

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 18, 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, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, and Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper, B/C Boyle, Lt. McKenna, FF Frederick, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard, Governmental Accounting.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's 11 months finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

Progress continues to be made on various issues and by-laws are being updated. Additional admin staff is being hired. Discussed possible grant opportunities with surplus Cares Act money to be used for communication equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

2022/2023 Operational Budget Review

James Howard provided information for the 2022/2023 budget. Hiring, building capital projects, vehicle maintenance, sale of surplus and increasing utilities and fuel were all discussed. Overall, this is a balanced budget. Looking forward, if the consolidation with Peotone was to happen a new budget would need to be developed.

Surplus Foam Tender 82 (MV02)

Chief Piper has been working with BP regarding the foam tender. BP will remove the tank and the foam, and we will surplus and sell the flatbed vehicle. BP will maintain the foam onsite, similar to the Mokena location, should an incident occur.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weber to approve to surplus the 1986 Foam Tender 82 (MV02). **Motion Carries.**

Approve Commissioner's to Appoint 3 Firefighters

Staffing continues to be a struggle and we are losing three part time members to other fulltime positions. When EMT's become Paramedics they leave to take full time positions. Chief Malone would like to reduce one part time spot per day and replace it with full time. This will also help reduce the cost for overtime.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Kotchou to approve the Commissioner's to appoint three Firefighters. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Recently Sold the Expedition for \$4,500.00
- Engine 81 might be sold, waiting to hear back on this.
- The new engine has arrived and the pumper tanker is still at Sentinel, but should be here within a month.
- continue Negotiations with the Union
- Discussed the planning zone map and location of future stations with a 4 minute vs. 8-minute response time based on NFPA standards and the Standard of Cover recommendations.
- the Police vs. Fire Chili cook off is this Sunday at Roadhouse 52

Deputy Chief's Report

- The Covid status is good. No one is off currently.
- We did not receive two of the grants that were applied for.
- The new SCBA's are here. Training will take place and will then be located on the new engines

Battalion Chief's Report

Discussed the current fleet & facilities maintenance program. He continues to get things completed in a timely fashion.

Closed Session

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Goodwin to go into closed session at 4:55 to discuss the pending building litigation and specific personnel. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to come out of closed session at 5:36pm. **Motion Carries.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 5:38pm. **Motion Carries.**