

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

December 15, 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, John Menz, J. Gregory Neill and Jean Zimmerman present. Also present were Rio Grande Fire Company Chief Howard Graham, Rio Grande Fire Company President Scott Aaron Sill, Rio Grande Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief Jim Belles. Conrad Johnson, Richard Braslow, Attorney and David McNally, CPA of Holt McNally and Associates, were absent.

COMMUNICATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman read the 2023 Adopted Budget Resolution that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption 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. All commissioners present voted aye to adopt the 2023 budget as read. Conrad Johnson had emailed his approval of the 2023 budget.

Robert Zimmerman said that our ISO rating dropped a couple of points from 69.87 to 62.84. He was told the drop was due mostly to lack of membership.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Zimmerman introduced two resolutions: Resolution 2022-15 Establishing the Compensation for the Members of the Board of Commissioners for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Resolution 2022-16 Adoption of Corrective Action Plan. Resolution 2022-15 increased the commissioners pay to \$450.00 per meeting. All commissioners present voted aye to accept the two resolutions. Conrad Johnson had emailed his approval of the two resolutions.

Robert Zimmerman stated that since we were not being compensated for the old air packs and since Aaron Sill's father's fire company in Alabama was in need of air packs, Bob asked if there was any opposition to donating our old air packs to the Hodges Volunteer and Rescue Company. Mr. Braslow wrote Resolution 2022-17 Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property for the donation of the air packs to Hodges Volunteer and Rescue Company. Motion Greg Neill, second John Menz to accept the resolution from Mr. Braslow for donation of old air packs to Hodges Volunteer and Rescue Company in Alabama.

Jean Zimmerman gave a petition to Robert Zimmerman and mailed a petition to Conrad Johnson for their re-election. Jean also said there would be petitions available for any other persons wishing to run for commissioner. Petitions are due back by January 19, 2023 meeting.

Aaron Sill said he will not be president in 2023 and wanted to thank the commissioners for their support and help through the years. He also appreciated the help given to his father's fire company with the equipment. Daniel DeSimone will be the new president and Kirby Stiltner will be vice president.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 416 fire calls; ID printer installed; 2- 700 mobile radios to be installed; Microsoft Tablets are up and running in trucks; issue with one of the gas detector the O2 sensor needs to be replaced; talked with FEMA grant writer, Randy Rand, from Grant Genie. Costs \$2,150 for 1st application and \$850 for each additional application. If approved, we get \$1500 back. Commissioners authorized the chief for up to three items. 3 Christmas parades and Black Friday Santa drive around are done. Buster was re-elected as chief.

FIRE BUREAU: Greg Neil said there were some minor issues with appearance in public. He thinks we should have a Code of Conduct on fire district level for fire officials and firefighters.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Zimmerman read the bills, motion by resolution to pay the bills by Greg Neill, second John Menz, of \$27,211.52. Greg Neil questioned the amount of tablets on the T-mobile bill. Motion carried.

Jean Zimmerman, Secretary