

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 18, 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, Chris Vanderslik, ICI Builds, John Falduto and Ed Lavin, Sawyer Falduto (Zoom).

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

MOTION by Shivers, seconded by Kotchou to enter into a public hearing at 4:01pm for the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed \$8,750,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to construct and equip a new fire station. **Motion Carries.**

No objections were made.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to come out of the public hearing at 4:02pm. **Motion Carries.**

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the 7-month financial analysis. He discussed the revenue highlights and all expenditures including operating, personnel, maintenance, etc, and stated interest rates are still looking good. We are averaging about \$97,000 in ambulance fees monthly, which is better than last year.

John Falduto, Sawyer Falduto

John Falduto of Sawyer Falduto was present by Zoom to explain they provide an investment management service and work with many fire districts. He talked about the investment process

and bond proceeds with a detailed pay down schedule. Funds are invested in a high interest money market fund with no risk tolerance using US treasury notes as an example. Also, all cash flow is transacted via the ACH process with no fees. Monthly reports will be available.

Accountant James Howard stated as we move forward, they would set up the accounts day 1 and work to earn money on the funds. Also, rates are good right now. Documents will be provided for the next Board meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Award New Station 81 Rebid Packages

As previously discussed the rebids were for roofing, overhead doors, floor finishes and landscape. The rebid for the roof came in at \$155,000 less, discussed the rebid for doors due to size and type, had an increase of \$9,300.00, flooring finished were changed in the rebid with a savings of \$50,000. Total rebid savings were approximately \$194,000.00 and we will hold off on the landscaping rebid at this time as we continue to work on the details with the Village of Manhattan concerning the IGA.

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Davis to approve the rebid packages as per ICI Builds for overhead doors, roofing and flooring finishes. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Earthwork has started at the site of the new station. Our committee continues to meet weekly, but still working through the ComEd, BP and Nicor easement process. The construction trailer will be dropped off at the site on Wednesday.
- The 2026 budget process is starting and he is planning a draft budget review for the September Board meeting.
- Fulltime testing process is moving forward and oral interviews are scheduled for next week.
- Meeting next week with Will County Department of Transportation regarding Route 50 & Countyline Rd, and Wilmington-Peotone Road. We will be providing data to help work toward a solution for the multiple accidents that occur at these locations. This may be a long process but is hopefully moving forward.

Deputy Chief's Report

- Reviewed the July 2025 operational report and stated manpower is stable with several employment applications on file. He discussed the monthly incidents, locations and call times. A recent meeting was held with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Assn regarding the issue with limited hospital trauma centers and they are also concerned.
- The Will County Fair starts Wednesday and we will be up staffed during this time.

Battalion Chief's Report

- Things are on track with our fleet. Regarding facilities, we have been monitoring our air conditioners due to the recent hot weather, otherwise things are going well.

Fire Marshall Report

- Continues to work on solar projects and working to implement an invoice process.
- New Will County Inspectors committee has met and working toward county wide requirements.
- Continues to work on fire code updates.
- Meeting with Park District regarding the Round Barn Farm updates.
- Courtesy inspections for business owners.
- Reviewed FLSE report of events.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 4:50pm. **Motion Carries.**