

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

August 20, 2020

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, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Rich Sweeten, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Attorney Mr. Nicholas Sittineri, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Chief Harold VanArtsdalen, Larry Forsyth, Rod Panebianco and Bob Sweeten were also present. Kayla Watt, Accountant/David McNally, Vice President of Holt McNally and Associates, Conrad Johnson, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman DeSimone talked with the accountant to get approval of spending up to \$17,000 for an architect's estimate. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Kirby Stiltner for Sal DeSimone to speak with an architect for up to \$17,000 for building on lot. All commissioners present voted aye.

Chairman DeSimone got a call about the flag at the Okie Wisting field. Harold VanArtsdalen said that the flag at Rts 9 & 47 was missing. Sal thought maybe that's what his call was about and would look into both places. Sal would also like to get a flag pole and a plaque for the new field in Rio Grande.

Chairman DeSimone would like to increase the commissioners salaries by \$50. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to increase commissioners salaries by \$50. All commissioners present voted aye.

Bob Sweeten had two applications for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. They were Alexandria E. Pellerin and Miguel Abarca. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to accept the application of Alexandria E. Pellerin. All commissioners present voted aye. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to accept the application of Miguel Abarca. All commissioners present voted aye.

President Sill said that at their meeting the night before they discussed some upcoming events that may be affected by their financial status. They are the Children's Christmas Party, the Installation Dinner and their clothing allowance. Aaron said they are not getting \$400 rent from the cell tower due to the phone companies merger and there is no money from Bingo, hall rentals or breakfasts. The fire company is trying to think of ways to increase their revenue. They will hold a hoagie sale on August 29th. He is concerned for the financial status of the fire company for 2021.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 173 fire calls; busy enough during Tropical Storm Isaias; utility truck at Gentilini has a blown head gasket; finish Hazmet refresher next Wednesday; 2 new members; has not heard back from the people who do the physicals; looking at future of small vehicles; has a trial period of app Tango Tango that connects with 700 fire network – he ballparked an estimate of \$1,500 to \$2,000; tires on ladder are showing wear

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$17,977.84. Bob Zimmerman questioned the Verizon bill because the check amount and the invoices amounts did not match. Checking into the amount and will hold the bill until corrected. Motion carried

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)