

Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2013

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members presents were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Dale Bachmann, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately fifteen guests attended.

Mayor Lewis opened the Public Comment Session and asked speakers to keep their comments to three (3) minutes. Edna Mount, Robert Johnson, and Brandie Holt spoke to the board about the same concerns they had spoke about in previous public comment sessions. Barry Covert thanked Chief Murray, Sergeant Pollard, and Officer Michael Marshall for their hard work and dedication in recovering their stolen property after a break-in and for protecting the citizens of Middlesex. The public comment session was closed at 7:40pm.

The September 9, 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion made by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner Alford.

The agenda was approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Meacombs.

Clerk Lambert thanked Ann Lewis for helping us out on such a short notice during Shelly Woodruff's medical leave. Lambert then reviewed the September financial statements. Commissioner Alford moved to approve the financials. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs. The financials were approved by a four to one vote. Commissioner Bachmann cast the dissenting vote based on his opinion that the rental income from the dental office should not be included in the General Fund. To date, no motion has been made by the town board to restrict this rental income or set up a new fund.

Police Chief Dennis Murray advised that Officer Crystal Daughtry is on medical leave. Commissioner Alford moved to approve Chief Murray's request for Sergeant Pollard and himself to attend a two-day GHSP Safety Symposium in Concord in January 2014. Alford's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann advised he will begin the flow meter upgrade at the Mudcat sewer pump station in the next week. Town personnel will install the meter along with a cut-off valve. He also requested that the town hold a second public hearing before we apply for the CDBG grant to discuss more projects to be covered by the grant. Mayor Lewis advised Bachmann that a second hearing was required before acceptance of an award. No action was taken by the board on Bachmann's request. Rural Water personnel came to camera several sewer lines. Five problems were found and fixed.

Commissioner McClenny asked Commissioner Bachmann why the flow meter upgrade had not already been completed when the meter was purchased and received a year ago. Commissioner Bachmann said he had not had the chance, citing other problems that continue to arise on a daily basis. McClenny recommended that Dale get bids for problems

he could not handle or did not have time to complete. Commissioner Meacombs agreed that the problems should be fixed.

Cherrye Davis reported the library had a very successful program in conjunction with Imagination Station at the library on October 4th. About thirty-five participated and interacted with the animals. In response to public comments at the September meeting, Davis reported that there was not enough interest shown to stay open later at night, and that Middlesex Library is open thirty hours per week versus the Bailey Library being open only fifteen hours per week.

Mayor Lewis reported that the foundation for the concession stand at the Bailey Middlesex Park is in place and the water and sewer is roughed in. Block laying will begin this week or as soon as the weather allows. Doors totaling \$2,500 have been donated, as well as labor. Within thirty to forty-five days, there will be a noticeable difference.

The water heater has been installed and the plumber finished work today in the town's building at 10220 S. Nash Street in preparation for Melissa Schmidt-Rumualdo's bakery. Hopefully, her paperwork will be finalized in about a week and she will be able to open for business soon.

The following 2013-2014 budget amendments were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: **INCREASE**

Non-Departmental:

10-660-0500	FICA Expense	250.00
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

10-390-0100	General Fund Balance Approp.	250.00
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SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES:

INCREASE

Sewer:

30-800-7402	Flow meter Upgrade-Mudcat Stadium Pump	15,000.00
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SEWER FUND REVENUES:

30-375-9800	Contingency Appropriation-Sewer	15,000.00
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Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the oral resignation of part time Utility Worker Jimmy Garcia. Jimmy has another job and has returned to school, so his schedule does not allow him to continue to work for Middlesex. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and passed unanimously.

Mayor Lewis reviewed quotes for hardware and Logics software upgrades in a traditional in-house setting versus a hosted environment. Three workstations, along with the town's server, are well beyond their use life and will no longer be supported after April 2014. CT Technology's quote, including labor is \$11,570.94. Included in the quote is an SQL service for \$2,439, which is mandatory to house the new Logics software.

The hosted environment quote is \$3,500 more in upfront costs, plus \$200 per month internet upgrade (\$2,400/year), which is a recurring cost. One main disadvantage of the hosted environment is if the internet is down, nothing can be done in Logics programs, which consists of most of our daily operations.

The traditional installation for the Logics software includes Utilities Management, AMR (Meter Reading) Interface, and Financial Management. The upgrade costs and all licenses are included in our annual premium maintenance agreement except for \$830.32.

Commissioner McClenny moved to go with the in-house hardware quote from CT Technology for \$11,570.94 and the traditional installations for the Logics software at an additional \$803.32. Commissioner Bachmann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Bachmann moved to recess and reconvene the meeting for Friday, October 18, 2013 at 8:30am in the conference room at the town hall to hold a public hearing to discuss a land transfer on East Hanes Avenue. The public hearing had to be rescheduled to meet the ten-day statutory deadline due to an error of omission in the Spring Hope Enterprise and The Wilson Times. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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