

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2021

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, J.W. McClenny and Harold Meacombs was present. Police Chief Mike Collins was present & Utilities Supervisor James Liles was present, there were two guest at this meeting.

The October meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The amended meeting agenda was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The vote was carried unanimously.

Gloria Vinson, The Town Clerk, reviewed the October financials, which were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Alford.

Police Chief Mike Collins commended police officer Trevor Collins for being compassionate concerning a citizen that needed gas at a late time of night when the gas station was closed and all the citizen had was cash so officer Collins paid with his card at the gas pump for him.

Mayor Lewis reported 1 miscellaneous permit and there was 1 new house permits outside town limits being issued for the month of October.

In old business, the hiring of a public works worker is still in the process. James Liles stated there is two people coming in Friday to talk with him about the position. Added to the amended agenda was the state letter for Sewage Collections System Rehabilitation/Relining Project to be approved by the board. Commissioner Lewis made the motion to accept and Commissioner Davis seconded it and it was unanimously accepted.

In new business, Mayor Lewis presented a new proposal from Petway Mills & Pearson, PA for a second audit to be performed after the usually performed audit from Anthony & Tabb, PA auditors have completed theirs because of the grant monies the town received. If your town receives a certain amount of monies from grants a second audit is needed. Commissioner Alford made a motion to accept and Commissioner Lewis seconded it and the motion was carried.

There were two public comments at this time.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Davis seconded it and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Alford seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Back in open session there was discussion about offering to increase the Police Chief's pay by \$10,000 for him to stay another year instead of retiring and still having to pay him \$10,752.50, which is what his supplement will be. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to increase the Chief's pay from \$55,000 to \$65,000 to take effect on the pay period beginning November 25, 2021 and it was seconded by Commissioner Davis and the motion was carried. Commissioner Alford then made the motion to accept the letter from Chief Collins to rescind his resignation, and it was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the vote was carried.

With no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor
Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Ann Lewis
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
J.W. McClenny
Harold Meacombs

