

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

March 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 and Jean Zimmerman present. Rio Grande Fire Company Fire Chief Rich Sweeten, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Bob Sweeten, John Menz, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles, Jim Snyder, Bill Frank, Ken Hewitt, Anthony Krieg, Larry Forsyth, Bill Barlow (CMC Herald reporter by zoom), Gary Rudy (by zoom) and Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri, were also present. David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, was absent.

COMMUNICATION: Jean Zimmerman said that she had two emails from the County Clerk's office. The first was regarding the election ballots. The clerk's office is requesting 400 ballots to be delivered as soon as possible for the mail-in ballots. A total of 600 ballots will be printed. The second was a request to email the names and addresses of the candidates to Milene Matos, NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission, for the April 20, 2021 election.

Kirby Stiltner stated that he received a letter from NJ American Water announcing a hydrant fee increase.

OLD BUSINESS: A new Fire Protection Agreement between the Rio Grande Volunteer Fire Company and Middle Township Fire District #2 was signed. Copies were made and given to Chairman Sal DeSimone and Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill.

Jean Zimmerman asked about the status of the flag poles that were being donated to the Railroad Avenue Park and Okie Recreation Center by the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS: Jean Zimmerman said she received two petitions for the April 20, 2021 fire elections. They were Kirby Stiltner and John L. Menz.

Bob Sweeten said there are 28 people qualified for LOSAP. The list will be posted for any appeals but he didn't expect to have any. A payment of \$43,752.80 would be due in May.

The new truck is currently in North Jersey having equipment installed. Repairs have been made that were requested at the Wisconsin inspection. Committee is happy with pictures of the truck. An early April delivery is expected. Payment is due now of \$366,872.95 for the delivery of

the truck. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to pay now the adjusted amount due for the truck.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 47 fire calls; house fire on Holly Drive was in the attic, firemen did a great job and the police rescued two people in the house; on Saturday, March 20th, the Quint is going to Okie Park for a one year Covid Memorial along with other fire companies; approved for the April 24, 2021 all day Chief Symposium, to be held at the Rio Grande firehouse; email from the County Coordinator making sure the Mutual Aid Agreement was appropriate for everyone and up to date; list of dates the bingo hall was used for training was given to the commissioners; they tried the projector on the wall at an 85" tv size and a 116" from the requested new projector size. The 85" was hard to see and would like to go with the new projector. Robert Zimmerman said the hall was used eight times with the projector and would like the Fire Bureau to pay for the projector from their penalty money. Conrad Johnson had no problem with it. Sal DeSimone said he didn't know the balance of the account. Bob said that according to a state document showing the money collected from last year, that there should be enough there. Sal gave the go ahead to Rich to proceed with the projector at an estimated cost of \$9,050. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Conrad Johnson to buy the projector.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$12,213.14. Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)