

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 19, 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, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber, Bob Davis, Nick Kotchou and Brian Hupe. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was James Howard (zoom) Governmental Accounting, Attorney John Motylinski, (zoom) and Stephanie Irvine, Vedette reporter.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from April 21, 2025. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, discussed the 4-month financial analysis ending 4/30/25. Revenues and expenditures were discussed as well as the distribution of Expenses, grants, interest rates and ambulance revenues.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Swear in Trustee Mike Shivers

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Weber to TABLE until the next Board meeting. **Motion Carries.**

Reorganize Board

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Hupe to retain the board seats as they are. **Motion Carries.**

ImageTrend IGA

Imagetrend is our records management system in place since 2019. The IGA serves New Lenox, Mokena, Frankfort and Manhattan and is being revised to add East Joliet.

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Hupe to approve the revised IGA. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Thursdays storm generated approximately 40 calls in 48 hours. Multiple calls for wires down and a collapsed structure.
- Currently on Call #1054
- New Station project is out to bid and are due back June 3rd. The Construction Management firm will review the bids and there seems to be a lot of interest. He discussed the soil sample and easement status and explained the storm shelter room will need to be reviewed by a third party vendor. Hoping for groundbreaking in July.
- A plan design was reviewed for Trustee Osborne's memorial at Station 83 using funds received from donations.

Deputy Chief's Report

- Chief Piper reviewed the April 2025 operational report for performance data and incident analysis. He asked if the Trustees would like anything else included in the report. He discussed, call volume, new hires, open shifts status, incident locations and call times.

Battalion Chief's Report

- Fleet is on track and the new Tahoe should be back next week. Station 83 generator is having issues. Looking to replace the operator door openers for several bay doors. The Peotone Holiday Inn Express is close to opening, he has assisted through this process. Our firefighters are receiving extra training on the building. Continue to move forward with various solar projects. Gave a status on communications with St. Joes school.

Adjournment

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 4:49pm. **Motion Carries.**