

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

January 16, 2020

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. Rio Grande Fire Chief Richard Sweeten, Rio Grande Asst. Fire Chief Harold VanArtsdalen, Bob Sweeten, Larry Forsyth and Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri were also present. Lauren Holman, Accountant of Holman Frenia Allison P.C., was absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at the time

OLD BUSINESS: Sal DeSimone read the 2018 Audit Resolution, all commissioners present voted aye to accept the resolution as read

NEW BUSINESS: petitions were received from Robert W. Zimmerman and Conrad Johnson Jr. for February 15, 2020 elections.

Sal DeSimone read the Resolution to Amend the 2020 Budget. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Kirby Stiltner to adopt the amended 2020 budget.

Sal DeSimone read the 2020 Adopted Budget Resolution, as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$786,600 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$714,600 and Total Appropriations of \$786,600. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to accept the budget as read. All commissioners present voted aye

Jean Zimmerman said that she had asked Melanie VanArtsdalen and Terri VanArtsdalen to sit at the polls on February 15, 2020 from 2pm to 9pm for \$150.00 each, which they agreed to do.

Liz Shay, of the County Clerk's office sent an email stating "that there was a possibility that legislation would be passed to return the number of mail-in ballots sent to only voters who specifically requested them. However, the law that is now sitting on the governor's desk mandates that we not only send ballots to voters who voted in 2016 (which we did last year), they must also be mailed to voters who voted by mail in 2017

and 2018.” The adjusted number of mail-in ballots that the clerk’s office will need for the upcoming fire election for Middle Township Fire District #2 is 354. 500 ballots will be printed with 360 going to the clerk’s office and 190 for our walk-ins; there will be a second question added stating “Resolved that a sum not to exceed \$50,000 of the reserve be authorized for command vehicle”

Sal said he had closed out some CDs in preparation of purchasing the new truck.

Bob Zimmerman asked what we were doing with the Durango. Connie said he wasn’t sure what we were going to do with it but would either sell it or trade it. Rich said he would remove the radios and equipment from it.

Sal was approached by Middle Township to reduce the Type 1 permit fee for vendors at Okie Wisting Field from \$54 to \$27 per event, per vendor for one year. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Robert Zimmerman to reduce the Type 1 permit 50% for vendors in Fire District #2 for one year. All commissioners present voted aye.

Bob Sweeten handed each of the commissioners information from Fire & Safety Services regarding details of the new truck, scheduled payment requirements, terms and conditions of trade-in and a contract pricing worksheet. He explained the information listed, the payments and trade-in which would be \$145,000. Delivery of truck will be approximately 13 months. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to purchase new truck for \$920,502.61 with a 50% prepay of \$387,751.30 and an amount due at delivery of \$374,886.51 that does not include any changes that may be made. The prepay amount was paid at this meeting. Sal thanked the truck committee for doing a good job.

CHIEF’S REPORT: 297 fire calls for 2019; 9 fire calls so far for 2020; Rich said that helmets should be replaced every 10 years. He asked the feelings of the commissioners on usage of personal leather helmets. Commissioners were ok as long as the helmets are compliant with the 10 year standards.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$433,206.26.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)