

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 16, 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, Bob Davis, Nick Kotchou (Zoom), Brian Hupe and Mike Shivers. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Steve Malone, Deputy Chief Dave Piper 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 Davis to approve the minutes from February 17, 2026.
Motion Carries.

Treasurers Report & Bills

District Financial Status

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the February 2-month financial analysis stating 2% of the budget revenue has been collected. Ambulance fees collected were \$76,359.00 or 14% of the budget and expenditures look good at 17% of the budget. We will continue to monitor interest rates.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Board Reappointment of Steve Malone

MOTION by Hupe, seconded by Davis to reappoint Steve Malone to the Manhattan FPD Firefighters Pension Fund Board. **Motion Carries.**

Chief's Report

- Irish Fest went well, the command van was on site and he discussed the call volume.
- ISO evaluation went well. Chief Piper worked on reports and documents requested.
- New telephone system will be installed April 9 & 10th.

- The current 2025 audit is in progress. Would like to have it presented at the next Board meeting.
- No Tax on Overtime law is being reviewed. There is confusion and we will hold a meeting with the Attorney and Accountant for further direction.
- Discussed ACA and the threshold to offer insurance to qualifying part time members. This is in progress.
- This morning alone we ran 17 calls due to weather conditions.
- B/C Boyle is in Texas with the Brush Truck committee to inspect the status of our two new brush trucks. Hoping to have them delivered by the end of summer.
- The new station continues to move along – drywall on the admin side is almost complete.
- Chiefs recently responded to Kankakee for the tornado with 57 members from the Mabas Division and TRT.

Deputy Chief Report

- The February operational report was discussed. Response times and staffing remain stable. He discussed several significant incidents including accidents and a barn fire. One new full time member was hired to fill the vacancy from the member awarded a duty disability pension. New part time and interns started today.

Pub Ed Update

- Recent events include Learn not to Burn for 36 pre-schoolers, CPR for 33 students, a recent ride to school in a fire engine, she is now a red cross instructor and has completed the Instructor 1 course.

Adjournment

MOTION by Shivers, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 4:29pm. **Motion Carries.**