

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

June 16, 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, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Fire Official Dan DeSimone, Jim Belles, and Skip Jastremski. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Greg Neill said the Fire Bureau was still waiting on the changes for the ordinances from Court House. He hopes to have everything done by October.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman discussed the upcoming new truck in 2024/2025. Because of the truck building process being about 24 months, it was thought that we should order in 2024 with an approximate delivery date of 2026. This would mean putting the truck on the 2023 ballot in February's Fire Election. He asked Bob Sweeten to start looking at the needs and cost of the new truck.

Aaron Sill said that everything is going good at the fire house

CHIEF'S REPORT: 195 fire calls; June 10th hoses were tested and we lost several lengths: 1 – 5", 2 – 1 ¾", and 1 – 1"; June 14 and 15 air packs were tested with no issues; old gear that has expired count was 14 coats and 13 pants; ram and four (4) pagers were ordered; waiting to hear back about quote for tanker and the brakes on Quint. Robert Zimmerman questioned the old gear disposal. Conrad Johnson said they could be delivered to the Fire Academy where everyone else is delivering theirs and possibly will be sent to Ukraine. Conrad Johnson asked the chief if he was aware of a grant for up to \$75,000 and Buster said he saw it and was going to try and apply for it.

FIRE BUREAU: Dan DeSimone said that he had three (3) food trucks last year and has 16 registered this year. He said that the owners are in favor of the discount to be given to district

residents. The proposed ordinance change would have Middle Township residents with food trucks paying Fire Districts 1 & 2 \$107.00 each.

Dan said that he is in need of help for Transfer of Sales inspections. Previously, firemen would help for non-life hazard inspections which would include checking for smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, etc. Conrad Johnson thought that the Division of Fire & Safety was against the firemen helping. Greg Neill thought that certified inspectors should do commercial inspections while non-life hazard inspections could be done by firemen. There are approximately 50-75 Transfer of Sales per year. Fees are \$72.00 with possible increase to \$75.00. Inspector rate would be \$25.00 for Transfer of Sales for a year.

July will start rental inspections

Late Notices are going out on Monday with 68% of businesses not paid.

Updated SIMS cards for the iPads and cell phones.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by J. Gregory Neill, second Conrad Johnson, of \$14,478.54. Conrad Johnson questioned the Holt McNally invoice and was told that it was partial billing for the 2021 Audit. Greg Neill asked about the amount of hydrants with NJ American Water and was told there are 61. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary