

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

June 16, 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, Robert Sweeten and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Jim Belles were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent. Middle Township Mayor Michael Clark was also present.

COMMUNICATIONS: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Belles stated that the grant writers said that we are only seven years of ten years needed for the SCBA and that the \$1500.00 was not needed given to the fire company by the fire district.

Robert Zimmerman spoke of the night before's fire company meeting concerning the solar panels. The fire company is in favor of them as long as the weight on the roof is not too much. Robert said he would contact Trinity. There was no opposition to the solar panels issue.

Robert Zimmerman did some investigating into other fire districts salaries. Sal DeSimone said he would take the information into consideration.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Michael Clark of Middle Township said he received the letter sent by the fire district. Unfortunately the township's budget has already been approved for this year. He agreed that the district would get their fair share less 5% that is given to the county. It will be under consideration for next year. Conrad Johnson suggested sending another letter at the end of the year as a reminder. The mayor also said that he knows the park is run down and has asked the Public Works Department to keep it under control. The mayor also reported that a new police substation has opened in Rio Grande on Route 47. Helen's husband was taken to the hospital and she was not able to be in the office to do the bills. A discussion was held to consider having a backup for her and for helping out. Jean Zimmerman suggested writing checks in the meantime until somebody could do the bills in QuickBooks. Robert Zimmerman said he would try and maybe contact Sarah who installed the program for help. Middle Township's mayor said that the Court House Fire Company recently had a similar problem and will not let that happen again. At Mr. Phelan's suggestion, Sal DeSimone motioned, second Kirby Stiltner to pay the bills not to exceed \$40,000.00

CHIEF'S REPORT: 149 fire calls; SCVA was already explained above; received \$3,761 from NJ Forest Fire and \$500.00 from Walmart; jaws of life service all passed; 7298 was being fixed and insurance for body work was being done while in the shop; four firemen have completed fire school; two firemen have completed and passed Fire 2; 70 people attended a solar class of which 30 of 40 Rio Grande firemen attended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: no bills at this time due to the hospitalization of Helen's husband. Motion Sal DeSimone, second Kirby Stiltner not to exceed \$40,000.00 in payment of any bills.

CLOSED SESSION: Chairman Sal De Simone excused himself from this meeting. Conrad Johnson said that Dan DeSimone's hours have increased to 30 hours per week in the Fire Prevention Bureau. When Dan left the Turnpike Authority he lost his healthcare. His supplemental insurance costs \$460.62 per month that he pays himself. Connie suggested paying his supplemental insurance. There were no objections. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Kirby Stiltner to pay \$460.62 per month up to \$500.00 per month for Fire Inspector Dan DeSimone's supplemental insurance healthcare from the fire bureau's funds.

Meeting adjourned

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)