

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

September 16, 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, Salvatore DeSimone, Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Bob Sweeten, Kirby Stiltner, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Skip Jastremski, Kirby Stiltner Jr., Fire Official Dan DeSimone, Mike Quigley, Jim Snyder and Buster Graham. John Menz, Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman talked with accountant who said the audit should be done by next week.

Salvatore DeSimone asked about the state review. Conrad Johnson said he talked with Tim Parr of Division of Fire & Safety, who did the audit, at the State Fire Commissioners meeting today. Connie informed him that the resolution for re-appointing Daniel DeSimone as Fire Official was going to be done at tonight's meeting and that he and Danny were working on a written corrective action report. Robert was impressed with what they came up with. Copies of the review were given to Sal and Jean Zimmerman. Robert Zimmerman and Conrad Johnson had already received their copy.

NEW BUSINESS: One of the corrections from the state was that there was no resolution reappointing Daniel DeSimone as Fire Official since May 19, 2005. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Jean Zimmerman to accept Resolution 2021-14 reappointing Daniel DeSimone for another four years as Fire Official of Fire District #2 of Middle Township with his term expiring September 16, 2025. All commissioners present voted aye.

Kirby Stiltner said the fire company was having trouble with the internet and was looking to go back with Comcast. That will require rewiring the whole building for an increased coverage range of the internet. The cost would be about an extra \$100 per month, less than \$350/mo.

Bob Sweeten said the last applicant for LOSAP has been paid and finishes 2020.

Scott Aaron Sill thanked the district for their help with the paving of the parking lot. The lot looks good.

Bob Sweeten talked with Gary Magee who runs the Wildwood Car Show and our car show. Bob said that Wildwood is having their car show next Thursday, the 23rd of September. Gary asked Bob if they could "cruise" to the Rio Grande firehouse. The fire company had no problem with the cruise. Gary gave the firehouse money for hamburgers and hot dogs which the firemen will cook. Bob asked that if there was

an excess of overflow of cars, could they park on the commissioners' lot. Sal said that they would be parking at their own risk. Bob was told to inform Gary Magee that if they did use the commissioners' lot, they would be parking at their own risk.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 249 fire calls; county received radio grant of \$571,000 with each company being responsible for 5% of the total cost with the companies receiving approximately 10 portables with a delivery in December or January; Chiefs meeting with Middle Township about dispatch going to county. State requested upgrading Middle Township dispatch. Police Chief Leusner said that he is going to recommend that all Middle Township police, fire and EMS go over in 2022 because of the cost of upgrading and that Cape May is switching November 1, 2021. Tahoe is getting wrapped on September 24th; physicals are being held on October 13th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson, second Sal DeSimone, of \$46,127.89. Robert questioned Mr. Braslow's invoice. He said he would give him a call since he doesn't believe the invoice is our's. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary