

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

October 16, 2023

The Manhattan Fire Protection District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act held its meeting at Manhattan Fire Station #81. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Trustees present were Bill Moncrief, Bill Weber, Brian Hupe, Bill Osborne, Jay Nadler and Chris Gearman. Trustees absent were Larry Goodwin, Nick Kotchou and Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney Tom Gilbert.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

None

Study of Local Government Efficiencies

Chief Malone provided a summary of the Local Efficiencies Act and the requirements. Attorney Gilbert stated the consolidation with Peotone is an example of being efficient. The governor passed the law to form this committee to look at efficiencies and requires three meetings in 18 months then provide a report that will be filed with the County Executive's Office.

Although a lot of the documentation was complete during the consolidation, Chief Malone said we still need to look into IGA, ordinances, etc.

The Board explained to the two appointed members, a brief history of the district, an explanation of the consolidation process with Peotone and the original administrative IGA that was formed, fire prevention, public education, and operations. We are a very data driven department. Response times, station location and looking at the risk model in 5 to 10 years with sustainability. Chief Malone explained the plans and process for the new station location and land purchase with 4 government agencies working together shows true efficiencies.

The Standard of Cover (SOC) books were discussed as benchmarks to help meet the standards. There is currently a SOC for Peotone and a SOC for Manhattan, but we are already in the process of having these books updated and blended.

Briefly discussed finances and Grants that are currently being worked on or have been received. This is a long process but is beneficial.

At the next meeting we will prepare reports and look at what is lacking, and where are there inefficiencies. Ask the stakeholders and firefighters, etc.

Setting of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment

MOTION by Osborne, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. **Motion Carries.**