

June 10, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on June 10, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioner Fred Hough was absent. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Financial Statement for the previous month, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Sgt. Gant was present to give the report on the activities of the Police Department for the previous month and asked that he be allowed to speak to the board in closed session concerning his position.

Jeff Waddell, Utility Director was present and gave the board a quote on a Meter Testing Machine in the amount of \$1106.25, and asked that the board consider purchasing it. He said that he had to borrow one from Zebulon each time he needed one. He provided them with quotes on a pick-up truck also.

Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase the portable meter testing kit from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$1106.25, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase a truck from Capital Ford for \$13565.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Waddell presented copies of a map dividing the town into four different zones and said he was developing a program to flush all the hydrants on Wednesday of each week .

Commissioner Daniel moved to have the maps printed and mailed to each water customer informing them of the zone they are located in and what day flushing will occur in the area, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he had received several complaints on stray dogs, cats and squirrels, Mayor Bissette asked Sgt. Gant to find out how other towns handled the problem of squirrels.

The board reviewed materials from the State of North Carolina to provide Railroad Cross Signals on Manning Street through a Federal Program, however the town would be expected to maintain the signals once they were installed and the estimated annual cost would be approximately \$1140.00 per year. The clerk was instructed to send the contract to the town's attorney to try and determine what liability we might incur if we do not participate and an accident should happen there.

The board reviewed letters from Southern Seeds and Johnnie Strickland, and heard from Alvin Brantley in regards to sewer that was charged but not used. Southern Seeds stated that he had watered his lawn and wanted the excessive sewer charge removed, Strickland stated that he had been watering his lawn and forgot to turn the faucet off and it ran all night. Brantley said that he was watering his dogs and left the hose on all night.

Commission Daniel moved to remove the cost of 8,000 gallons of sewer from Southern Seeds, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to remove the cost of 11,000 gallons of sewer off Strickland's bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to remove the cost of 8,000 gallons of sewer from Brantley's bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board set a date of June 24,2002 at 7:30 p.m. to adopt the 2002-2003 budget and make necessary budget amendments to the 2001-2002 budget.

The board discussed the prospect of insurance for retired employees and after much discussion, Commissioner Robinson moved to pay the premium for health insurance for any employee retiring from the Town of Middlesex with thirty years of experience and at least the age of 55years old, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to enter into closed session as requested by Sgt. Gant, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on the duties Gant should be performing and compensation for the extra work he was performing in the absence of Chief Ridgway.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go back into open session and quickly moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk

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