

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

April 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Sal 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 Sal DeSimone, Conrad Johnson, Robert Zimmerman, Kirby Stiltner, and Jean Zimmerman present. Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Kirby Stiltner Jr., Robert Sweeten, Buster Graham, Rio Grande Fire Company President Craig Loper and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Jim Belles were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Active Firemen Membership Report was received

Letter from SJ Gas Company about upcoming changes in billing

Letter from AC Electric about clearing adjoining lot

Letter from March and McLennan Agency about changes to the Group Accident policy resulting with an increase of the premium by \$366.00

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution of the Fire Protection Agreement with Fire District #2 of Middle Township and the Rio Grande Volunteer Fire Company, motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to accept the agreement between fire district and fire company

Robert Zimmerman said he had a response from Trinity Solar. They are are state licensed and the advantage of roof over ground installation is that roof install would help protect the roof. It was decided to have a representative from Trinity come and speak at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman DeSimone was approached by the Middle Township Construction Board to be their construction inspector. Sal said he would do it but that he would do it through the fire district as he had previously done. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to accept the Shared Services Agreement for Building Inspections. Conrad Johnson will give a copy to Middle Township.

Chairman DeSimone talked to DOT about the two shacks near the train tracks.

Kirby Stiltner said that there had been inquiries about the vacant lot by some firemen wanting to have either mulch or wood chips put down. Craig Loper said he could provide the mulch but that with either wood chips or mulch there would still be weeds coming up making it hard to mow. Sal suggested spraying the lot with some weed killer.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning drug screening for new firemen applications. Bob Sweeten will check with JIF about any Drug and Counseling programs that may be available if there was ever a reason to need them.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 87 fire calls; Asst. Chief's Durango went for a tune-up, chief's Durango going on Saturday for tune-up; yearly flow testing will be done May 12; in house air compressor will be done

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sal DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner second Robert Zimmerman, of \$17,921.94 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)