

# MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 15, 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 Nick Kotchou, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, and Bob Davis. Members absent were Bill Moncrief. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper, B/C Boyle, FF Jeremy Wilson and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard, Governmental Accounting.

## **President Pro Tem**

**MOTION** by Godwin, seconded by Kotchou to appoint Trustee Davis as President Pro Tem, **Motion Carries.**

## **Public Comment**

Denise and John Murdie were present and asked because Manhattan has a working relationship with Peotone FPD and also assist PFPD they are concerned about coverage for Wilton Center residents and staffing at Station 82. Chief Malone explained we are monitoring this. Change of quarters is .6% of all calls which is approximately 60 hours out of 1 year (8760 hrs).

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of July 18, 2022. **Motion Carries.**

## **Treasurers Report & Bills**

### *District Financial Status*

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's July finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length. He expressed the utilities fund is up, but all the funds look good.

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

OLD BUSINESS

## **Dispatch**

Chief's attended working group meetings and recent changes to the by-laws were approved. Starting January 1, 2023 all agencies will be on the P25 radio group for paging. Chief Boyle gave an update on recent Board of Directors and Executive Board meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Trustee Kotchou Oath**

Trustee Kotchou took the oath to renew his three-year term as Trustee.

### **Deputy Chief Contract Renewal**

Per the current contract, notification must be given one month prior to the Deputy Chief's contract renewal.

### **IGA with Manhattan School District 114 for Purchase of Real Estate**

The School Board approved their portion of the IGA for the Manhattan FPD to purchase a 12-acre parcel of real estate at \$7,700.00 per acre on Eastern Avenue.

**MOTION** by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to approve the IGA with Manhattan School District 114 for the purchase of real estate. On a roll call vote, all voting "AYE", **Motion Carries.**

Chief Malone stated he is waiting on information from the Architect for the needs assessment. He also discussed options for well and septic vs. water and sewer. He will continue to look into this as the parcel is within the village limits.

### **Chief's Report**

- Full time testing Oral Interviews are Friday
- Provided a status from the June OSHA visit
- The summer help position is now over, but she did a great job and was helpful
- Currently on call 977
- August 21<sup>st</sup> is the department picnic
- Brieser Construction will start the water intrusion project early September. This will take 3-4 weeks.
- Trustee's agreed to reduce the sale cost for E82, 2010 Alexis to \$125,000.00
- Discussed Peotone and the Trustee's strategy going forward. Need to schedule a two on two meeting soon.

### **Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to go into closed session at 4:56pm to discuss the building litigation. **Motion Carries.**

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Goodwin to come out of closed session at 5:30pm. **Motion Carries.**

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 5:31pm. **Motion Carries.**