

**Manhattan Fire Protection District
Board of Commissioner's Meeting**

MINUTES

June 18, 2024

The Manhattan Fire Protection Board of Commissioners held its meeting at Manhattan Fire Station 81. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Bob Herrick, Jerry Kinsella and Claude Werner. Fire department personnel present were Chief Malone and Kim Ingram, Admin Assistant.

Public Comment

Welcome Claude Werner to the Board of Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kinsella, seconded by Werner to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting. **Motion Carries.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of David Blanton to the rank of Firefighter Effective 7/8/24.

This appointment ties into our succession planning and looking to the future when Battalion Chief Boyle will retire. Fire Prevention in both communities is growing rapidly. The time is now to start training and planning as this position will become a division Chief position to focus on fire prevention and life safety. Labor management is on board with this vision. This went out to the membership and only one person was interested, and he already has various certificates in this field. He will work with the Battalion Chief on his shift days and David Blanton would be assigned to the same shift to cover the manpower.

MOTION by Werner, seconded by Kinsella to approve the appointment of David Blanton to the rank of firefighter effective 7/8/24. **Motion Carries.**

Later this year we will begin a Lieutenants testing to eventually fill the vacancy of the Lieutenant moving to the Fire Prevention position. A notice for testing will go out in July with testing starting in January. The established Lieutenants list will be good for three years.

By the fall of 2025 we will have to establish a new Full Time eligibility list.

Commissioner Herrick Resignation

Commissioner Herrick has submitted a resignation letter to the District effective December 2024. Once we identify his replacement they would attend meeting to become familiar with the duties of the Commissioner's and our Attorney will provide training on the rules of the Board.

GOOD TO THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Werner, seconded by Kinsella to adjourn at 8:53 am. **Motion Carries.**