

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

April 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Conrad Johnson. Mr. Johnson 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 Conrad Johnson, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Rio Grande Fire Company Fire Chief Rich Sweeten, Bob Sweeten, John Menz, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles, Jim Snyder, Larry Forsyth, Bill Barlow (by zoom), Gary Rudy, Buster Graham and Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri, were also present. Salvatore DeSimone and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: Jean Zimmerman said she talked with the County Clerk's office and they requested 50 more ballots. The clerk's office received a total of 450 ballots out of 650 for the April 20, 2021 Fire Elections.

OLD BUSINESS: Kirby Stiltner said that he transferred three CDs to pay for the truck.

Bob Sweeten said the new truck was paid for and delivered on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The fire company is happy with the truck.

Bob Sweeten said there were no appeals from the 28 qualified members for LOSAP. The district paid \$1,523 per person in 2020. With the COLA increase the cost would be \$1,562.60 per person for a total cost of \$43,752.80. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Kirby Stiltner to pay the increased amount of \$1,562.60 per person for a total of \$43,752.80.

NEW BUSINESS: Kirby Stiltner requested that QuickBooks be updated and would check with the accountant on which program to get. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Kirby Stiltner to spend up to \$400.00 for new QuickBooks program.

Jean Zimmerman said that since February she has had four emails from staff accountant, Kayla Watt, asking about the status of the audit info. Jean requested a list of what was needed from Kayla in the hopes that she could help with the gathering of information. Jean said that KJ has started accumulating the info and suggested paying overtime to KJ to help speed up the process since it is already the middle of April and the later the accountant gets the info, the later we get the audit. The commissioners reviewed the list and thought it was quite extensive. The QuickBooks section was suggested to Kirby to call Kayla and see if she could get the info from QuickBooks. The Payroll section was suggested to get in touch with CASA for that information.

The LOSAP section was given to Bob Sweeten to contact Lincoln Financial for their information. The Other section will be handled by Kirby Stiltner. Conrad Johnson thought that all the information should be collected by our next meeting in May. Kirby thought it could be done in a couple of weeks.

Jean Zimmerman asked if there has been any decision on the parking and use of the trucks. Conrad Johnson said he didn't think they should be used for personal use. Connie also said that he thought we should wait while there was an investigation going on before making any decisions.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 68 fire calls; new truck is here and will be in service starting Sunday, April 18th; the new jaws were put into use at an accident Wednesday night; flag poles were installed by several firemen at the Okie Recreation Center and Railroad Avenue Park; started RIT training; will try for a grant application from non-profit Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation (Joey D Foundation); received info from state DOT on the bridge at the water works being widened in the near future; projector to be installed April 23rd depending on delivery; April 27th meeting with Court House, Wildwood, North Wildwood, Erma, County Coordinator to discuss boundary and guideline issues on Wildwood and North Wildwood Boulevards.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Conrad Johnson read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$39,654.60. Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)