

MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 17, 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, Bob Davis, and Nick Kotchou. Fire Department personnel present were Chief Dan Forsythe and Kim Ingram, (Admin Asst) and Attorney Tom Gilbert.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Trustees meeting of April 19, 2010. **Motion Carries.**

Treasurers Report & Bills

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weber to approve the treasurer's report and bills as presented. On a roll call vote, all voting "aye". **Motion Carries.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

Station #3

Chief Forsythe reminded the trustees of last months discussion regarding hiring architect Andy Partak to move forward with design services for satellite station #3. The proposal included design development and construction documents that would allow us to begin the bidding process when we are ready.

President Moncrief stated at some point in the future there will be a station 3. We should take this time to prepare.

Chief Forsythe stated now is the time to examine things like heating, exterior, foundation, etc and consider all the options available.

Trustee Weber stated the proposal fee would increase if we wait several years to hire the architect.

MOTION by Weber seconded by Davis to approve the hiring of arcitech Andy Partak for design services for Satellite Station #3. On a roll call vote, all voting "aye", **Motion Carries.**

Donate MV-03 Squad to Manhattan ESDA

Chief Forsythe stated after declaring the old squad surplus at the last meeting, he would now like to move forward with donating the squad to Manhattan ESDA. This was previously discussed and agreed it would benefit the fire department and ESDA because they are helpful during department calls by providing lights, blocking traffic, etc.

MOTION by Kotchou, seconded by Goodwin to donate MV-03 surplus squad to Manhattan ESDA. **Motion Carries.**

New Hires

Chief Forsythe informed the trustees he has now made a tentative offer to four people from the eligibility list. Background checks are being conducted and required physicals are almost complete. Chief Forsythe stated the potential hire date is June 7th and possibly holding a swearing in ceremony on Sunday, June 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

ALS Simulator

This ALS simulator would be for our department training program. This innovative manikin allows IV's, IO's, blood pressure, 12-leads, and many other life saving practices and is very human like.

Trustee Goodwin asked about any other departments that may be looking to purchase this same manikin and could share the cost? Also, would this be kept in a secure location?

Chief Forsythe stated it would be secure and Lt. Ludwig would be assigned access to this manikin and it would serve best as a training tool for our department only.

MOTION by Goodwin, seconded by Davis to approve the purchase of the ALS Simulator per the quote from Boundtree Medial for \$12,364.80. On a roll call vote, all voting "aye", **Motion Carries.**

Phone System for Station 2

Chief Forsythe explained he has looked into many options to connect Station 1 and Station 2's phone systems. A T-1 line between the two stations could cost \$450 per month and a private microwave radio system could cost \$8,000 to \$10,000. Will County has recently updated their T-1 line and we have the option to connect to that line and join the two stations. We have worked with our current telephone system provider Midco and found we would need to purchase Four IP telephones, a card, wires, switch and labor. Midco has given us a quote for \$5,473.00 for these items. Also, any future stations would have the ability to be connected by expanding this system. Chief explained a lot of the labor would be done in-house and the quote could be less. The Trustees discussed this at length and did not seem to think this is a benefit to the

department.

Work around Training Tower

Chief Forsythe stated the area around the training tower could use upgrading. The thought is to make a 50 x 50 area outlined with railroad ties and filled with rubber mulch inside. This would clean up the area, make tools easier to use and find and help if anyone was to fall. This is something the department could install. The trustees asked Chief to get final costs and how the mulch would be delivered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Station 2 PA system

Chief explained the PA system at station 2, which controls the house alarm, pre alerts and the Zetron has had problems including volume issues. We will soon receive a professional quote to have adjustments made to this system.

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