MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

November 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Sal 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 Sal DeSimone, Conrad Johnson, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Bob Sweeten and Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Jim Belles were also present. Rodney Haines, Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Atlantic City Electric letter stating they will be doing environmental testing on property next to fire company/district property.

Jean asked about sending a sympathy card to former fire commissioner Gary Rudy on the passing of his wife, Bea. The fire company sent a fruit basket and will add the district's name to the card. Jean will send a card.

OLD BUSINESS: Since Mr. Phelan still has not heard from Middle Township's solicitor, Mr. Corrado, Sal suggested that Mr. Phelan sue the township for two years real estate taxes plus attorney's fees. Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson that Mr. Phelan be authorized to pursue legal order against Middle Township over real estate tax property.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Conrad Johnson to introduce the 2017 Budget which includes an amount to be <u>raised by taxation of \$596,800</u>. All commissioners present voted aye. A public hearing regarding the 2017 budget will be held on December 15, 2016 at 6:45pm.

Bob Sweeten reported that the elections were held at the fire company and that Richard Sweeten will become the fire chief and Buster Graham will remain assistant chief.

Robert Zimmerman said the solar company cannot do anything without receiving the fire company's books for the last three years.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 386 fire calls; Christmas parades will be starting Friday, November 25, 2016

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sal De Simone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman, of \$9,478.79. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary