

July 10, 2000

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 10, 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 and Bascoe Lewis.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Bucklin, Public Works Director gave a report for the previous month, stating that the chemical feed pumps had been installed at Well#4.

Chief Ridgway gave a report on the activities of the police department and brought up the issue of a much needed parking ordinance. Ridgway asked for permission to change the color of the police uniforms from blue shirts to gray, stating that the officers would wear long sleeve shirts year round and therefore would save money for the town, stating that the shirts that he wished to purchase was approximately \$45.00 per shirt, and the patch was \$2.25 each.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the gray shirts at a price of \$44.64 each and 100 patches at \$2.25 each, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, and carried unanimously.

Greg Goddard, Executive Director of Coastal Plain Council of Government was present to discuss the County's Solid Waste Plan for 2000-2001. He encouraged the town to find ways to reduce solid waste and to send materials to citizens at least on a yearly basis, encouraging them to try to recycle everything as much as possible.

Goddard further stated that Coastal Plain Government was also working with Small Business Administration, Meals on Wheels and various programs that he would like to see more participation from this area.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt the following resolution as part of the county's solid waste plan for the coming year.

Meacombs motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to hire Freda Bailey as the Title V position for janitorial work, at a rate of \$5.15 per hour, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on fencing the new well site, and Commissioner Hough moved to landscape the area and then install a fence, with the gauge being as near to the adjoining fence on B & S Truck Repair as possible, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously. The clerk was instructed to contact the two companies that bid on the fence to see if they would still honor their bid at this time.

Mayor Bissette stated that the board had three evaluations to do on employees and asked for a closed session to do so.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into closed session to review the evaluations and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

In closed session the board reviewed and discussed performance of Charles Ward with his supervisor, Dick Bucklin.

Chief Ridgway was present for the performance report on Gant and Traud.

After the review was over, Mayor Bissette declared the closed session back into open session.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to extend Charles Wards probationary period for an additional ninety days, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to hire Gant on permanent basis, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to hire Traud on a permanent basis, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board then reviewed the overtime, vacation and sick leave time on the books for all employees with the exception of the police employees.

Commissioner Hough moved to adopt the attached Resolution allowing Chief Ridgway to apply for a grant through the Governor's Highway Safety Program, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

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