

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 17, 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, Brian Hupe and Mike Shivers. Members absent were Nick Kotchou and Bob Davis. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper, Battalion Chief Bruce Boyle, Fire Marshal, Lt. Dave Kolosh, 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 January 19, 2026.
Motion Carries.

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the January 1-month financial analysis stating 1% of the budget revenue has been collected. Ambulance fees collected were \$94,955.00 and expenditures looked good at 8% of the budget. We will continue to monitor interest rates.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

Chief's Report

- Recently met with new Village Administrator.
- A recent disability hearing granted a Firefighter a Duty Disability which created a vacancy. At the last board meeting it was approved to hire 1 FF/PM contingent on a vacancy. This position will be filled and start next week.

Deputy Chief Report

- The January operational report was discussed. Response times and staffing remain stable. Customer surveys have been going out and he provided feedback from the community showing high marks and complimentary comments as well.
- 3 new part time members and 7 interns will start soon. Several interns are finishing school and completing certs. They can be moved to part time once everything is finished.
- Continue to have calls in the area where our new station is located. This will help with response times overall.

Battalion Chiefs Report

- New Station update – Admin side moving along, an inspection is scheduled for Friday. With approval dry wall will begin to be installed. Roof on firefighter side is done and work is starting in the bay. Concrete is complete and windows will soon be installed. Furniture has been reviewed and the tentative completion date is the second week in August.
- Discussed various fleet issues and the new brush trucks preconstruction will start soon.
- Attended seminar on Risks of Solar panels, Battery plants, etc This was a very good class with lots of information and we may need to make operational considerations.

Fire Marshall Report

- Recently took part in an interview with the Northern Illinois Sprinkler Coalition and an article will be out soon.
- Gave update on various solar projects and permits.
- Continues to work on updating the website and digital forms

Adjournment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Goodwin to adjourn at 4:33pm. **Motion Carries.**