

June 12, 2000

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on Monday Night, June 12, 2000 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, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

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

Clerk Bissette gave financial statements for the month of May, they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

After interviewing Jeffery T. Waddell for a position with the town in the maintenance department, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to hire Waddell at a rate of \$9.00 per hour on a six months probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Utility Director, Bucklin reported to the board on the activities of the maintenance department for the previous month.

Chief Ridgway reported to the board on the activities of the police department for the previous month.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that he had looked at the downstairs windows in the police building and the frames were rotted out and needed replacing, and the air conditioner discharge line was leaking water upstairs.

Commissioner Hough stated that the table and bench ordered for the park had arrived and needed to be installed in concrete, whenever Bucklin could schedule it.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that he was officially resigning from the board effective at the end of this meeting due to the fact that he is in the process of moving out of town, Lewis stated that he had enjoyed serving and felt that the town was in sound financial condition and had a good board and employees.

Vincent Brock, stated that he felt the board should consider appointing Naomi Powell, former commissioner to fill the vacancy since she ran in the last election and was the next highest vote getter.

Brock further stated that he asked the board at the last meeting to begin an investigation of Ridgway's background about the allegations he brought to light and wanted to know if it had been done, and why not. He asked the board to forget the differences between him and Ridgway, and to do it for the sake of the town and the police department. He asked the town to request the SBI to do the investigation and offered to pay for the polygraph test if the town would require Ridgway to take it, he (Brock) would be glad to take it also, and to make the findings available to the public.

Mayor Bissette told Brock that the town had no plans for any further investigations.

The board reviewed the Water Capacity Program and set a date of June 26, at 7:30 p.m. for the public hearing on amending the water ordinance part of the program.

The date of June 26, was also set for the public hearing for the 2000-2001 proposed budget.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Hattie Norwood from the janitorial position on the town staff, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Attorney Fairman representing Seven Associates, who wanted to donate a parcel of land behind Middlesex Manor to the town, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the donation, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to transfer the contract for recycling services from Waste Solutions to Waste Industries after reviewing a letter that Waste Solutions was going out of the recycling business, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to make the following budget amendments to the 1999-2000 budget in order to balance the now operating budget:

General Fund Revenues:

Vehicle Taxes from \$21,620.00 to \$23,620.00

General Fund Expenditures:

Legal: from \$2000.00 to \$3500.00

Professional Fees

Non-Departmental: from \$3000.00 to \$3500.00

Christmas Light Storage

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

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Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m..

**Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk**

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

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June 26, 2000

On June 26,2000 the Middlesex Governing Body met in a Special Called Session for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on amending the Water Ordinance and also a Public

Hearing on the proposed 2000-2001 Budget. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and declared the hearing open on the Water Ordinance for the Town of Middlesex.

The reporters for the Wilson Times and the Spring Hope Enterprise were present as well as one guest, Alvin Brantley,

The clerk read the revised Water Ordinance aloud and Mayor Bissette asked for comments on the issue, being none he closed the hearing.

Mayor Bissette then opened the hearing on the proposed 2000-2001 budget in the amount as follows:

General Fund	\$430,425.00
Water Fund	126,865.00
Sewer Fund	385,015.00
Powell Bill	36,500.00

guest Alvin Brantley commended the town board on keeping the taxes and fees down in the new budget.

Mayor Bissette asked if there were any other comments on the budget, and being none, he declared the hearing closed, and declared the meeting into open session.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to recind the existing Water Ordinance, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs then moved to adopt the new amended Water Ordinance, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Fred Hough moved to adopt the proposed 2000-2001 Budget as follows:

General Fund Revenues----	\$430,425.00
General Fund Expenditures:	430,425.00
Water Revenues-----	126,865.00
Water Expenditures-----	126,865.00

Sewer Revenues-----:	385,015.00
Sewer Expenditures-----:	385,015.00
Powell Bill Revenues-----:	36,500.00
Powell Bill Expenditures--:	36,500.00
Total Budget	978,805.00

The tax rate is .55 cents per \$100.00 valuation, the water rate is \$2.25 per 1,000 gallon, the sewer rate is \$7.15 per gallon and trash pick & recycling is \$11.25 for residences, and \$19.00 for business.

Hough, motion to adopt the budget was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

**Peggy Bissette,
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