

September 9, 2008

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on September 9, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr., called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, J.W. McClenny and Commissioner Derek Bissette. Guests were Vennie Brock and Dale Bachman.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment, however no one was present to comment.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Minutes from the August meeting as being recorded correctly, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve the agenda with the addition of item (e) under new business, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mike Harris from USDA was present to discuss the conditions of a loan in the amount of \$760,000.00 at 2.75% interest for a period of forty (40) years to help complete the water project which includes a grant from the Rural Center in the amount of \$245,833.00. After the presentation, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt the Resolution to accept the conditions set forth in the letter of conditions, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously. There was a discussion of amending the USDA Loan to use only the amount of money needed to complete the wells and meter replacement project and not to include the tower and booster pump in this project.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the financial statements as presented, his motion was seconded by Commissioner J.W. McClenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs stated that a pine tree on South Chestnut Street in the town's right-of-way was dying and needed to be taken down, and the board instructed Administrator Bissette to have it cut down but there was no need to have the stump ground.

Administrator Bissette informed the board that the bids for the picnic shelter at the wellness park came in over budget and she was waiting to hear from USDA to see if she would have to re-bid the issue again.

Chief Ferrell stated that the motor was in the 2001 Ford and it was on the road and running good. He further stated that his department was audited by the SBI in

August and he had been notified that the department was in compliance with all the rules set forth by the State Bureau of Investigation.

The board reviewed the monthly reports of the Utility Director, Jeff Waddell and the Librarian, Robert Stamper.

A discussion of the ordinance regulating to adjustments of the excess water used but not impacting the wastewater system resulted in the following amendment: Under Qualifying Conditions/Criteria:

Commissioner J.W. McClenny moved to amend the ordinance as follows:

item 3. remove the words “or voluntary consumption”

add item 6. to read “ re-seeding lots”

McClenny’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

In an informal discussion the board said that they would entertain the idea of selling William Ward the 12-15 feet of land that he is using for his yard, but was recently surveyed by the town and found to be town property, if he mentioned that he would be interested in purchasing it.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the USDA Audits, the town had to show that \$12,000.00 was set up in a reserve account to make an annual payment on the last sewer rehab project, and thus a budget amendment had to be made.

Commissioner Bissette moved to amend the budget as follows:

30-107-5000—Sewer Reserve CD-USDA Rehab Loan---\$12,000.00

30-375-9800--- Contingency Fund Appropriation-----\$12,000.00

Bissette’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette stated that she had asked Shelly Woodruff if she would be interested in serving as secretary to the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustments and she expressed the interest in doing so.

Commissioner Luke Robinson moved to appoint Shelly Woodruff as the secretary to the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a resignation from Robert Elsey from the Middlesex Police Department stating personal reasons for leaving however he requested to be kept on as a part-time employee.

Commissioner Bissette moved to accept his resignation from the full time position and keep him on as a part-time officer, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to remove taxes billed to Otis Wayne Creech for a automobile in the amount of \$2.86 from the 2008 tax scroll, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette handed out copies of the Town Code of Ordinances to all the governing body and requested that they read over them before the next town meeting to try and get them updated. The deletions are marked in blue type and the additions are marked in red type.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Administrator in the
absence of Town Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Derek Bissette
J.W. McClenny