

# **MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act**

**April 15, 2024**

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 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Trustees present were Bill Moncrief, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, Nick Kotchou, Bill Osborne, Jay Nadler and Chris Gearman. Trustees absent were Bob Davis and Brian Hupe. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Malone, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Osborne, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023.  
**Motion Carries.**

### **Study of Local Government Efficiencies**

Chief Malone explained he has been working on a template of questions that would be included in the final report. He reviewed each section with the Committee including population, demographics, apparatus/fleet and fire prevention. Finances, EAV and tax rates were also discussed as well as other topics. A SWOT (Strength, weakness, opportunities, threats) analysis needs to be worked on and a meeting with all stakeholders will be scheduled. Finally, a findings and conclusions report will be prepared.

Chief Malone briefly discussed HB5050 - once our Decennial Efficiency Committee report is complete the County Board has 12 months to report to the House Assembly to reduce the amount of local government by 10 to 20%. This House Bill will go to its Third reading and may pass. Our Attorney will keep us posted on HB5050.

Jay Nadler asked about having small articles published regularly for the community to understand how the fire department operates. Maybe include portions of the year end wrap up or a Chief's corner, etc. The new sign is also a great way to communicate with the public.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. **Motion Carries.**