

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Harold Meacombs, and J.W.McClenny. Commissioner Ann Lewis was not present. Police Chief Joe Amos and Public Works Supervisor James Liles were present. Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise was also present. There were four guest at this meeting.

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

The Agenda was amended to add C to new business: To change the Money Markets Accounts to CD's at a better interest rate. The meeting amended agenda was approved in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The vote was unanimous.

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

For the month of January there was 3 new in town house permits and 2 outside of town permits. There were 3 miscellaneous permits issued.

In old business, we have received two car titles that were paid off from the first USDA loan for police cars. The explorer has been listed on gov.deals.com for sale.

In new business, the town received notice about a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) in which funds will be used for installing and retrofitting curb ramps to current ADA compliance. DOT needed a letter from the mayor stating the intersection locations in which upgrades are needed. Commissioner Alford made a motion to go ahead with the street improvements for the following streets and intersections. At a location on routes exclusively owned and maintained by a municipality, the municipality must provide a 20% match to tap funds. At a location on a state-maintained route, NCDOT will cover the 20% match. Commissioner Davis seconded it and it was unanimous.

Also in new business, a budget amendment for \$10,000 is needed to move ARPA monies that we have already received to capital outlay account

because the pump station on Buck Deans Road needed repairs now and we needed to pay Charles Underwood, Inc. for the work and this is what these monies are to be used for. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to accept and Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis discussed moving Money market accounts back to CD's because the interest rates are better at this time. We had moved the CD's to Money markets about 5 years ago when these rates had gone up but the time has come to move them back being as the same circumstance is that the interest rates are better now. Mayor Lewis asked for a motion from the board to allow him to investigate the interest rates for money market & CD's then report to the board members what he had found. If appropriate, move forward with new CD's and or money markets and all signatures that are needed to do so. Commissioner Alford made the motion to proceed and Commissioner Meacombs seconded and it was unanimous.

There were two public comments at this meeting.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a police personnel matter that involved the hiring of a new police officer. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to hire Steve Boriski to be a full-time police officer with a starting salary of \$38,000 annually. Commissioner Alford seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by G.S.143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss public works matters. Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Back in open session, with no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor

Luther H. Lewis, Jr.

Commissioners

J.W.McClenny

Ann Lewis

Cherrye Davis

Danny Alford

Harold Meacombs

