

April 12, 2011
Meeting Minutes

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Dale Bachmann, and J.W. McClenny. The guest list is attached and are part of these minutes.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. Steve Bissette presented a petition with 156 signatures requesting the Town Board to promote Interim Chief Dennis Murray to Police Chief. Bissette added that Dennis has done an outstanding job. Ray Boykin, owner of Boykin's Save on Gas advised that he had been in Middlesex over 15 years and Charles, the former Chief did not know who he was, and that Dennis and all officers on the force know him by name, come by his business regularly, and that we have the best police department the town has had the in the 15 years. The citizen's petition is attached and considered a part of these minutes.

Charleston Brown added that Dennis was doing a fine job and that a new man would not know the law abiding citizens from the criminals. Brown also brought to the Board's attention a section of the town's Personnel Policy that states an elected official cannot serve as an employee, and stated that Commissioner Bachmann took Jeff Waddell's position in the Utility Department. Edna Mount also stated that she has lived in town over 15 years and she approves of how Dennis runs the department, has a good working relationship with him, and approved Dennis being Chief. Mayor Lewis thanked everyone for coming and the session was closed.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the March minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and carried unanimously.

Clerk Lambert requested to add two more tax discoveries for 2008 totaling \$486.56 to Item b. under New Business. The amended agenda was approved in a motion by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, and carried unanimously.

Keith Starner with NC Rural Water Association presented the 2010 Wellhead Protection Plan Update. The plan uses public education to raise awareness to protect all water sources and identify potential sources of contamination. The program maps the wellhead protection area and educates everyone on best management practices to protect the town's water sources. Brochures will be available for citizens to pickup at the town hall. The town also

gets points for having this plan in place when applying for grant funds for projects. The state has already taken a preliminary look at the plan. The plan was completed at a cost of about \$25 for copies. This is one of many of the services that Rural Water Association provides it's members. All they request in return is a letter of thanks, which in turn, helps the Association in acquiring operating funds. Mayor Lewis thanked Keith for his time and help with the project.

Clerk Lambert reviewed the March financial statements and advised the Board that \$30,000 would come directly out of the checking account because of the \$105,000 due before May 1st, only \$75,000 will come from reserve CD's. The financial statements were accepted as correct in a unanimous motion by Commissioner Robinson, which was seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Interim Chief Dennis Murray advised that he was still working on filling the May work schedule. He advised the Board that it would cost \$200 to remove all the equipment from the wrecked 2003 Crown Vic.

Commissioner Bachmann advised that the hydraulics on the press on the trash truck was leaking and it would be taken the next day for repairs. He also advised that the variable speed controller at Well#4 has been installed and was tested today, which will eliminate all the VOC contaminants in the water.

Mayor Lewis advised that we submitted a request for \$16-\$18,000 more in grant funds for cost overruns for the Meter and Well Construction Project and we should know something on April 28th. He also advised the Board that we had received a net settlement of \$6,025 from the insurance company which included the town keeping the wrecked car as salvage, and he is looking a good used Crown Vic through the state's used fleet.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold a Budget Workshop as the last item of business at the May 9th regular scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to sell the list of surplus equipment presented by Mayor Lewis at the suggested prices and that final prices would be agreed by all Board members before the final sales. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With regard to a citizen's request to prepay the cemetery grave opening/closing fee, which would lock in the current rate for the purchaser, the Board agreed to table the matter until the quote for software changes could be received and considered.

In a unanimous motion made by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the following tax discoveries were approved:

Martin Galeana-Sabas (Tienda Hispana)	2007	\$9.54
	2008	\$7.09
	2009	\$5.21
	2010	\$3.41
Automocion	2008	\$18.79
James Kirk	2008	\$467.77

Commissioner Meacombs moved to approved the following requested 2010-2011 budget amendment:

<u>Water Operations:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
30-810-4501	Envirolink Contract (4 Months)	8,175.00	
30-810-1101	Security Alarms		175.00
<u>Sewer Operations:</u>			
30-800-1601	Manhole Repair		4,000.00
30-800-3300	Departmental Supplies		4,000.00
		<u>8,175.00</u>	<u>8,175.00</u>

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session to discuss a police personnel matter under G.S.143.318.11(a)(6).

Back in Open Session, there was no further business and Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

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