

March 13,2000

On Monday Night, March 13, 2000 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. Bisette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis. There were approximately 15 guest present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion by Commissioner Isaac Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously. The clerk then gave the Financial Statements and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Ray Cameron was present to discuss his water bill, he said he had been averaging about 5,000 gallons per month and this month his bill was 14,000 gallons and he was concerned about the increase.

Jeffery Hunter and Landlord Vennie Brock were present, Hunter has lived in town for several months and had bills with a usage from six to eight thousand gallons per month and this month he had a usage of 90,000 gallons of water. Brock stated that he and the town's public works director had been reading the meter on a daily basis since March 6, and from March 6-13, Hunter had only used 480 gallons of water. He further stated that he had searched the grounds, inside the mobile home and the toilet and could not find any evidence of any leak.

Mayor Bisette stated that the town had done all it could do, if the meter had been checked and the readings were correct, he felt the water went through the meter, the user was responsible, but if a leak was found the bill would be adjusted. Bisette asked Bucklin to try to test the meter at the residence of Hunter and Cameron, and to let both homeowners be aware of when the testing would be done.

Utilities Director, Bucklin was present to report to the board on the activities of his department for the previous month. He said the state had given permission to sequester the iron and manganese in the water at the new well and now the piping could be completed and should be on line within two-three weeks.

Acting Chief Ridgway was present to report on the police department activities for the previous month. He stated that the copier in his office was in need of repair and asked that they consider purchasing a new one. He also stated that the department had no way to transport stray dogs and he had talked with Bucklin and he had agreed that his department would be willing to pick up and transport dogs if they had the proper cage, and asked the board to consider purchasing a cage.

Ridgway then stated that he had been asked if he thought Vennie Brock could change his ways and he had said no, however Brock had apologized to him for the things said for the first time in 23 years. Ridgway said that Brock's apology was the reason that he did not submit an application for the job as Chief of Police and that he would like the board to consider re-instating Brock as the Chief of Police.

Beth Cardona asked the board if they were going to consider Ridgway's recommendation to re-instate Brock? Mayor Bisette asked if anyone wanted to make any motion on the subject and did not get any motion.

Brock stated that he wanted the board to know that he did not apologize to Ridgway, that he made the statement that he hated the whole thing happened but he did not admit any wrong doing in any apology.

Commissioner Hough stated that the park was in need of attention and that he had asked four people to give him a quote on repairing the shelters and benches. He said that two had given him oral quotes, and two had provided written quotes and the four ranged from \$1793.00 to \$2600.00. Hough then moved to accept the bid from Rodney Hough in the amount of \$1793.00 to repair the shelters at the park, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk requested that a file cabinet be purchased for the office and Commissioner Hough moved to purchase a file cabinet not to exceed \$300.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board instructed the clerk to get costs of a new copier for them to view at the next meeting.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to sign the contract with Utility Services to paint the outside of the water tower in 2000 for \$19,735.00 and the inside of the tower for \$23,395.00 in the year 2002, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Carlton Lewis and Danny Alford, Treasurer were present and they requested that the fire department be allowed to withdraw its request to have the town to adopt a resolution to have the town be considered in Nash County Fire Tax District. After further investigation, it was learned

that the town would not have any control over the tax set by the county. Lewis then asked the town to consider the fact that the town was growing at a very fast pace and each time the town annexed property it took away fire tax money that the county appropriated and he asked the town to appropriate an amount of money each year to the fire department that would be equal to an amount of five (5) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of all real estate taxes collected.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis made a motion that the town give the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department an amount of money equal to 5 cents per \$100.00 valuation of taxes collected by the tax collector for Middlesex, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mike Ridgway was present and stated that Harry Burell wanted to develop forty five acres of land that lies just out of Middlesex's ETJ and wanted Middlesex to consider doing a satellite annexation in order that they might get water and sewer services. He said that they felt the best and highest use of the land would be single family homes that would be three bedroom homes with an average of 1100 to 1350 square feet.

Mayor Bissette told Ridgway that the town would get their engineer to determine what impact that kind of development might have on the town's utilities and have the information for him at the next meeting.

The clerk stated that Environ would allow Sanford Wilson to help located the water and sewer lines for the new maps being done by Peirson and Whitman at a cost of \$60.00 per hour.

Commissioner Hough moved to use Wilson at \$60.00 per hour for one day, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills:

- a) Laura Bissette from \$133.45 to \$86.45
- b) Linton Atkins from \$124.05 to \$86.45
- c) Margaret Rolinson from \$2256.00 to \$1137.40
- d) Lumus Vick from \$300.80 to \$169.20
- e) Robert Haskins from \$152.25 to \$95.85
- f) Ray Cameron from \$142.85 to \$95.85
- g) Winona Meacombs from \$ 302.65 to \$171.05
- h) Claire Vick from \$1223.85 to \$659.85

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

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Clerk Bissette presented a quote from Ivey's Security to include the three sewer lift stations

that were part of the Zebulon Sewer Line Project in the wireless communications for monitoring, the additional cost would be an additional \$2994.00. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to have the three stations added at the cost of \$2994.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette asked how the board wanted to handle the applications received for the position of Chief of Police.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to hire the Town Attorney to do the background investigation and criminal checks on the applications chosen after the board meets and narrows down the applications they wanted to be checked, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

A date of Monday Night, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. was set to review the applications.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis

March 20,2000

On Monday Night, March 20,th at 7:30 p.m. the Middlesex Governing Body met in a special called session to review applications for the position of police chief. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis.

The board had twelve (12) applications for review and after reviewing each one they chose four applications and instructed the clerk to get in touch with each of the four and ask if they were still interested in the job at the salary of \$28,200.00. They stated that after the clerk had made those calls, they would determine which of the four that they wanted to send to the attorney for a background investigation.

Being no further business, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjourn.

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