

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 17, 2025

The Manhattan Fire Protection District held its meeting at Manhattan Fire Station #81. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Trustee's present were Bill Moncrief, Nick Kotchou (zoom), Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, Bob Davis, and Brian Hupe. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle, Lieutenant Louis Helis and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was Commissioner Brncich, James Howard, Governmental Accounting (Zoom), Attorney John Motylinski and Stephanie Irvine, Vedette reporter.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from December 16, 2024.
Motion Carries.

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the 2025 1-month financial analysis. Revenues and expenditures were discussed. Only 2% of the total revenue has been received, interest income looks good and a grant from the State of Illinois for \$250,000 (station83 renovation) has been received. No tax revenue will be received until June. Ambulance revenues for January were \$101,147.00.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Swear in Commissioner Brncich

Chief Malone explained our new Commissioner, Anton "Tony" Brncich was appointed by the Board of Trustees in December, and is present to be officially sworn in. Attorney Motylinski read the oath.

Ambulance 83 Remount (MV-33)

Ambulance 83 (MV-33) was involved in a traffic accident in December. The damage has been thoroughly assessed. It has been determined the damage is substantial and Amb 83 is in need of a chassis remount. Through discussions with our insurance company, they will issue a check for \$210,000.00.

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to approve the re-chassis of Ambulance 83 (MV-33) pending any insurance issues. **Motion Carries.**

Vacant Trustee's Position

The untimely passing of Trustee Bill Osborne has left an open Trustee position. The agreement with the consolidation was to incorporate Peotone residents/Board members. Mike Shivers was a previous Peotone FPD Board Trustee and served as a Firefighter and is recommended to fill this vacant position.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weber to recommend Mike Shivers to fill the vacant Trustee position. On a roll call vote, all voting "AYE", **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Things are moving forward with the new fire station, water and sewer installation should be starting soon. All applications successfully passed the Village Zoning Board and the Village of Manhattan Board. Our Committee meets weekly with the engineer and architect and once a week as a group. Next month we should have a complete set of construction documents and will prepare to go out to bid. A bid opening could be scheduled for mid-April and hoping to break ground in June or July. Discussed the option of using a Construction Manager and Attorney Motylinski stated more districts are going in that direction.
- The 2023 MFPD Audit is scheduled to be presented next month.
- The Lieutenant promotional examination is complete and the final list was approved by the Board of Commissioners. The #1 listed is Louis Helis and he was moved to the Lieutenant position on February 9th.

Deputy Chief's Report

- Chief Piper presented a draft report of response times. The average total response time is 11 minutes flat, mostly being travel time.
- Working to finalize and submit for the station remodel and construction grant for \$350,000.00.

Battalion Chief's Report

- Last year we ordered a Tahoe that should be arriving here in the next few weeks.
- Fire Prevention continues to be busy, this is the second month with our new Fire Marshall and it is working well. There is a lot of activity on the east side of our district

including three additional solar projects. We continue to work with both Villages and this is going well.

Closed Session

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Hupe to go into Closed Session at 4:26pm for the purpose of discussing specific personnel. On a roll call vote, all voting "AYE". **Motion Carries.**

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to come out of Closed Session at 4:47pm. On a roll call vote, all voting "AYE". **Motion Carries.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 4:48pm. **Motion Carries.**