

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 17, 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, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, Nick Kotchou (zoom) and Bob Davis (zoom). Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, D/C Piper, B/C Boyle, Lt. Eller 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 Goodwin to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of December 20, 2021. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the district's finances with the Trustees. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and fund balances were discussed at length and stated everything in is good standing.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch

Continue to meet and work on issues. Aware they are facing a staffing shortage. Chief Malone will be President of the Fire Ops Committee. Executive Board meeting is 1/27 and the third-party Risk Assessment will be presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Contract Renewal

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Kotchou to approve to extend Chief Malone's contract an additional year to January 17, 2025 and increase his salary 2.5%. On a roll call vote, all voting "AYE", **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- The NIAFPD Conference in Oak Brook is Friday and Saturday. Chief Malone and D/C Piper will be presenting on Saturday morning.
- Chief showed a video to the Trustee's of the recent remodel at station 82. Everyone is very happy with the way this turned out. Looks very nice.
- A budget meeting is scheduled with James to start discussing the next fiscal year.
- Lieutenant testing has started and a new list should be established in February.

Deputy Chief's Report

- Had a slight increase in covid cases between members of both stations, but everyone is returning to work.
- Hospitals are experiencing worker shortages and wall time is increasing.
- Discussed current staffing
- working on the Safer grant as well as Firehouse sub grants
- waiting to hear back on the OSFM grant
- new SCBA's have been ordered and should arrive early March.

Battalion Chief's Report

- Discussed vehicle maintenance expenses. General preventative maintenance and oil changes are taking longer than usual to complete.
- Hoping to do a final inspection of the new engines in February and expect delivery of the engines in March.
- Presented photo's of the new engines and discussed the recent mid-point inspection. Everything went well.

Closed Session

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Divis to go into closed session at 4:37 to discuss the pending building litigation. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to come out of closed session at 5:10pm. **Motion Carries.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Kotchou to adjourn at 5:11pm. **Motion Carries.**