Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, J.W. McClenny, Harold Meacombs and Commissioner Ann Lewis. Police Chief Joe Amos was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was present. Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise was also present. There were no guest at this meeting.

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

The meeting agenda was approved in a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Alford. The vote was approved unanimously.

Gloria Vinson, The Town Clerk, reviewed the July financials, which were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Mayor Lewis reported that there was 1 in town house permit and 3 miscellaneous permits, fences and storage buildings etc.

In old business, Police Chief Joe Amos stated that the national night out was a success despite being hot.

In new business, Joe Amos discussed the hiring of a part-time police officer. Nunn, Brashear & Uzzell, PA was also discussed for hiring to do the town's audits on a 3 year contract. Year 2023 \$13,500, Year 2024 \$14,100, Year 2025 \$14,600 with additional fees being charged if a single audit is required of the town. Mayor Lewis stated the cost was much higher that what the town's has paid for in the past so he would continue to investigate further into other auditor's but they are limited for these small towns.

There were no public comment at this meeting.

Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to go into closed session and Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to go back into open session and Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was approved unanimously. Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to hire William Frank Hughes as a part-time reserve police officer with his starting date being his sworn in date. Commissioner Alford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davis 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 1269b