

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 15, 2010

The Manhattan Fire Protection District held its meeting at Manhattan Fire Station #1. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Moncrief at 6:00 p.m. Trustees present were Bill Moncrief, Larry Goodwin, Bill Weber and Bob Davis, and Nick Kotchou. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Dan Forsythe and Kim Ingram, (Admin Asst).

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of January 18, 2010. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

Chief Forsythe explained he is looking for approval to send payment of \$400.00 to the Pension Coalition. This is a group that several area departments have joined that verifies the pension is a qualified plan and watches the funds. The trustees agreed to join this Coalition and make the payment.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Final Eligibility List

The Final Eligibility List was presented to the trustees and Chief Forsythe explained a background process will soon begin and could take four to six weeks. After that is complete jobs will be offered in April.

Chief Forsythe also stated he has received a written leave of absence request from Mark Fiocca effective February 27, 2010. Overtime will be paid to current full time people until this spot is covered. He has signed up for 5 years plus 3 years reserve in the Army. When he finishes and returns with honorable discharge, he will have 90 days to come back to the department at the sonority he left with and must provide a current Paramedic and FF II certificate.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment for New Ambulance

Chief Forsythe explained that EMS Coordinator, Lt. Ed Ludwig had made a list of the equipment and supplies need for the new ambulance. Items including, a Zoll monitor, cot, stair chair, and ems supplies totaled approximately \$40,000.00. Chief Forsythe stated there is money available in the ambulance fee fund to cover this expense and the only other expense will be for radio

installation. **MOTION** by Kotchou, seconded by Weber to approve the purchase of needed equipment for the new ambulance up to \$40,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voting “aye”, **Motion Carries.**

Cleaning Duct Work at Station 1

Chief Forsythe stated the administrative side of the fire station was added in 1974 and has never had the duct work cleaned. JPJ Quality Services, Inc. from Manhattan recently submitted a proposal of \$975.00 to clean, deodorize and sanitize all the duct work in station 1 and 3 furnaces. This would take place during warmer weather. **MOTION** by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to approve the proposal from JPJ Quality Services, for \$975.00 to clean duct work at Station 1. **Motion Carries.**

Village Fuel System

Marian Gibson recently spoke with Chief Forsythe about the Village’s plan to make the fuel system computerized. This would eliminate the paperwork of tracking fuel and monitor fuel levels of tanks. The cost to our department is approximately \$7,000.00 toward the purchase of this system. President Moncrief suggested finding out if we were to find our own source of fuel would we be able to recoup any money? The Trustee’s and Chief Forsythe agreed someone from the Village should attend our next meeting with more details on the fuel system.

Adjournment

MOTION by Weber, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. **Motion Carries.**