

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

July 21, 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, Brian Hupe and Mike Shivers. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle, Fire Marshall, Lt. Dave Kolosh, FF Jeremy Wilson and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was James Howard (zoom) Governmental Accounting, Attorney John Motylinski, and Stephanie Irvine, Vedette reporter.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Kotchou to approve the minutes from June 16, 2025 and the July 11, 2025 Special Meeting. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the 6-month financial analysis and we are at 28% of the total budget collected. He discussed the revenue highlights and all expenditures including operating, personnel, maintenance, etc, and stated things are trending nicely.

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

NEW BUSINESS

District Policy Manual

The District policy manual has been in the process of being updated for quite some time though Lexipol. It has been a challenge to go through hundreds of policies, but the Union Eboard and legal have reviewed and made all final revisions.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the District Policy Manual. **Motion Carries.**

Letter of Intent with Earthrise

The letter of intent with Earthrise was discussed. There will be a tax abatement for year 3-8 but rather that money totaling 1.2 million will be received up front. The Community Benefit Agreement has been reviewed by legal.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to approve the letter of intent with Earthrise.
Motion Carries.

Chief's Report

- Firefighter applications are now closed and the orientation will be held August 6th.
- We are on track with the new station and the rebid bid opening will be August 7th.

Deputy Chief's Report

- Reviewed the June 2025 operational report for call performance, incident analysis, staffing, training hours and call volume. He explained the current situation with various hospitals dropping their trauma certification This can affect our service and where to transport which is concerning.

Battalion Chief's Report

- Crashed Amb83's body work is done and now waiting for the chassis.

Fire Marshall Report

- Currently working on 10 solar projects in our fire district. He discussed various meetings as well as working with Will County Land Use trying to align the process. He continues to work on fire codes.

Adjournment

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 4:32pm. **Motion Carries.**