

# MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 16, 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. Christensen, FF Kolosh, FF Wilson, FF Valdarchi 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 Davis, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of April 18, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

## **Treasurers Report & Bills**

### *District Financial Status*

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's 12 months finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length.

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

OLD BUSINESS

### **Dispatch**

Discussed the recent G32 meeting and explained issues are being worked through. The Deputy Director has been hired. Also, continue to work on the grant funding option.

NEW BUSINESS

### **FLSE Retro Salary Increase**

Chief explained comparable salaries in the area and stated Jackie is doing a great job.

**MOTION** by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to increase Jackie Ohara's salary to \$60,000.00. **Motion Carries.**

### **Admin Summer Help Position**

The administrative office has a need for temporary summer help. This position will be posted and paid at minimum wage.

**MOTION** by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to approve the temporary summer help position.  
**Motion Carries.**

### **Resolution 2022-01 115 Trust**

A sick time buy back incentive has been agreed upon and was part of the contract negotiations. A percentage will be paid at straight time and is a benefit for both the employee and the district. This will allow the ability to pay for health care after retirement. The attorney is very familiar with the IPPFA post retirement program.

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to adopt Resolution 2022-01 115 Trust. **Motion Carries.**

### **Trustee Moncrief Authority to Execute 115 Trust Documents**

This motion will allow 1 person to execute documents pertaining to the 115 Trust.

**MOTION** by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to appoint Trustee Moncrief to execute any documents relating to the 115 Trust. **Motion Carries.**

### **Approve Sale of Engine 81**

**MOTION** by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to approve the Sale of Engine 81 to New Lenox for \$40,000.00. **Motion Carries.**

### **Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)**

There is now a 1-year final CBA agreement between the District and the Union. Chief discussed the details with the Trustees and explained the starting salary has been increased to stay competitive and maintain membership.

Union Vice President, Lt. Christensen thanked the Trustees.

**MOTION** by Weber, seconded by Goodwin to ratify the new CBA effective 5/1/22. **Motion Carries.**

### **Surplus 2012 MSA Firehawk M7 SCBA's**

D/C Piper explained new SCBA's were purchased with the money received from the AFG grant. The new SCBA's are here and have been used in training. There is no resale value on the old

2012 MSA Firehawk M7 SCBA's. The district will donate the SCBA's and the masks to Otto Township Fire Department in 'as is' condition.

**MOTION** by Davis, seconded by Weber to surplus the 2012 MSA Firehawk M7 SCBA's.  
**Motion Carries.**

### **Chief's Report**

- Each shift will be in charge of one annual event at the fire station. These include, breakfast with Santa, Department Picnic and the Awards Banquet.
- Discussed the upcoming IAFFD conference in June
- July 29 will be the Police and Fire Community Night
- The Station 81 Water Intrusion Bid is out and due back June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The current eligibility list has been exhausted and one person has been hired from that list. A new testing process will start soon.
- The new pumper tender should be here this week.
- The new rescue engine is now in service as well as Peotone's new engine
- The Station location study is done and will be discussed further at a later date.

### **Deputy Chief's Report**

- The Covid status is good. No one is off currently.
- Received a \$7,500 grant to purchase a thermal imaging camera. Waiting to hear back on other grants that were applied for.
- In the process of hiring 4 part time employees to replace those that recently left for full time positions elsewhere.

### **Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to go into closed session at 4:30pm to discuss the pending building litigation. **Motion Carries.**

**MOTION** by Weber, seconded by Davis to come out of closed session at 5:21pm. **Motion Carries.**

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to adjourn at 5:22pm. **Motion Carries.**