

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 16, 2023

The Manhattan Fire Protection District held its meeting at Manhattan Fire Station #81. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Trustees present were Bill Moncrief, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, Bob Davis (zoom) and Nick Kotchou (zoom). Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Brian Hupe, Randy Murray, and Bill Osborne.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's May to December finances, but stated this will change to a calendar year report next month. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length. He stated the GEMT payment has still not been processed.

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Davis to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills as presented. **Motion Carries.**

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

Chief Malone stated last week everything transitioned to the 800 mhz paging and all Peotone units were switched to Manhattan units in CAD. USDD station alerting reps were on site Tuesday to make sure everything was installed and working properly. In February there will be a Dispatch IGA meeting, the Board of Directors meeting is January 26.

NEW BUSINESS

First Community Bank and Trust Resolution

This resolution has been provided by First Community Bank and Trust to add additional signers to the existing Peotone bank accounts.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the First Community Bank and Trust Resolution. **Motion Carries.**

Discussion and Possible Approval of Mortgage Documents

Attorney Motylinski provided the documents that allow the District to sell Station 81 and reassign the previous mortgage loan documents to Station 82 and update the legal description.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to approve the Mortgage and all pertaining documents. **Motion Carries.**

Discussion and Possible Approval of Sale of Station 81 and Related Documents

These documents will allow the District to move forward to sell the building and review the pending sale agreement.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the documents relating to the Sale of Station 81 and allow Chief Malone to sign on the behalf of the Board. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- The new ambulance is at Sterling for radios, Cradlepoint and other equipment to be installed. Hoping to have it ready in February.
- Working to finalizing the 2023 Budget. This will include the re-chassis of Ambulance 84.
- Continue Union negotiations.
- The new station 81 committee continues to meet and are working toward an updated floor plan. Station 83 remodel, architect fees and estimated construction costs are also included in the upcoming budget. We are hoping the Station 83 project could be completed this year.
- Recently our FLSE, Jackie has coordinated approximately 200 people to be certified in CPR, Stop the Bleed, Active Shooter and First Aid from Peotone and Manhattan schools.
- We continue to work with the merging of the two departments. The key was to hire more personnel which we have done.

Deputy Chief's Report

-Seven Full time FF's were hired and started today. Six as we had previously discussed and 1 additional FF to replace the current full-time member that resigned. Six of these members were already working part time for the department. We will now need to replenish our part time staffing.

- Three senior members will be promoted to Lieutenant.
- All members are now active in the Silver Cross EMS system.
- Licensing for the Peotone ambulances have been updated with the State of Illinois.

Adjournment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to adjourn at 4:51pm. **Motion Carries.**