

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

February 18, 2021

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 (by zoom), Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman (by zoom) and Jean Zimmerman present. Rio Grande Fire Company Fire Chief Rich Sweeten (by zoom), Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill (by zoom), Bob Sweeten (by zoom), John Menz (by zoom), Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles and Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri, were also present. David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, was absent.

COMMUNICATION: A Certificate of Liability Insurance and two copies of an Audit Contract were received from Jessie Kay at Holt McNally & Associates. She asked that the copy marked Acceptance Copy be signed and returned and the other copy was for our files. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to sign and return the Audit Contract

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman said that he talked with Rio Grande Fire Company President Aaron Sill about the Agreement between the Fire Bureau and Fire Company. He noticed that the agreement said it was a yearly agreement and was overdue. Mr. Sittineri said he would draw up a renewal agreement.

Bob Sweeten said that some of the fire truck committee will be going to Wisconsin next week to inspect the new truck. The new truck should be coming in March or April and a check for \$374,886.51 will be due at delivery. Jean Zimmerman asked Sal DeSimone if he had found out about the April draw check and he said no but that there was money in the bank for the truck.

Bob Sweeten also updated on LOSAP. He said he was working on LOSAP and that there are 28 members qualified. We paid \$1,523 per person in 2020. With a 2.6% COLA increase of \$39 it would make it \$1,562 per person. Total amount due without COLA would be \$42,644 or with COLA \$43,752.80.

Sal DeSimone and Kirby Stiltner both suggested to Mr. Sittineri to get a surcharge for zoom for approximately \$125 so he wouldn't have to watch the minutes while zooming.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 27 fire calls; majority of fire company have had their Covid shots; starting in March training will resume; March 24 – March 27 will be jaws training; RIT training will be in April and beginning of May by RUST; projector is old and giving trouble, have a quote of \$7,924 from JB Sound, Voorhees, for 7000 lumen projector, mount ceiling and projector electric screen. There would be a charge of \$1,125 from our electrician. Overall estimated total would be \$9,050. Robert Zimmerman thought that maybe the fire bureau penalty money could pay for it. Conrad Johnson said he would check it out and said that maybe a large tv and laptop instead of screen and projector would work. Rich said he would look into the size of tv that would be needed. Connie asked Rich how often the bingo hall was used for training. Kirby Stiltner asked Aaron Sill if the projector could be used for Bingo. Chuck Fisher, salesman for Continental Fire, told Rich that if an order for gear was placed by end of February, we would be able to get the gear at 2020 prices, and the gear would be here in August. Rich would like to order now and save a 3-5% increase in prices. The cost would be roughly \$15,000. Sal DeSimone said to order the gear. Rich also stated that the grant for the 700 radios has been filed and just need to wait for acceptance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$16,885.29. Motion carried. Kirby Stiltner questioned the EZ Pass bill.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)