

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

July 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, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney Tom Gilbert, and James Howard, Governmental Accounting.

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing for Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Goodwin to go into a public hearing at 4:01p.m. regarding the proposed 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriations. **Motion Carries.**

No objections were made.

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of June 20, 2022 and the special meeting of July 8, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's June finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length. Also the GEMT payment was made in June. He also mentioned to watch interest rates and look into CD's in the future.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

We continue to work on the P25 800mhz transition. The G31 meeting will be July 28th, Chief Piper will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt 2022-2023 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 2022-02

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 Providing for Budget and Appropriations of the Manhattan Fire Protection District Will County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023. On a roll call vote, all voting “AYE”, **Motion Carries.**

Insurance Policy Renewal

Chief Malone reviewed the yearly Property/Casualty & Crime policy from Assured Partners. Costs increased \$2004.00 for a total of \$41,067.00 effective 8/17/22.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Kotchou to approve the Property/Casualty & Crime policy from Assured Partners. **Motion Carries.**

Water Intrusion Bid Opening

One bid was received from Brieser Construction for the Water Intrusion at Station 81 in the amount of \$147,580.00. Chief Malone stated this was included in the budget. Need to look line by line on their bid to make sure all items were included or if anything should be removed. Chief Boyle reminded the Trustee’s material costs are up 20% right now and that could have impacted the bid price.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Kotchou to accept the bid and authorize the Chief to work with the vendor on the price not exceed amount specified. On a roll call vote, all voting “AYE”, **Motion Carries.**

Chief’s Report

- July 29th is Community Night at the Round Barn Farm
- New Pumper Tender will be put in service Thursday
- August 20th is the department picnic
- Currently on call 843
- The Full time test was held last Friday and oral interviews will be scheduled in August.
- Peotone FPD last meeting discussed a slide show presentation with facts from the last 5 year that will be used to help with the planning and strategy to educate the public.

Trustee Goodwin asked what will happen if the referendum fails a second time? Chief Malone answered the board would have to look at their options.

Deputy Chief Report

Per the recent IDPH memo, we no longer have to test employees for Covid. There have not been any recent issues, and we will continue to evaluate this.

Closed Session

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to go into closed session at 4:52pm to discuss the pending building litigation and settlement. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Davis to come out of closed session at 5:14pm. **Motion Carries.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 5:15pm. **Motion Carries.**