

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

March 16, 2017

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, Robert Zimmerman, Kirby Stiltner, and Jean Zimmerman present. Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Robert Sweeten, Dan DeSimone and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Richard Sweeten were also present. Mike McLaughlin, Marsh & McLennan Agency/JIF agent, was also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Atlantic City Electric letter stating they would be doing environmental research studies on the adjacent property starting February 27 thru May 31, 2017

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Mike McLaughlin, representative from Marsh & McLennan Agency/JIF, explained the approximate \$75,000 overcharge we have had over the years from Middle Township. Mike will give Bob Sweeten the papers with the figures. Bob will let Mr. Phelan know the dollar amount and then Mr. Phelan will write a letter to the township regarding the overcharge/looking for reimbursement of approximately \$75,000 plus dividends to Fire District #2.

We will not file a tax appeal for 2017 due to the lawsuit

Judge Porto has not done anything with the lawsuit yet

7201 is coming back to the Fire District and is to be kept at the firehouse and used only for fire business.

Dan DeSimone hired a new Fire Inspector, Mike Quigley, from Ocean View who will do 3:30-6pm inspections. Mike, the other inspector, is having surgery and will be out for several weeks.

Bob Sweeten said LOSAP numbers are posted; 26 members have qualified. Question about Richard Sweeten being in the service overseas and qualifying for his LOSAP. Lincoln Financial says it is up to the fire district to decide whether his time should be counted. Mr. Phelan will make a resolution adjusting the LOSAP policy.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 72 fire calls; moving forward with good drills, water drill; there will be a new number system after April dispatch meeting; asking less of Erma and more of Green Creek for coverage; Goshen is using Rio Grande for water; ordered five (5) gears; 60 year old portable pump is having issues, Cape Power looked at it and could cost approximately \$1,800 to fix but a new pump could cost between \$4,500-\$6,000. Sal said the district would give the chief up to \$6,000 to look at pumps and to keep in touch with Robert Zimmerman.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Robert Zimmerman second Conrad Johnson, of \$16,689.78 Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)