

**TOWN OF MANHATTAN
Special Meeting
Joint Meeting with Rural Fire Board
February 22, 2016
MINUTES**

Rural Fire Board President Robert Yadon called the meeting to order in the Manhattan Fire Station at 7:00 P.M. Present were Rural Board Members Rich Brouwer, Martin Kimm, and Aaron Folkes, Council Members Gregg Dietz, Steve Gonzalez, Dan Ryan, and Greg Schack, along with Mayor Dave Rowell. Also present were Fire Chief Mike Ulmen, Rural Board secretary Audrey Ulmen, and Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. No members of the public were present.

BUILDING DISCUSSION/DECISION:

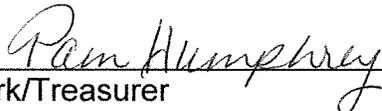
A proposal has been received by the Fire Department to purchase a building owned by RM Properties, for a new Fire Station. Both boards have looked at the proposal, as well as some alternatives. The appraisal of the building was discussed, along with the cost to renovate to the Fire Department’s needs. Both boards voiced their concerns with the purchase of the building and also with some of the alternatives. Location and cost are the driving factors in the decision. It was agreed that a structural engineer should take a look at the building before a commitment was made. Cost of new construction was considered, along with possible areas where lots are available. The Rural Board will consult with County Financial Administrator Ed Blackman for possible funding ideas. Martin Kimm will talk with RM Properties to see if there are alternative locations/lots available to the Fire Department and to arrange for a structural engineer to look at the existing building. Pam Humphrey will contact Ralph Johnson to see if there are some architecture students that would be able to look at a new building as a project in their curriculum.

ADJOURN:

Motion- Kimm; Second- Brouwer; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer