

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 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, Nick Kotchou (zoom), Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, and Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper, Lt. Gulli, Lt. Kozar, FF Wilson, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, Brad O'Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, and Attorney Josh Rosenzweig.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of February 21, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

Brad O'Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's 10 months finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

Discussed recent hiring of outside contractor and two admin supervisors. The layout of the center has recently changed, and this has been very productive. Discussed a recent meeting with EMA to switch to new radio system and move to 800mhz paging. Working to develop a plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of Nick Kotchou

The required paperwork has been sent to the County Executive and the Petition for Reappointment was signed by the Trustee's.

2022/2023 Operational Budget Discussion

Chief is in the process of finalizing the 2022/2023 line item budget. Once Union negotiations are complete he will be able to add personnel figures. Discussed the outcome of a new committee that reviewed employee physicals. It has been determined to work with Silver Cross for the upcoming year due to changes at Riverside Medical. With the arrival of new apparatus in the near future the vehicle maintenance code will go down, but fuel and utilities will increase. He also discussed future projects at each station and will bring this back to the Board in the upcoming months.

Quarterly Compensation

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Goodwin to approve the quarterly compensation at the same amount as previously discussed. On a roll call vote, all voting “AYE”, **Motion Carries**.

Chief's Report

- Currently at call number 337
- Negotiations will continue on April 8th
- Awards Banquet is April 1st
- New Engines are at Sentinel. Hoping they will arrive here in the next few weeks.
- Peotone FPD petition has been turned into Will County and this will be on the upcoming ballot. Continue to align programs for a seamless transition should we receive a yes vote.
- Discussed the recent appraisal on the surplus engines and ambulance. Also expecting to sell the surplus Expedition. All lights and equipment have been removed.
- Commissioners made the approval to offer a position to the next qualified candidate. An offer has been made and we are awaiting the results of the upcoming physical.

Deputy Chief's Report

- The new SCBA's are in. Training will take place prior to the new engines being put in service.
- The Covid status is good. Monitoring the new variant that was recently announced.
- Staffing is challenging as we continue to lose members to full time positions.

Closed Session

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weber to go into closed session at 4:33 to discuss the pending building litigation. **Motion Carries**.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to come out of closed session at 5:09pm. **Motion Carries**.

Adjournment

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 5:10pm. **Motion Carries**.