

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 19, 2026

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, Nick Kotchou (zoom) Brian Hupe and Mike Shivers. Members absent were Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Fire Marshal, Lt. Dave Kolosh, Firefighter Wilson, and Admin Asst. Kim Ingram. Also in attendance was James Howard (zoom) Governmental Accounting, Attorney John Motylinski, Ottosen Britz and Stephanie Irvine, Vedette Reporter

The Pledge of Allegiance was given

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Shivers, seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from December 15, 2025.
Motion Carries.

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the December 12-month financial analysis stating 97% of the total budget revenue has been collected including 100% of property taxes. Ambulance fees were 3% better than expected. He also stated year end expenditures look good as well.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Board of Commissioners to Hire 3 FF/PM

The Board of Commissioners recently met to name the three members to hire as full time FF/PM. This will be retro to 1/1/26 and the three positions are budgeted for 2026.

MOTION Hupe, seconded by Shivers to approve the Board of Commissioners to hire 3 FF/PM from the current list retroactive to January 1, 2026. **Motion Carries.**

Approve Board of Commissioner's to hire 1 FF/PM from the Current List Contingent on Possible Vacancy

There may be a need to hire 1 FF/PM contingent on a possible vacancy. A Pension Hearing is scheduled for February 9th for an injured firefighter.

MOTION by Shivers, seconded by Weber to approve the Board of Commissioner's to hire 1 FF/PM from the current list contingent on a vacancy. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- The annual Year End Wrap up event will be scheduled next month.
- Battalion Chief testing has been posted. This will begin in August.
- ISO audit will be March 5th
- New station update = the Mezzanine has been poured on the FF side, tresses are going up. Admin side is moving along nicely.
- 2733 calls in 2025
- The date of the February meeting will be changed to Tuesday, February 17th.

Deputy Chief Report

- Recently conducted 20 interviews with part time and intern applicants. Decisions will be made and selected applications will start March 1st. Backgrounds and physicals will be conducted prior to hire.
- The December incident report was discussed.

Battalion Chiefs Report

- Various apparatus had issues this past week. Hoping things will be fixed by the end of the week.

Fire Marshall Report

- Working on Fire Report Plan Reviews
- Pre Application meeting with Will County regarding battery facilities.
- The Gougar Road solar farm is operational
- Will be meeting with Earthrise

Adjournment

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 4:30pm. **Motion Carries.**