

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

May 19, 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 and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Howard Graham, Bob Sweeten, Ted Bohn and Skip Jastremski. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman sent an email to the commissioners regarding a bill from the firm of Hill & Wallack who are handling the Boy Scouts lawsuit. Conrad Johnson wanted to know where we were at in the case, if this was the only bill and if there was any idea how far this could go. Bob Sweeten said the Southern Council Boy Scouts of America is bankrupt and that everything is on hold for now and didn't know what the answer was. All future contacts will be through the lawyer firm Hill & Wallack. Motion Conrad Johnson, second John Menz to pay the bill of \$637.00. All commissioners voted aye.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 152 fire calls; a life member, Richard Sittineri, passed away April 22, 2022, took the Mack to his services; March 9, 2022, completed pump testing with no issues; on the 24th coming to do services on jaws on tanker; June 9th annual hose testing; quote of \$10,447.00 from Blaze Emergency Equipment Company for battery operated hydraulic ram (\$9,850 for the ram and \$522 for the battery), this will make a full complete set on the Squad; waiting on prices on SCBA; questioned how to get rid of the old gear in captain's room. Asked to find out what he had and we would try to find out if there was someplace that could use them possibly the Ukraine. Memorial Day parade for Middle Township; swearing in ceremony on Saturday in Wildwood; two (2) cases have come in and three (3) are on back order. The total cost for the tablets is \$3,880.17. Robert Zimmerman asked the chief about the Tahoe's tablet. Chief said that the tablet is installed and working. Robert told the chief that there was money in the budget for the jaws, and after checking with the other commissioners, to go ahead and order them. Buster said that there is an eight (8) week lead time and that the quote offer expires June 5th, 2022.

FIRE BUREAU: Greg Neill reported that he had a meeting with Court House in reference to changes in ordinances. They didn't know that there was already a provision in the ordinance on the food trucks debacle that we have had in the last year or two. Court House will continue to do what they have done in the past years because they have already had a couple food trucks registered. Greg said that Danny did not register any food trucks knowing of this confrontation but he has done two (2) food trucks at

new rate. Food people are happy with increase and how it's going to work. If you are a vendor and having an event in Fire District #2, the permits will be a one time fee of \$214 instead of \$50 every time and will be inspected. Fees from Lazy Bass and Harbor Freight are Fire District #2 but Court House has been receiving them. Court House has been notified that Fire District #2 will handle them. Greg said that both districts will have a resolution regarding the changes to the ordinances which will then go to the state for approval and then goes to the township for them to make the changes. They would like to offer township residents with food trucks a discount fee of \$100 and food trucks out of the district will pay \$214 for their permits. Greg said he would like to up the fees in most areas to offset costs. Danny and Court House are lacking in their collection fees. Greg said it's been 10-15 years since last change.

Gregory Neill mentioned that there is a Zero Clearance Fireplace in the fire prevention ordinance. He would like to take it out of the ordinance and give it to the Construction Office where it belongs.

Gregory Neill asked Fire Inspector, Daniel DeSimone for a printout of how much is owed to us. He said that \$57,000 has been billed and \$44,000 has been collected this year so far.

Gregory Neill mentioned there is only one (1) computer in the office and thought maybe we should have another. His thought was in case someone needed information and the computer was being used, they would have to interrupt the user. Robert Zimmerman asked if the iPad could be used. Greg would check with Danny.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by J. Gregory Neill, second Conrad Johnson, of \$15,305.19. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary