

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

January 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman 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 Robert Zimmerman, Conrad Johnson, Salvatore DeSimone, John Menz and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Kirby Stiltner, Fire Official Dan DeSimone, Bob Sweeten and Helen Graham. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: Jean Zimmerman stated that she had received four petitions for the fire elections. They are Jean M. Zimmerman, J. Gregory Neill, James R. Snyder and Kirby Stiltner. She also mentioned that she had contacted Terri VanArtsdalen and Melanie VanArtsdalen to sit at the election polls on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 2 to 9 pm. They both said they would. Jean asked if the commissioners wanted to keep the same amount of \$150.00 each or raise the amount for their time sitting at the polls. It was agreed to keep the \$150.00 each. Jean also said that she heard from the County Clerk's office and they are requesting 550 ballots to be delivered to them asap. Jean suggested that we print a total of 800 ballots which will give us 250 ballots for the walk-ins on Election Day. That total was accepted by the commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman read three resolutions which were voted on and accepted. They were Resolution 2022-01 Establishment of Salaries and Hourly Wages for Part Time Positions for Fiscal Year 2022; Resolution 2022-02 Establishment of Time Paid Off for Part Time Employees of Middle Township Fire District #2 for Fiscal Year 2022; Resolution 2022-03 Establishment of Compensation for the Board of Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2022.

Dan DeSimone said he needs a monthly copy of the LEA and Penalty Report

Bob Sweeten said the LOSAP numbers are posted for 2021 and that there are 27 members qualified. He said that \$1562.60 was paid to 28 qualified members last year for a total of \$43,752.80. At this same rate of \$1562.60 for 27 qualified members the total cost to LOSAP would be \$42,190.20. The CPI adjustment of .96% would be a \$15.00 increase raising the individual amount to \$1577.60 for a total of \$42,595.20. There is a 30 day appeal time.

Bob Sweeten wanted to give an update on an ongoing lawsuit against the firehouse. He said in November, 2021 the firehouse was served papers for a lawsuit against the fire company

because the Boy Scouts of America troop Rio Grande was sponsored by the firehouse in 1981. JIF is not covering because they were not the insurer and Brown and Brown Insurance is looking into it. Apparently the leader was from Wildwood and the hopes are that he had nothing to do with Rio Grande. Mr. Braslow said we were not the only fire company involved.

Salvatore DeSimone said this is his 49th year in the fire company and was reflecting over his years. He remembered the old fire house and opening the building at 6am and pulling the fire trucks out. He also shared some other memories and hopes for the fire company.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 333 fire calls for 2021; 12 fire calls; Knox boxes are in and will be getting installed soon; working on response plans for the county; waiting on radios from the grant; all vehicles are in good shape; issue with county toning out with new pagers, county and communication looking into it, they are aware of tower problems; captains getting list of members to receive new gear; Richie has helped Buster in his transition to chief.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson, second Salvatore DeSimone, of \$24,360.33. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary