

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

December 16, 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, Salvatore DeSimone, John Menz and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Kirby Stiltner, Rio Grande Fire Company Fire Chief Richard Sweeten, Fire Official Dan DeSimone, and Jim Snyder. Conrad Johnson, Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: email was received from Mr. Braslow, Attorney, regarding the Mail In Ballot that will be shared with seven other fire districts and printed December 22, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: Sal DeSimone questioned what was decided on time off for the bureau. Robert Zimmerman said they will get ½ day earned for every month worked for vacation. Bereavement will be 3 days for immediate family and 2 days for remaining family members. Sick time is given by the state. We would like to have something in place by beginning of the year.

NEW BUSINESS: John Menz read the 2022 Adopted Budget Resolution that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$1,635,725 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$718,450 and Total Appropriations of \$1,635,725. Robert Zimmerman, Salvatore DeSimone, John Menz and Jean Zimmerman voted aye to accept the Adoption of the 2022 Budget as read. Conrad Johnson was absent.

Jean Zimmerman said that three petitions were handed out for the elections in February. They were Jean Zimmerman, Jim Snyder and Kirby Stiltner.

John Menz said he looked into Online QuickBooks. It would cost \$25/month, the books would be online and the accountant would have access. Records would be kept on QuickBooks service. Motion John Menz, second Salvatore DeSimone to purchase QuickBook Online at \$25/month. All commissioners present voted aye, Conrad Johnson was absent.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 322 fire calls; there are 4 items to be encumbered: Knox box for building (for mutual aid companies when there) and Tahoe - \$2354.92, battery operated fan - \$3935, 700 radio for radio room - \$3103.50, adjustment on truck - \$850; yearly maintenance was not done

and will be done next year; Chief Sweeten thanked the commissioners after his 11 years as chief for all their help given to him. He will support Buster and help him with training.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Salvatore DeSimone, second John Menz, of \$24,833.55. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary