

August 13, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on August 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

The clerk presented the Minutes of the previous Meeting and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously. The clerk then presented the Financial Statements for the month of July and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway gave a report to the board on the activities of the police department for the previous month and presented them with copies of changes in the parking ordinance. He was told to send the changes to the town attorney before scheduling a public hearing on the amendments.

Ridgway asked the board to consider purchasing materials for the upstairs of the police department building to be remodeled, stating that the officers would do the repairs, no action was taken on the request.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he had inspected the air conditioning system in the former Video Store and felt that it was worth their asking price of \$1500.00, Lewis then moved to buy the system from the Brook's at a price of \$1500.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel presented a list of streets in need of repair, and the clerk was instructed to get bids to do the work.

The matter of the damages done to the home of David Jordan by the town's sewer line backing sewer water into his residence was discussed. The clerk presented the total of the damages in the amount of \$1070.00, and said that the town's insurance said that the town was not liable for the damages, but would pay the claim, however the deductible is \$1000.00 dollars. Commissioner Hough stated that he would like to make sure that the property owners homeowners insurance was not paying before the town paid it. The clerk stated that Jordan told her that this made three times this had happened and twice his insurance had paid, and he was not going to file it with them this time.

Commissioner Daniel moved to pay the \$1070.00 for the claim, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to sign the Interlocal Agreements for Insurance with the League of Municipalities, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to appoint Commissioner Larry Daniel to be an alternate representative to the Upper Coastal Gov in the absence of Mayor Bobby Bissette, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adjust the water bill of Kerry Jackson from \$121.50 to \$90.75, after reviewing a written request, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette stated that Zebulon's Public Works Director, Kenneth Waldroup had met with him during this past month and wanted to know if Middlesex would allow Zebulon to enlarge the forced sewer main at the intersection of NC 39 Highway and US 264A, that runs down the east side of NC39 Highway to Zebulon's sewer plant. The change is allowed in the contract between the two towns. The Town of Zebulon would pay for all cost of the change and maintain the line in the future. Waldroup stated that they would use Pierson & Whitman Engineering for the design.

The board agreed to allow the change and instructed the clerk to contact Waldroup and inform him that the Town of Middlesex had no problems with the change, as long as Pierson and Whitman Engineering did the design.

Commissioner Robinson moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of doing evaluations on Officers Webb and Umstead, whose probationary periods are over, and to interview Roberto Salinas for employment, and to discuss proposed industry.

Once back in open session, Commissioner Hough moved to place Officer Webb and Officer Umstead on permanent employment with the Town of Middlesex, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to hire Roberto Salinas at an hourly rate of \$8.00 on a six months probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Daniel moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BRB*
Commissioners
Fred Hough *FH*
Luke Robinson *LR*
Larry Daniel *LD*
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*