

# MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

October 19, 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, Dan DeSimone, Kirby Stiltner Jr., Harold VanArtsdalen and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Richard Sweeten were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** letter received from David May, Zoning Officer of the Middle Township Planning and Zoning Office stating that the sign on the empty lot announcing the coming soon of Tavern 72 was erected with no permit approval and needs to be removed because of false advertising. If it is not removed ASAP a violation notice may be sent with a possible summons along with fines. He did also send a permit which was signed by Sal DeSimone and returned.

Lincoln Financial quarterly statement was received. Sal asked Bob Sweeten to look over the names to see if there are any members listed that are not eligible thereby giving us money back.

Atlantic Electric letter stating they will be doing work in front of the building in mid-November.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bob Zimmerman spoke to Infiniti Energy Services regarding solar power. They need the fire company's 2016 taxes. Their rate starts at .09 up to .13 with a possible total 25 years savings of \$408,821

Conrad Johnson reported on the new car search. He said that a 2018 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 may be the car.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kirby Stiltner said that he was told by the bank that with our multiple accounts they didn't have everyone's names for signatures. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to have all commissioners' names on accounts for signature.

Sal DeSimone approached the Rio Grande Fire Company about putting a tavern on the lot along with other possible uses of fire bureau, fire commissioners meeting room, storage, etc. He said there are three licenses available at \$1,000 each and it has to be non-profit. Sal wants to talk with Rodney about using taxpayer monies for the building.

Dan DeSimone, Fire Inspector, said the bureau has to store their paper work for seven years. Present office lacks the space needed and he looked into storage units. Sentinel Storage has a 10x12 with heat and air conditioning for \$157.11/month. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Kirby Stiltner to get a unit for one year. Dan also said that he has hired Kyle Lindholm as of October 1, 2017 to do transfer of sales and rental properties for the fire bureau.

Sal DeSimone spoke about the need of replacing/fixing the generator before the cold weather gets here. Said grants should be looked into. Air packs were also discussed for future purchase. Probably would need 25 not the 30 that were purchased in 2009.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** 252 fire calls; parade season has started; demos with new tools; maintenance scheduling with Pierce on trucks. So we have their bill in this year's billing, Pierce gave a guesstimate of \$13,625 for three trucks, all services; would like to have storage and training areas in possible new building; charger put in Durango; light bar fixed for \$300 on Harold's car, when new car comes in the light bar can go on the pickup.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salvatore DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner second Conrad Johnson, of \$24,620.53 Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)