

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

MINUTES

September 5, 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

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Werner, seconded by Kinsella to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting. **Motion Carries.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Upcoming Testing and Promotion Process

Chief Malone explained that starting on Tuesday, the Battalion Chief Training Program will begin meeting monthly. No overtime will be paid for attendance as the training is "at will". Only Lieutenants will be eligible to test for the Battalion Chiefs position. Final Battalion testing will include 12 modules and promotions will take place in 2026. Several Lieutenants are furthering their education and enrolled in the necessary classes.

Full Time Lieutenant testing information has been posted and the process will start in January. Chief Malone explained this process and will plan to make the final appointment in 2025.

Dave Kolosh will fully transition to the Fire Marshall position 1/1/25 and work days. This is an appointed position, and he will stay a Union member.

In June 2025 we will start the Full Time Testing process as the current list will expire. IO Solutions will be used again for testing and RMA for the Promotional testing. We have applied for the SAFER grant and are waiting to hear back. Growth and future needs of the department were discussed.

Commissioner's Open Seat

After December, there will be an open Commissioner's seat. It was determined that someone should be selected soon to fill this position and attend the December Commissioner's meeting. The District Attorney will provide training on the Rules of the Commissioners and our current rules book should be reviewed and updated.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kinsella, seconded by Werner to adjourn at 9:07am. **Motion Carries.**