

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

March 19, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Harold Van Artsdalen, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Bob Sweeten, Fire Official Dan DeSimone and Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri were also present. Lauren Holman, Accountant of Holman Frenia Allison P.C., was absent.

COMMUNICATION: Sal was contacted by David McNally of Holt McNally Associates. Jean had a phone call from Lauren Holman to let us know that the Medford office had broken off from Holman Frenia Allison forming Holt McNally and Associates. HMA would now be handling our account. Sal wanted more information and will call them regarding a bill we received from Holt McNally and Associates. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Conrad Johnson to table the \$1,000 bill from Holt McNally and Associates until further investigation.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Zimmerman said that the solar panels guy said that he could not beat the South Jersey Gas rate.

NEW BUSINESS: Sal would like to look into putting an approximate 40x100 building on the lot next door. He would like to get prices from engineers, contractors, etc. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to have Sal DeSimone look into the costs for building on the lot. All commissioners present voted aye.

Bob Sweeten said they haven't heard anything on the new truck but wouldn't be surprised if the truck is delayed due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

Bob Sweeten had the LOSAP points and said there are two appeals. He questioned raising the payment 1.5% this year. Currently there are 23 qualified at \$1500 = \$34,500, with a 1.5% increase it would be 23 at \$1523 = \$35,029. If the two appeals are granted there would be 25 at \$1500 = \$37,500 or with the 1.5% increase it would be 25 at \$1523 = \$38,075. Sal will check with the budget and have an answer at next month's meeting regarding an increase.

Bob Sweeten said he has all the titles except the 2008 Durango.

Sal complimented the anniversary dinner committee on having a great dinner.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 40 fire calls; all drills, meetings and non-essential have been cancelled until further notice per the governor's statement; have proper masks and equipment; all upcoming training has been suspended

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Robert Zimmerman, second Conrad Johnson, of \$10,727.61
Motion carried

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)