May 20, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

The Middlesex Governing Body met in special open session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall to hire an applicant recommended for a part time police officer position. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Members present were Commissioner Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Dale Bachmann and J.W. McClenny. Applicant William Wheeler was the only guest.

Mayor Lewis introduced William, and advised that he, Commissioners Bachmann and Hough, and Chief Ferrell have interviewed him and according to Chief Ferrell all his references check out and they recommend him for hire.

Mayor Lewis added that Will resides in Raleigh and has worked with the Highway Patrol for twelve years. Mayor Lewis added that Will says he is a good "PR" person and asked the board if they had any questions they would like to ask him.

Commissioner McClenny asked Will if he had a problem commuting from Raleigh, and Will replied that he was originally from Johnston County and he has no problem driving from Raleigh. Commissioner McClenny added that he was expected to follow Chief Ferrell's instructions. Will agreed and thanked the Board for meeting with him and giving him this opportunity.

In a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried unanimously, William Wheeler was hired as a part time police officer.

As an FYI, Mayor Lewis advised the Board that he met with the representatives of another insurance company regarding the town's group health and vision insurance and in order to get a more accurate quote, employees will be required to complete an insurance application. If these could be turned in the next couple of days, we should get an accurate quote sometime next week. He added that the League's deadline for changing coverage was May 15th, and that we have talked to Griff Jones with the League and sent a request for waiver of the possible 2% penalty charged on the annual premium for not meeting the deadline if the Board decides to move the health and vision coverage. We also advised in the same letter that the town is shopping and comparing rates.

With no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert Clerk

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