

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

November 18, 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, John Menz and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Bob Sweeten, Kirby Stiltner, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Anthony Krieg, Fire Official Dan DeSimone, and Buster Graham. Salvatore DeSimone, Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: email was received from Mr. Braslow, Attorney, regarding the timetable for the Budget and Annual Election

OLD BUSINESS: Conrad Johnson questioned the minutes concerning the CDs reinvestment and moving the money to another bank. He didn't recall the decision to reinvest for 6 months. Jean Zimmerman will delete the line regarding reinvesting for another 6 months at OceanFirst. Robert said we can deposit both CDs for 6 months. Motion Conrad Johnson, second John Menz to deposit the two CDs in OceanFirst for 6 months. All commissioners present voted aye. Sal DeSimone was absent.

NEW BUSINESS: Conrad Johnson questioned information on Page N-1 of the 2022 Budget. He questioned the \$802,000 in capital items for a new fire apparatus and chief SUV in the second and third boxes of the budget. He thought it sounded like we were acquiring them in next year's budget. Robert Zimmerman explained that it was due to the new fire truck and chief's SUV that did not appear on the 2021 Budget. Without that \$802,000, the budget would only have increased \$6,000. Robert Zimmerman read the 2022 Fire District Budget Resolution that as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$917,275 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$718,450 and Total Appropriations of \$1,635,725. Robert Zimmerman, Conrad Johnson, John Menz and Jean Zimmerman voted aye to accept the Introduction of the 2022 Budget as read. Salvatore DeSimone was absent. A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:45pm prior to the monthly regular meeting.

Daniel DeSimone talked about the proposal from ProPhoenix Corporation. EZFire Records is software that allows management of every activity and person and streamlines and optimizes all aspects of operation. They charge a onetime fee of \$13,785.00 for installation for the fire bureau and a yearly subscription of \$6,044.00. Both amounts would be due upon account

activation. There would be about a six month set up time. The estimate is good until February 28, 2022. Dan said the state wants everything by email and they are having trouble with ESP. He doesn't think it makes sense for the fire side to be installed since they are paying less now. He also mentioned that Court House and Lower Township use this program from ProPhoenix and like it. Conrad thought we should table it for now.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 295 fire calls; doing all Christmas parades coming up; assisted Villas and Green Creek on mutual aid jaws call; truck maintenance coming up and not sure if they will make it by the end of year, cost estimated at \$10,675.00 and can we encumber; live burn on December 8th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson, second John Menz, of \$16,314.77. John Menz will contact Marlin about changing the due date because currently the date is right after our meeting date and we are being charged service charges. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary