

October 09, 2000

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on October 09, 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, Larry Daniel, Luke Robinson and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order.

John Anthony was present to review the 1999-2000 audit, stating that the town was in sound financial shape and that the cash total for the town was \$1,426,114.00; the tax collection rate is at 98.03%, he further stated that the board should look at updating its computer software for its bookkeeping system.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Minutes for the month of September, and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Financial Statements for the month of September, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Terry Jackson representing SONAC was present to make the board aware of a program being sponsored by Carolina Power & Light to prepare local leaders with knowledge and skills for better leadership and wanted the town to participate by appointing three people to attend the classes beginning in February.

Naomi Powell representing the Middlesex Library was present to express her disappointment with the town council at requesting a financial statement from the library. She stated that all of the library board members were upset by the request. She furnished copies of the library's revenues and expenditures for the preceding years.

The tabled issue of the sewer rate increase by Zebulon, was brought back to the table and it was the consensus of the board to absorb the increase and not to pass it on to the customer at this time.

Commissioner Robinson moved to adjust the water bill from Laura Vick from \$601.60 to \$314.20, as requested by written letter, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette discussed the need to trim limbs overhanging in the streets and asked the clerk to notify property owners that the town crew would be working to trim the limbs in the very near future.

Mayor Bissette asked if anyone else wished to speak, and Vincent Brock stood up and asked if it was a perquisite to have criminal background to be appointed to serve on the governing body, stating that it was a slap in the face for the people of Middlesex for this board to appoint someone to serve that had no regard for the laws and policies of this town. He said that two of the last three appointees had previous criminal records.

Mayor Bissette told Brock that he was out of line and adjourned the meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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