

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

August 19, 2021

A moment of silence was given for the passing of Henry Mattera who passed away August 10, 2021 after serving 73 years with the Rio Grande Volunteer Fire Company.

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, and John Menz present. Also present were Bob Sweeten, Kirby Stiltner, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Skip Jastremski, Kirby Stiltner Jr., Fire Official Dan DeSimone and Buster Graham. Salvatore DeSimone, Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman asked Conrad Johnson if he had found out any information on the old air bags. Connie said he had no responses to his requests regarding old air bags. He said some use them for extra padding. He suggested marking them and using them in the same way or just destroying them. Robert and Connie agreed on destroying them.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman asked Fire Official Dan DeSimone about the iPad situation. Dan said one was locked and was still trying to unlock it. Kirby Stiltner Jr. is going to call Apple in Marlton for help. Dan said he got a third iPad today from Sprint, a Generation 8. Dan said they had to have an appropriate system to work with the state standards. Each inspector will use an iPad for their inspections, and take a picture of any violation(s) and then email to the owner. Upgrading with ESP system with iPads.

Scott Aaron Sill said there was a discussion at the fire company meeting last night about the back parking lot. The fire company asked for some help from the commissioners. They wondered if the commissioners could contribute half the cost of \$13,878 towards the paving, pot hole repairs and tear ups, resealing and relining and marking the handicap spots. They thought that money had been put aside in last year's budget. Robert Zimmerman checked with the accountant who confirmed there was money there. Robert thought the fire district could help out with \$10,000. Aaron and Danny appreciated whatever could be given. Motion Conrad

Johnson, second John Menz to give \$10,000 for parking lot project for the fire company. All commissioners present voted aye.

Scott Aaron Sill said that the funeral went well for Henry Mattera and was amazed how the members came together for a man who dedicated 73 years to the company.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 220 fire calls; there was a CO call at the Red Roof Motel that was a real CO call. When the roof was repaired in April, the roofers covered all sewer and two hot water heater vents and forgot to remove the tape. The dryer vents were clogged with lint; EMS, the gas company and health department were called out. There was an estimated 200 people who had to be evacuated and evaluated from the 49 rooms. Two rooms were found to have the CO detector off the wall. The fire chief was going to ask the fire inspector to follow up. The Tahoe wrapping of the chief's car will take about one week; pump tested with no problems; ladder tested and needs adjusting; air bags came in and hopefully will have a drill soon; MSA & Scott was there for a demo. Robert Zimmerman discussed with the chief about the current air pack cylinders being good through 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by John Menz, second Conrad Johnson, of \$25,128.54. Conrad Johnson questioned several bills. He said there was no check with the Sprint invoices. That's because it is now automatically paid because of a new contract that Dan DeSimone was able to get. He also questioned Holt McNally invoice and was told by Robert Zimmerman that it was for audit work that they are working on. The Gentilini bill was also questioned and was told by Dan DeSimone that the chief had lost a key to the Tahoe, had a key made and when he went to use it, the car and systems shut down. Car was towed to Gentilini where they were told because they did not have a key with the security chip, the car did what it was supposed to. Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)