Receipt Printer-----	395.00

plus the license's requirements for the above, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing a proposal from Tom Lucas, Zebulon Wastewater Department, Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Lucas and his assistance to inspect the sewer manholes in Middlesex and to make any necessary repairs, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing written request, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjust the water bills for the following customers as follows:

- a) Johnnie Strickland----from \$95.85 to \$67.65
- b) Alene Applegate -----from \$95.85 to \$67.65
- c) Betsy Boykin-----from \$189.85 to \$113.55

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

The board reviewed information from the clerk concerning a water usage in the amount of 70,000 gallons to a building belonging to Tim Stallings. The building had been rented by A-1 Body Shop, who had service discontinued on 9-20-00. The meter had a reading on it during the month of January. After contacting Tim Stallings, the clerk was told that his brother was renting the building. The clerk stated that she contacted Jeff Stallings who told her that he had not turned the water back on, and did not feel like he should be responsible for payment of the usage.

Commissioner Meacombs stated that he would talk to Stallings and a decision could be made at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lewis moved to enter into closed session for the evaluation report on Newsome, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

After the presentation of the evaluation by Chief Ridgway, Commissioner Lewis moved to go back into open session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to hire Jason Newsome on a permanent basis and to increase his pay by 5%, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Bascoe Lewis