MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

August 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Salvatore 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 Salvatore DeSimone, Conrad Johnson, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Robert Sweeten, Harold VanArtsdalen, and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Richard Sweeten were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant and was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Our lawsuit is supposed to be heard tomorrow, Friday, August 18 but the judge has already said he wasn't going to hear it. The judge said he would get back to Mr. Phelan.

Kirby Stiltner questioned the status about the JIF overpayment. Sal DeSimone said he hasn't heard anything.

NEW BUSINESS: The fire elections being held in November was discussed. Sal was against the idea of putting fire elections with general elections. All commissioners present agreed to keep the fire elections in February.

Sal DeSimone said he closed the LEA account at Bank of America in the amount of approximately \$36,000.00 which he then deposited into OceanFirst account. There is still a CD at Bank of America that Sal wants them to figure out the amount and then to call him. That amount will also be deposited in OceanFirst.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 208 fire calls; AC has not been resolved due to the mechanic having surgery, there are now 2 trucks without AC; had a good jaws drill with Erma, Erma has a 10,000 lb system compared to our 5,000 lb system and there is a big difference; getting ready for convention; headlight switch died in the 5 ton which we were able to fix ourselves; the Township of Middle is talking about making the ball field a dog park with tennis and basketball courts, etc. – if this happens then the ball field would not be allowed to be used for helicopter landings and would have to use either Okie's field or Whitesboro rec field; hoses that were failed in testing the chief would like to offer to Craig Loper at Lower Township MUA; Zachary Lex and Anthony Krieg are in Firefighter 1

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson second Robert Zimmerman, of \$21,574.06 Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary