

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

October 20, 2022

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, John Menz, J. Gregory Neill and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Howard Graham, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Jenifer Sill, Bob Sweeten, Gary Rudy, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Chief Jim Belles and Charles Cripps. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Neill read in a newspaper that South Jersey Gas has a grant program up to \$5,000 for 1st responders. He thought that the chief could apply for the fire company and he could apply for the fire district.

Aaron Sill said it was election time in the fire company and that he was not running for office. Robert Zimmerman asked about physicals for new applicants and who should pay for them. Applicants are required a physical by their own doctor and at their own cost. They would be reimbursed after their one year probation time. The cap would be \$200.00.

Bob Sweeten had an application from Patricia L. Biedrzycki for the NJ State Firemen's Association. Motion Greg Neill, second Conrad Johnson to accept the NJ State Firemen's Association application for Patricia L. Biedrzycki.

Greg Neill said that he and Robert Zimmerman had taken a look in the storage unit and feel that come January, 2023 they should be able to clean it out. There are some computers and other electronics and about a dozen banker boxes of paper work. Greg said there is a five year holding time so there may be some papers that can be shredded. He asked Aaron Sill for permission to store the boxes in the firehouse loft and fire prevention items could go in the shed. Jenifer Sill offered to remove the hard drive from the computer.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 363 fire calls; fire company attended Auxiliary Life Member Doris Wisting's funeral; held Fire Prevention demonstrations at Middle Township Elementary School and

Lowe's; there was an injury report to a fireman who was bit by a snake in the firehouse; gear still looking for delivery in April 2023, getting total to encumber for 5 sets of gear; will be in two parades – Middle Township's Halloween Parade and Lower Township's Veterans' Day Parade; still waiting for fix on axle seals for tanker, brakes on Quint are done; squad service done with with minor issues being done in house; Quint 72 backup camera service is ordered

FIRE BUREAU: all is going well per Greg Neill

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Greg Neill, second Conrad Johnson, of \$24,639.37. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary