

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 21, 2022

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, Bill Weber, and Nick Kotchou. Members absent were Larry Goodwin and Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper, B/C Boyle, Lt. Eric Murphy, FF Matt Valdarchi, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting (via Zoom) Retired Captain Tim Murphy, VK Architects.

Public Comment

None

Truth and Taxation Hearing on 2022 Levy

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to open the public hearing at 4:01p.m. **Motion Carries.**

No objections were made.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded Weber to close the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. **Motion Carries.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's October finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length. He compared previous year data and current year data and stated everything looks good.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

There are struggles, but we continue to move forward. The 800mhz system project is progressing. Currently there are issues with Will County 9-1-1 and Chief Piper is part of a new committee to fix the problems and look into station alerting connectivity issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Levy Ordinance 2022-06

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for Manhattan FPD for the year 2022. On a roll call vote, all voting “Aye”, **Motion Carries.**

Declare MV-23, UT-82 Chevy Tahoe Surplus

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to declare MV-23, UT-82 Chevy Tahoe surplus. **Motion Carries.**

Purchase of MV-31, 2022 Ford Expedition

MOTION by Kotchou, second by Weber to approve the purchase of MV-31, 2022 Ford Expedition, new CH81. **Motion Carries.**

VK Architects Presentation

Chief Malone stated a closing date for the land purchase has not been scheduled, but should be soon then we will make the transfer of funds. John and Clay were present from VK Architects to provide a status of the new station project. They have met three times with the station committee as well as working with the Village of Manhattan. The environmental study is complete. At the last committee meeting the needs of the station were discussed and focusing on a prototype for future stations without the administrative side. The main goal is function and flow and we are beginning to develop a floor plan. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th.

MABAS Participation Agreement Ordinance 2022-07

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve Ordinance 2022-07 for the MABAS Participation Agreement. **Motion carries.**

Source Capture Bid

The district was awarded the source capture grant for \$147,000.00. A formal bid process has been performed with the following bids being submitted. Midwest Air Pro \$137,690.00, Hastings Air Energy Control \$142,424.00 and Magnequip \$142,457.00. All bids will be inspected and a decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

Approve the Commissioners to Hire Full Time Firefighters

Chief Malone explained with the passing of the referendum, we intend to hire additional full-time firefighters. We would like to begin making contact with applicants on the final eligibility list and begin background checks and physicals.

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to approve the Board of Commissioners to hire up to 6 full time firefighters contingent upon the effective date of the consolidation. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- The Labor Relations Board filing has been started. Negotiations will begin November 28th.
- Continue to work on closing the land purchase deal and waiting for the closing date. The school will cover the closing costs.
- A signed letter of intent has been received from the Park District
- Continue to work with James Howard on an a blended updated budget
- Attorney continues to work on documents for the Judge for the merger

Deputy Chief Report

- Two new hires are finishing orientation and training and things are going well.
- Operationally we are working on the merged box cards and response plans with Will County 911.

B/C Report

-Recently went to Ohio for the mid point inspection on the new ambulance. It is painted and the cabinets are ready to install, the chassis and box are pre-wired. Things went well and it appears to be good quality. Like other vehicles, ambulances are now on back order two years, we may need to start looking at this soon for future purchases. We expect delivery in January.

Adjournment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to adjourn at 4:56pm. **Motion Carries.**