

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Boel @ 7:04pm. The pledge of the flag and a moment of silence for departed members. Roll call completed and 67 members present at this meeting including life member Eric Cullum.

Mike Memole makes a motion and seconded by Jim Cartright to accept the minutes from the December meeting.

Report of the Financial Secretary

There were eight checks written over five hundred dollars. Total expenses \$17, 710.23, mortgage \$12,522.24.

Report from the Treasurer

Total expenses \$31,639.52. Total income for month of December \$5,196.80.

Report of the Officers

Car 1: The organizational meeting with the line officers back in the first week of January went very well. There were many positive things that were discussed. This year the chiefs are going to stress inter-personal skills and communication. There will be no more individual chiefs reports. A designated chief will be assigned to give the Chiefs report at the monthly meeting. One month it could be Car 4 the following month it could be Car 1 etc. We will be starting a Knox Box program relatively soon. An SCBA committee has been formed and the chairman is Past Chief Tim Tordoff. This year we have developed a Training Bureau. This bureau will be headed up by Capt. Kevin Collins, Lt's Mike Benson Jr, Bob Lehmann, and Donny Gifford. Our EMS program will be re-developed this year and headed up by firefighter Bill Smallwood. If anyone is interested in assisting with this re-development contact Bill Smallwood. Congratulations to Capt. Tom Chesser on being our newest certified EMT. Past

Chief Forgea is assisting with the new construction projects in our fire district. Past Chief Dave Smith is putting effort into continuing our relationship with the Town of Schodack. Ed Dimartino (Car 3) will be heading up our Public Education Committee. Line officers will be making their own decisions frequently at the fire scenes. We are instituting a new response level: Code 1 Response: No lights, no sirens. If there are firefighters at the station and they want to go to the call even if it is not in their zone they are more than welcome to go to the scene. There will be an emphasis placed on line officers being command officers at the various fire scenes this year. An example of this is Capt. Chris Dick at the carbon monoxide call on Corliss Avenue. Good job by Capt. Dick and the other firefighters that assisted with this effort. Town line officers meeting on January 25th a Wednesday night at the Bruen Rescue Squad. There will also be an SCBA committee meeting on January 25th at 7pm at our HQ's.

Car 2: The following members need to sign up for physicals: Mike Barbour, Tracy Britt, D.A. Cook, D.P. Cook, Robert Cook, John Donnelly, Frank Jenkins, Peter Lavin, Keith and Kurt Johnson, Pat Shanno, Carl Schilling, Matt Thomas, and Ron Yeates.

Captains: No report.

Lieutenants: No report.

Foreman: No report.

Safety Officers: No report.

Firefighters: Greg Forgea states that Bruen Rescue has new stretchers, there is a button that goes up and down. Very simple to use.

Report of the Committees

House Committee: No problems at the respective stations.

Buildings Use Report: Total revenue \$1412.50. Total profit \$491.50.

Pavilion: No report.

Archives: All is quiet reports Pete Lehmann.

Website: We will be or should be receiving an email from Kevin Brando with passwords so we can get the website up to date. There is a great deal of EGFD history on our website. The history of this department is quite interesting.

Uniforms: Anyone in need of a uniform see Bob Lehmann. Uniforms will be ordered by Feb. 1st.

Training Center: No report.

Golf Outing: We are looking to pencil in possible date of September 17, 2006.

Games of Chance:

Explorers: No report.

Audit and Finance: Report will be in middle of the meeting.

Review Board: Clark, Nancy Condit, and Yahoo all did a great job of setting up this system in regards to our points system. All the points are posted in all three houses. Any problems see Clark. Also, all members under 50 points are on probation and they are under review by our Review Board. Some guys are new members so they may not have been in a full year. Remember, 50 points is important for the service awards. Motion made by Bill Smallwood and seconded by Ed Wallace Sr. to accept this report. Motion carried.

Publicity: No report.

Constitution and By Law's: No report.

Ways and Means: Pizza Night: Total expenses \$1483.63, Total Income \$ 2,912.15. Profit for January Pizza Night > \$1290.32. 122 pizzas were sold, 18 orders of mozz sticks, and 115 dozen of wings. \$441 dollars for the bar, 62 eat-ins, 54 take out orders. Next Pizza night will be February 11th.

Fish Fry nights will be starting in March. We need help after the pizza night events. Possibly 2-4 guys are needed after the events to clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Motion made by Dennis Kennedy (Pizza Night Chairman), and Dan Speed to accept the profit and loss statement for the January Pizza Night. Report accepted. Great job by all!!

Softball Team: No report at this time.

Workout Room: Equipment is in good working order. The speedometer on the exercise bike has come off, this can be glued back onto the bike. Children need to stay out of the workout room. No popcorn fights at this location either. The weight room is for members only.

Technology Committee: This committee will be looking at the current laptop that recording secretary M. Benson Jr. is utilizing. They will determine if it is necessary to possibly replace it.

Blue Light: Lt's M. Benson Jr, Bob Lehmann will be stepping down as the editors, Foreman Jeff Tooker and firefighter Pete Lavin will be stepping up to the plate to continue this publication.

Reminder from the President: ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST BE ON TWO COMMITTEES ACCORDING TO THE NEW BY-LAWS. NEXT MONTH THE PRESIDENT WILL BE KNOCKING ON DOORS IF NO NEW MEMBERS ARE SIGNED UP ON TWO COMMITTEES.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are no proposals for membership this month.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Eric Wallace was voted in last month, but at this meeting he was officially sworn in and he received his badge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The liquor license is ready to go to the Liquor authority. February 1st we are hoping to have our liquor license.

The painting of HQ is in progress for the Installation Dinner. The peeling on the wall be addressed. The marks on the ceiling such as tape marks and thumbtack marks are not allowed.

The copy machine is downstairs, within the upcoming days certain codes will be entered into it.

Quick Books Five is here, multi-user program. The total cost for this software was \$599.00.

Park Station Drainage problem: The Board of Directors may need to step in and go through and evaluate and/or address the problem. The Board of Directors will report back next meeting.

Membership Roster: The roster is posted, if there is some information that is incorrect please let the respective committee know.

The technology committee will be reviewing the current computer that the recording secretary has, and they will determine if a new lap top computer is necessary. The appropriations will be tabled another month, Tom Chesser and David Cook make the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The appropriate agency needs to be contacted to look at the heaters in the North Station. George Forgea motions we have Polsinello look at it,

seconded by Chuck Alger. Motion carried, Polisinello will be contacted in the morning.

Resolution 1: Annual Budget: Motion by Chris Linck, seconded by Dan Speed to approve this resolution. All members approved this proposal.

Resolution 2: Member Incentives: Motion by Bob Reinke, seconded by Lou Roeher. Resolution passed.

Resolution 3: EGFD Job Postings: Motion by Rich Edberg, seconded by Tom Gullo to accept this resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 4: Goals and Objectives for 2006: Motion by Nelson Williams, seconded by Bob Reinke to accept this resolution. Mike Memole inquired about a doorbell at the Park Station. We will be looking into this. Resolution passed.

Resolution 5: Events Calendar for 2006: Motion by Dan Speed, seconded by Mark Benson to accept this resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 6: Adoption of Scholarship Program: Motion by Dave Smith and seconded by Dan Speed to accept this resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 7: Membership Application: Dave Cook wishing to make a couple of minor adjustments. Changes will be added. Application has been adopted by the department with the new changes.

Resolution 8: Bell Jar License: Motion by Kyle Keenan and seconded by Mike Memole. Motion carried for the Bell Jar License. Tom White Sr. and Ed Wallace Sr. will be co-chairing the management part of this process.

Resolution 9: Kitchen Supplies: Dennis Kennedy looking for some new long tables, a cheese shredder, another deep fryer, silverware, and heat lamps. Looking for \$3,000. Clark Roehr makes a motion not to exceed \$3,500. Motion seconded by Mike Memole. All members approved this, motion carried.

LOSAP Points: Need updates on addresses for some members.

Bereavement Cards: Motion by Kyle Keenan and seconded by Tom Whittemore to approve these cards that the department will be doing. Motion carried.

There was discussion of moving the company meeting to the first Tuesday of the month. This is all in relation to new members waiting a month to become fully active. Motion denied. The meeting nights will stay as the third Tuesday of the each month. Motions were made by Nelson Williams and David Smith.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Snow Plow donation letters were sent out.

A tips training class will be provided free of charge by VFIS. A date soon to be announced.

2006 Installation dinner tickets are on sale. Get your tickets in advance.

EGFD BOWLING NIGHT WILL BE FEBRUARY 7TH AT 7:00PM.

Eric Cullum approached the company about a fund raising activity involving frozen foods. Eric will be back next month to give more details.

Close the doors when the fire trucks leave the respective stations. Make sure all the doors close and lock when we leave the stations.

Motion by Greg Forgea and seconded by Clark Roeher to attend the parade in Philmont on July 29, 2006. Details to come as we progress further into the year.

Motion made by Kyle Keenan and seconded by Chris Cargain to donate \$500 to the Questar Program, however motion was amended to amended by \$100 by Kyle Keenan, but the motion was still defeated.

Rensselaer County Chiefs looking to see if we are interested in hosting their banquet. Motion on the floor was made by Elwin Michael and seconded by Dennis Kennedy that we do not host this event. Motion passed, we will not be hosting this event.

Fireman's Home: David Cook makes motion and seconded by Eric Cullum that we continue to sponsor a room at the Fireman's Home in Hudson. We will be paying \$500.00 increments over a five-year period. Motion carried.

Letter from Steve Camburn in regards to attending the upcoming Installation Dinner as a guest. Rick Williams makes a motion that we not allow him to

attend this event. Seconded by Chuck Alger. The fire department is also declining his request to attend as a guest due to the fact that he is currently under suspension. The letter from Steve Camburn was declined, and he will not be attending the Installation Dinner.

For all of our college students, there will be a FASNY scholarship. Details will be available as soon as possible.

Food next month is Truck 11. Engine 8 has clean-up duty. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michael, and seconded by Bob Lehmann. Meeting concluded at 9:41pm, 67 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary