

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

January 17, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Salvatore DeSimone. Mr. DeSimone stated that notice had been given to the Herald Newspapers, the official paper and is posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Hall as required by P.L. 1975, c231, the Sunshine Law.

Roll call was taken with commissioners, Salvatore DeSimone, Conrad Johnson, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Robert Sweeten, Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Nick Sittineri, interim attorney, Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Rich Sweeten, Rio Grande Fire Company President Aaron Sill, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Chief Harold Van Artsdalen were also present. Lauren Holman of Holman Frenia Allison P.C., Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Cheryl Samsel of the Division of Local Government Services DCA had a question on a budget number, the fire company agreement needed signatures and, an explanation on Page F-3 – the appropriation detail provided lists Other Operating Materials \$98,500 – what is this? Suzanne Heller of Holman Frenia Allison was able to correct the budget number. Corrections were faxed on January 8, 2019 to Cheryl.

OLD BUSINESS: Sal DeSimone read the 2017 Audit Resolution, all commissioners present voted aye to accept the resolution as read

NEW BUSINESS: petitions were received from Jean M. Zimmerman and Salvatore J. DeSimone for February 16, 2019 elections.

Sal DeSimone read the 2019 Budget Resolution, as introduced, the Annual Budget reflects Total Revenues of \$766,600 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$674,600 and Total Appropriations of \$766,600. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to accept the budget as read. All commissioners present voted aye

Jean Zimmerman said that she had asked Doris Wisting and Terry VanArtsdalen to sit at the polls on February 16, 2019 from 2pm to 9pm which they agreed to do.

Liz Shay, of the County Clerk's office sent an email that said that in 2018, Governor Murphy mandated a change in the New Jersey vote-by-mail process, requiring that voters who requested a Mail-in Ballot for the 2019 General Election automatically receive a Mail-in Ballot for all future elections, including fire district elections. She said that Middle Township Fire District #2 was required to send 240 ballots to the clerk's office for the mail-in ballots. The district will print 400 ballots to accommodate this request and the walk-ins.

Bob Sweeten said there are possibly 21-22 LOSAP members who qualify for 2018 payment. He will have an accurate number after the 30 day posting awaiting any appeals. Should have a number for March meeting. Sal would like to have a Cost of Living raise for LOSAP.

Bob Sweeten said the truck committee has a total of \$975,000 for the new truck.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 319 fire calls for 2018; 15 fire calls so far in 2019; tried to match his budget with the 2019 Budget and he was off, he questioned if some of the totals were fire bureau's and they are not; Chiefs meeting on January 19, 2019 where radios will be discussed

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore De Simone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson second Robert Zimmerman, of \$15,500.45 Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary