

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

March 17, 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, John Menz, J. Gregory Neill (by zoom) and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Howard Graham, Fire Official Dan DeSimone, Bob Sweeten, Skip Jastremski, and Jim Belles. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Jean Zimmerman reported the February 19, 2022 fire election results: Jean M. Zimmerman, 109; J. Gregory Neill, 82; James R. Snyder, 60; Kirby Stiltner, 55; Abstin, 1. Budget had 107 yes and 44 no

Robert Zimmerman thanked the Chief's Office, Dan DeSimone and Bob Sweeten for their time and help in getting the ISO paperwork together. On a rating of 1-10, where 1 is best, our rating is currently at 4. Conrad Johnson is interested in seeing how additional hydrants and dispatch will help in lowering the rating.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2022-04 Amending the Point Schedule for the Middle Township Fire District #2 Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) was presented by Robert Zimmerman. Conrad Johnson questioned the previous point system. Robert Zimmerman explained the old system required a total of 57 points to allow the firefighter to be eligible to receive LOSAP. Those points were earned as follows: 1 point earned for every fire percentage maxed out at 50 and 1 point earned for every bingo worked (with no max). There is a lot of talk now within the firehouse of at some point eliminating bingo altogether. The way this new point system is written is with the possibility that bingo will go away and this resolution would not have to be amended once again. With the new point system, LOSAP can be earned strictly with your fire percentage. Bingo would be considered, if you will, extra credit for those who struggle to make all fire calls due to work. However the difference will be that bingo does have a max of 7 points being earned. All commissioners voted aye.

Dan DeSimone talked with Court House and they are going to do one (1) year affidavits. Chapter 142, Ginny will be writing a rough draft on township code and have Tim Parr sit down with them and have commissioners from each side sit down with the township. Dan announced he hired Joseph Alesandrini for Fire Inspector starting on April 1, 2022 who is a North Wildwood fireman. Conrad Johnson asked if the new hire was eventually replacing Kirby Stiltner (KJ) as fire inspector. Dan said that was correct. Dan said he is having trouble in the office keeping up with the computer work. The state is requiring to hold five (5) different records (example: expenditures, life hazards, non-hazards, etc) at a time which Helen has been taking care of. Kirby Stiltner (KJ) has been helping Helen. Work that was getting done in one day is now taking a week and a half. Helen is keeping up with the bills and Kirby (KJ) has been helping. State wants everything documented and Kirby (KJ) has been keeping the logs up. Conrad Johnson thought that maybe there should be a full time person to do the office work just to keep up. Dan said the state was here and we are still missing some things.

New copier was received from Marlin Leasing Corp. in the fire bureau. The cost is \$150.00/mo for 3 years for each copier(fire bureau and chief's office). There is a charge of \$19.03/mo for insurance. The Chief's Office will be getting a new copier next week. Motion Conrad Johnson, second John Menz to continue contract with Marlin Leasing Corp. All commissioners present voted aye.

Bob Sweeten said he has a new contact at Lincoln Financial. He sent a voucher to them but as of the meeting had not received it back. They will return the voucher when they receive the signed forms by the Plan Administrator. Bob said he had a new application for Keith Alexander that also needed to be signed by the Plan Administrator. Bob will then email the two signed forms to Lincoln Financial and in turn they will return the voucher that will be given to our treasurer. A check for \$42,595.20 for 27 members at \$1,577.60 will then be mailed. Bob said that we will be done for this year at that time.

Aaron Sill announced that the Annual Installation Dinner on March 19th had been cancelled due to costs consideration. He thanked the commissioners for their help with the water incident that has been resolved. He said everyone is happy with the work done by Broadley's. Broadley's Plumbing also took care of pipes and work in the kitchen. Conrad Johnson asked if the concern about undermining was resolved. Aaron said the concrete is not as thick as they thought. It is only 5" thick instead of 12". There are no signs of any problems with the concrete at this time. Conrad Johnson mentioned that the County RUST team has the capability with a search camera for collapsed and confined spaces. He suggested that maybe the firehouse could use them for any undermining. Aaron thanked Connie for his suggestion and said they will continue to watch the concrete for any problems. Aaron also stated that there will be a Beef 'n Beer for Gary McGhee on May 21, 2022 as a thank you for handling the Car Show at the firehouse.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 81 fire calls; ISO thanks to everyone; March 1st at 10am, switched to County; County says iPads in trucks will not work because of our system, recommending to switch to Microsoft Surface Go3 tablet LTE version and will need a total of five (5) - 3 big trucks and two

chiefs' vehicles. Best Buy had a sale price of \$679.99 each that ended tonight. Regular price will be \$729.99 tomorrow. Robert Zimmerman asked about the service plan. Buster said he contacted Microsoft and was told that he just needs to switch SIM cards from present to new and that it will stay on the same phone plan. Also, cost of mount is \$99.95 each and case is \$44.95 each for a total of \$824.89 each or total of \$4,124.45 for five (5). Jim Belles suggested that to get the sale price, they could use the fire company's credit card and the commissioners could reimburse the fire company. Motion Conrad Johnson, second John Menz to reimburse Rio Grande Fire Company up to \$4,500.00 for purchase of five (5) tablets, mounts and covers on their credit card. 700 radios are in and waiting for ID to come back from the state; March 2nd, ServPro stopped by and donated five (5) cases of water and had a group picture taken and said they are still having problems with pagers; Barry completed service on tanker and quint and there are quite a few repairs. Still waiting on an itemized list from Fire & Safety who is waiting for an itemized list from the parts department.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson, second J. Gregory Neill, of \$68,817.57. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary