

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 20, 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, B/C Boyle, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard, Governmental Accounting (Zoom).

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of May 16, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's 1st 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

We continue to work with the directors and staffing. Chief Malone and B/C Boyle are on the by-laws committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Reorganization of the Board

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to retain the seats of the Board as they are. **Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Reappointment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Davis to reappoint Commissioner Jim Swyndro for a three-year term. **Motion Carries.**

Review Closed Session Minutes

The Trustee's reviewed the closed session minutes.

MOITON by Davis, seconded by Weber to open the closed session minutes dated 8/17/09, 1/18/10, 8/16/10, 2/18/14, 4/18/14, 7/21/14, 7/18/16, 7/17/17. **Motion Carries.**

Approve Side Letter with Union

The Union has been working with the District to set new parameters for hiring that state applicants must be a FF/PM after the probationary period. The upcoming eligibility list will include FF/EMT or Paramedic that must be a Firefighter Paramedic within a year. This side letter explains that they would not qualify to make the same starting salary as a starting FF/PM. It was agreed they would start at \$55,000.00 and be adjusted once the requirement was met. This would pertain to the current one-year contract recently adopted.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Kotchou to approve the side letter with the Union. **Motion Carries.**

Station Alerting - USDD

US Digital Dispatch is an IT network system that does not rely on radio infrastructure. We are currently transitioning to 800 Mhz with the County and USDD is used at LCC. There have been inconsistencies with call notifications and this would be solely internet based and more reliable. USDD would work hand in hand with the LCC and redundancy is built in. The quote includes Peotone FPD which reduced the cost and for two ATX boxes it would cost \$65,770.00. The current VHF would be kept as a backup. The boxes have the ability to be moved easily and there will be an annual fee.

There is currently money in the budget, however we were recently informed of receiving \$86,000.00 from Will County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money and we are also waiting to hear back on communications grants.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to approve the purchase of US Digital Dispatch for \$65,700.00. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Pumper Tender 82 arrived today.
- 2010 Alexis is currently listed for sale.
- Amb83, 2006 is currently OOS and will be looked at this week.

- We are currently in the process of testing for the Full Time list. So far 14 apps have been taken. Testing will be on June 15th and oral interviews will be scheduled in early August.
- OSHA was on site this week. No citations were issued and we are supplying the requested documents.
- The new Ambulance should arrive in October.

Closed Session

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to go into closed session at 4:55pm to discuss the pending building litigation. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to come out of closed session at 5:55pm. **Motion Carries.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Goodwin to adjourn at 5:56pm. **Motion Carries.**