

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

November 15, 2018

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, Kirby Stiltner, Conrad Johnson, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman present. Robert Sweeten, Attorney Mr. Thomas Phelan, Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Rich Sweeten, Rio Grande Fire Company President Aaron Sill, Fire Bureau Inspector Dan DeSimone and John Menz were also present. Holman Frenia Allison P.C., Accountant was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from the Herald Newspapers thanking us for using their paper for our advertising.

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman said the solar panels were turned on October 31, 2018 and should receive the first bill in December. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony coming soon.

Again received a request from unemployment for Michael Neill and there was no change in our standing that he was not working here for the dates listed.

Bob Sweeten said the JIF money will be going to the Township of Middle first and then to the fire district.

Regarding the new truck, Bob Sweeten and Bob Zimmerman were looking at the CDs that have an approximate total of \$706,000. CDs are only good for 13 months. Bob Sweeten said they are looking at a \$100,000 trade in for the truck and will have a number for the January meeting. He is thinking maybe in the \$900,000s.

Dan DeSimone reported that the Tahoe has been fixed by ABRA with modifications to the original estimate at a cost of \$4,000 less. CASA will take care of keeping track of the paid sick time. He discussed his penalty list. Motion Sal DeSimone, second Conrad Johnson to approve the fire bureau's penalty list.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to accept the 2017 Audit as read. Commissioners Conrad Johnson, Kirby Stiltner, Robert Zimmerman and Jean Zimmerman voted aye to accept. Chairman Sal DeSimone voted nay.

The 2019 Budget was discussed but there were questions about the numbers. Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Conrad Johnson to move the December meeting date to December 13, 2018 to introduce the 2019 budget. This will give Bob time to contact Suzanne Heller at Holman Frenia Allison Accountant so a meeting can be set up prior to December 13th for clarifications on the budget and we can get our introduced budget copies to the DCA by deadline of December 18, 2018.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 285 fire calls; Fire and Safety annual maintenance estimate is \$13,625 for three (3) big trucks; chief has an itemized breakdown on his spending and has done well or slightly under with his spending; getting ready for parades; issues with Lowe's fire alarm; Walmart's system is in and functional

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salvatore De Simone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Kirby Stiltner second Conrad Johnson, of \$10,300.29 Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)