

Middle Township Fire District #2

August 21, 2014

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. Mr. Thomas Phelan, Attorney, Rich Sweeten and Bob Sweeten were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: letter from Cape Bank stating that as of August 30, 2014 our \$100,671.51 CD will be coming due. We can't do anything with it until that date. If we do nothing the CD will be worth \$100,923.35. Sal talked with a bank representative and was told that we can take the CD and put it in a 3 month/90 day money market account. Sal would like to also put the 2nd draw of \$134,000.00 in the account also.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Sweeten spoke of the new truck specs being almost ready and looking into the HGAC program for purchasing the new truck. He thought that maybe Mr. Phelan and Rodney Haines could get together and talk over the pros and cons of this program.

Bob Sweeten said that Ralph Porch has retired and closed out his LOSAP account. There was no need of approval since he is past the required age.

Marsh McClellan needs our 2014 Budget for the JIF. They also asked if we had any mutual aid agreements but all that were found were drafts.

NEW BUSINESS: Sal was contacted by the Rio Grande Fire Company's president that the property next door is for sale. The new owner would like to sell it to the fire company for \$225,000.00. Connie and Sal talked to Rodney Haines to see if the district could afford to buy it. Rodney doesn't anticipate any changes for the next couple of years. The lot could be used as more parking for the fire company for several years. Sal told the seller that there could be no money exchanged until next year but could give an agreement of intent. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Kirby Stiltner to move forward in purchasing of the property. All commissioners present voted aye. There will be a special meeting on September 18th at 6:30pm with a vote to be taken on approval of the purchase of property.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 184 fire calls; hopefully the new truck will be at the dealership next week and then will be lettered; working on conversion process of a skid unit on the utility truck with a cost starting at \$12,000.00; two people are going to FireFighter 1, two to FireFighter 2 and five juniors are going to the fire academy; spoke to the Cape May chief about being on the list for manpower for mutual aid; Rich said that his budget this year is still looking close but feels next year he will need more due to the costs of gear and new items for the tanker

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sal DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Robert Zimmerman second Conrad Johnson, of \$158,812.47. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary