

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 18, 2024

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, Brian Hupe, Bill Osborne and Nick Kotchou (zoom). Trustee's absent were Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle, Lt. Eric Murphy and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Stephanie Irvine.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Osborne to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2024.
Motion Carries.

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the two-month financial analysis. Revenue, expenditures, ambulance fees and year to date fund balances were discussed. Property taxes will not be collected until May. Everything seems to be trending nicely. The tax extension came in from Will County and looks good with tax rate in as projected.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Chevy Tahoe (MV-35)

This purchase is part of the 10-year fleet and facilities replacement program. The inventory for Tahoe's is very limited, however we were able to locate one and it will go into the replacement plan rotation.

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber, to approve the purchase of the 2024 Chevy Tahoe (MV-35) on a roll call vote, all voting "AYE", **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Chief Malone and Chief Piper recently attended Legislative Day in Springfield and met with State Reps and Senators.
- Currently on call 560 and average 7 calls per day.
- Discussed recent pipeline that ruptured. Peoples Gas, Will County EMA, and Hazmat were also on the scene. We continued to monitor local businesses throughout the day.
- The recent Swearing-in for 8 full time members and 2 part time members took place March 5th. Another swearing-in will take place at the end of the year.
- Station 83 Remodel phase 1 should be complete by end of April then phase 2 will begin with an expected June or July completion date.
- Station 82 and 83 now have new LED signs installed and updated landscaping.
- We continue to work with LCC and Will County 911
- The Board of Commissioners will meet Wednesday to discuss filling the open position. That recommendation will come to the Board for approval at the next meeting.
- New Station update, waiting on plat of survey, working with the Village on water and sewer. Continue to work with Accountant regarding costs.
- The Decennial Committee will meet after the Board of Trustees meeting next month.

Deputy Chief's Report

Chief Piper and Chief Malone presented the 2023 year end review to the Trustees. This slideshow was recently presented to each shift with lunch for the traditional year end wrap up. Several topics were discussed. The district received over 1 Million in Grant funding in 2023, Staffing levels are high and operations are going well. There is a feeder inter program as well as medic riders. Tax rate stayed the same for Manhattan and went down for Peotone. Pub ed and Prevention have been very busy. The Vehicle maintenance schedule is going well and following the NFPA standards. New Logo has been developed to encompass all the communities we serve. Discussed service area and risk model. All new radios were purchased with grant funds as part of our communication plan.

Our training program meets the national standards with over 18,000 training hours in 2023. Members received 87 State Fire Marshall certifications. Discussed performance and rescue rates for the year and what can be improved. Looked at the Standard of Cover, response and risks and how that related to the decision to move Station 81. Explained mutual aid, auto aid and multiple calls in progress as well as average response times. This corelates with dispatch times, turnout time, and travel time. All information provided is data driven and we will continue to develop all programs.

Adjournment

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 5:13am. **Motion Carries.**