

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

July 15, 2021

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, Jean Zimmerman, Salvatore DeSimone, and John Menz present. Also present were Bob Sweeten, Kirby Stiltner, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles, Rio Grande Fire Chief Richard Sweeten, Gary Rudy and Buster Graham. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: Jean Zimmerman said she received an email from Lee Ann Russ, Middle Township Tax Assessor, stating that the DCA had not received three fire districts fire budget certifications. Without these certifications the County Tax Board or the township could prepare the tax bills due August 1st. Jean said she emailed Melissa Ford, DCA, the missing certification for Fire District #2 and that the district is now good.

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman gave the commissioners a copy of Resolution 2021-13 Establishment of Salaries and Hourly Wages/Ranges for Full Time and Part Time Positions for Fiscal Year 2021. Jean Zimmerman read the resolution with all commissioners voting aye to accept.

Robert Zimmerman said the phone bill is high because the contract has expired and there was a significant increase in the bill due to the iPad services going up. Danny and he have been working on it. Seems the phone account has been hacked. They said the PIN number had been changed and the security question wasn't the correct question. Robert asked about the usage of cellular data being needed because the cost has increased from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per iPad. The commissioners said they did not need the cellular data. Cellular data will be kept for the chief's office and fire bureau. There are 11 iPads – 5 for the commissioners, 5 for the chief's office and 1 for the fire bureau.

Conrad Johnson was asked to check on the district's bank accounts. He went to OceanFirst and found out that some of the CD numbers were closed. The bank wants to know who the signers are. Connie said that some of the CDs are to be signed by Salvatore DeSimone and himself. He felt that all five board members should be authorized to sign with a minimum of three

signatures needed. Motion Conrad Johnson, second John Menz all five commissioners be eligible to sign on all bank accounts and CDs of the district with three signatures needed. All commissioners present voted aye.

Bob Sweeten said the missing LOSAP applicant has returned but he hasn't seen him yet. He expects that the application will be completed before the August meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 179 fire calls; structure fire on Grande Blvd followed the next day by a gas leak down the block; old air bags have passed their 20 years and wanted to know what should be done with them. Conrad Johnson said they can't be reused, may need to be destroyed, the decision was left undecided. There was a request to have Squad on display at the Wildwood Convention in September, Thursday to Saturday night. He was given the ok. Jaws drill last night and quite impressed with the extrication equipment; holding off on the live burn until cooler weather; physicals in October; hose testing and lost a couple pieces; email received about regional branch grant, if approved it could get us 10 radios. Robert Zimmerman asked the chief about the cost of air packs so he could get money set aside in the 2022 Budget. Chief estimated a cost of \$7,000 to \$8,000 depending on the number needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by John Menz, second Conrad Johnson, of \$34,334.41. Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)