

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

November 17, 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 (zoom), J. Gregory Neill and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Howard Graham, Rio Grande Fire Company Fire Official Dan DeSimone, Bob Sweeten. Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Greg Neill stated that he had cleared out the storage unit and everything is at the firehouse. He also said that there is a five year Record Retention and anything older has to be approved by the Township Clerk before shredding.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman read the 2023 Fire District Budget Resolution that as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$1,173,424 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$753,892 and Total Appropriations of \$1,173,424. Robert Zimmerman, Conrad Johnson, John Menz, Greg Neill and Jean Zimmerman voted aye to accept the Introduction of the 2023 Budget as read. Jean Zimmerman reminded everyone that there will be a special meeting on December 15th at 6:45pm to adopt the 2023 Budget.

Robert Zimmerman and Chief Graham discussed at the firehouse Wednesday night about trying to get in touch with the grant writer that Green Greek Fire Company uses since our applications are always being denied.

Bob Sweeten said the truck committee will be meeting next Wednesday night at 7pm and will take a ride over to the apartments off of Rio Grande Avenue with the 75' and see how it makes out with normal parking that they would encounter.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 391 fire calls; Zach Lex is back from the military and is back on active duty and has to get his physical November 21st in CMCH; in contact with T-Mobile to get the tablets up and running, 3 running now, hopefully other 2 by tonight and will be put in trucks; attended two special events which were the Veterans' Day parade in Lower Township on November 5th and were invited to BBQ in Beach Haven for Super Storm Sandy 10 year anniversary; Santa will

be escorted around the district on Black Friday, November 25th starting at 10am; Christmas Parades coming up West Cape May, Middle Township, Lower Township and Wildwood; still waiting for cameras on Quint to be fixed and axle seal on tanker; bill turned in for front brakes on Quint. Ordered air packs, may be here in February and the old ones will be taken away but there is no trade because of how old they are.

FIRE BUREAU: Dan DeSimone said the fire company is getting false alarm fire calls in the early morning from the county. The county calls them “troubled alarms”. The county has talked with Franklin Alarm Company and admits it’s a county problem on their end and they are working on it.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Greg Neill, second Conrad Johnson, of \$18,847.03. Robert Zimmerman and John Menz opened a CD at Sturdy Bank at .8% for 12 months using the third quarter draw and some from another CD. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary