

# MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

December 17, 2015

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, Richard Sweeten and Bob Sweeten were also present. David Appolonia, representative from ACOS Energy was also present. Accountant Rodney Haines was absent.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** the approved budget was returned from the state Jeffrey S. Johnson, Jr. and Theodore A. Bohn's contracts from Lincoln Financial were received for their LOSAP

Shared Services Agreement between Township of Middle and Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 was received

Application for New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership application for Ronald R. Panebianco was received

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bob Zimmerman spoke about Helen Graham's computer that was looked at to be upgraded for a cost of \$200-\$250. He suggested buying a laptop to install Quickbooks on for the fire bureau. He said the cost of Helen's computer's upgrade and the cost of the laptop is less than \$1,000.

Rodney Haines, accountant, said that the state was looking for email addresses for Jean and Sal and also a written agreement between the fire company and the fire district. Currently there is only a verbal agreement and they want it in writing. Mr. Phelan had a sample agreement that was briefly discussed. Motion Conrad Johnson, second Kirby Stiltner to read the sample and discuss it at the January 2016 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David Appolonia, representative from ACOS Energy spoke regarding solar power that would be installed by New Jersey Resources (NJR). He

asked for copies of the last 12 months of electric bills. He said there would be no upfront cost to the fire district. They would maintain the ballast system. Sal will get him the electric bills.

Motion Robert Zimmerman, second Kirby Stiltner to accept the application for Ronald R. Panebianco for the NJ State Firemen's Association.

Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Conrad Johnson to sign the Shared Services Agreement between Township of Middle and Middle Township Fire District #2 for participation in JIF for \$37,564 payable to Atlantic County Municipal.

Motion Kirby Stiltner, second Robert Zimmerman to adopt the 2016 Budget as read.

Petitions were given to Jean Zimmerman and Sal DeSimone to sign for the 2016 election ballot. They need to be returned by the January 21, 2016 meeting.

Truck Committee went to Wisconsin to inspect the new truck. Truck may be released in the next week with a possible delivery by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January according to Bob Sweeten. Upon approval of the truck payment is to be made. The truck being traded will be gone in 4-5 days after the acceptance of the new truck.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** 343 fire calls; major maintenances are done; thermal images still in process; and Chief Richard Sweeten thanked the commissioners for a great six years as chief.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sal DeSimone read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Conrad Johnson second Kirby Stiltner, of \$353,866.06 Motion carried.

[Jean Zimmerman, Secretary](#)