



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY MEETING**

### **MARCH 21, 2006**

President Boel called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A pledge of the flag and a moment of silence for our departed members. Roll call was completed. There were fifty-six members in attendance for this meeting. Pete Lehmann makes a motion we accept the secretary's minutes from the prior month. Dave Smith seconds this motion. The secretary's report is accepted. Pete Lehmann also commends the recording secretary for doing a great job on the minutes each month so far this year.

#### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

There were 57 checks written, and 11 of them were over \$500.00.

#### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The money market accounts are in place. We also added a capital reserve fund. We have earned almost \$237.00 in interest. Our current total assets are \$275,853.51. Motion by George Forgea and second by Bob Lehmann to accept the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report accepted by the membership.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

We received a thank you card from the Delisle Fire Company in regards to our monetary contribution to assist them in a time of need after Hurricane

Katrina. We have received a change of status letter from firefighter Stephanie Hay. This issue will be addressed later in Proposals for Membership.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Chiefs Report (Presented by Car 3): There will be a Pub Ed detail on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>. See Car 3 after the meeting is over for more details on this public education detail. If anyone is doing public education details please let Car 3 know when and where. Also get Car 3 a copy of the point sheet. Remember to turn off lights and to close the doors when exiting the buildings. Officers have your crews make a list of items that are needed for the apparatus. Give your list to the Captain for review, the Captain will then forward that list to the Chiefs. A special thanks to Safety Officer Tom Whittemore and Foreman Robert Cook for an awesome drill on Hybrid vehicles. Please don't forget to look at the web site for drills and meetings. Start setting up the engine companies for brush fires. CPR and AED drills will be coming up next month in April. There are still a few members who need physicals. The names are posted at each fire station. One thing to focus on in terms of CPR is the new regulations that are out there now. Captains: No report this month.

Lieutenants: No report this month.

Foremen: No report this month.

Safety Officers: Tom Whittemore states if anyone has any Quaker Coats, or Globe Coats that need repair please let him know. This is the new year that we have feared in regards to air bottles. Many of the bottles that we have are now going to out dated. Chief David A. Cook has also appointed Tom the new Quartermaster.

Firefighters: Dan Farley had volunteered to be a representative for the Hudson Mohawk Parade, however Dan states he has to be step down. Jeff Tooker whom was the alternate will now be the representative, and Mike Benson Jr will now be the alternate.

Dave Smith: The Knox Box issue in the town of Schodack is progressing very nicely. Many of the buildings will be appropriately keyed. More to follow soon.

The Red Oaks housing development is moving along. There is a big concern over water supply, and the bridge that may not support Truck 11. The next discussions will be about what property will be in whose fire district. David is also working with the Town of Schodack Water Department in regards to the water supply.

George Forgea: There is a 1600-gallon propane tank on the south side of True Value. This is something that we need to be aware if we are to have a call there. Bob Lehmann and George have been in contact with BBL Construction in regards to possible drills at the old First Niagara Bank. There will be a traffic light at Route 4 and Interstate 90. The previous discussion about a possible traffic circle at Troy Road (Route 4) and Mannix Road is looking more like a final decision.

President Boel: Check the boards at each firehouse. Our goals for 30 days have been met. Our liquor license will go to the Liquor Authority on Friday, and after that should be another 30 days. We are now allowed to go through with the matchbooks. We also have our gambling license in an effort to run with a possible Vegas Night if we so choose. By-Law changes will be tonight, and then posted for 30 days.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Building Report presented by President Boel:

Polsinello Fuels will be stopping by tomorrow morning to service the downstairs air handler. There were 12 total events at all buildings, six of them at our banquet hall. Total profit for the month of February \$906.00. Total profit year to date is \$2,540.00. Total expenses for the month of February were \$634.00. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the building use report, and Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Report accepted by the membership.

A special thanks goes out to all the members who help each week cleaning the hall, and the other two fire stations. Our court referral candidates have also done a significant job keeping headquarters clean.

-There was significant discussion about the Wainscoting in the banquet hall. After a great deal of discussion by the membership, the motion was defeated unanimously by the membership to discard the proposal.

-In regards to our taxes, we have to pay taxes on items that are taxable such as our beverage packages, set-up, etc. We have sent a check to the State for \$629.00. Our corporate taxes are being worked on in house, and will be forwarded to Wojeski next week.

#### Pizza Night & Fish Fry Nights:

February Pizza Night: There were 134 pizzas sold and numerous amounts of wings. Our total net profit is \$1268.98.

March Pizza Night: There were 124 pizzas sold, and numerous amounts of wings. Our total net profit is \$1132.93. The balance of the pizzas that were left over were used at the Hybrid Vehicle Drill.

Summary of the Pizza Nights during the past 7 months:

846 pizzas, 1736 pounds of wings, which is almost 11,000 wings. Our gross income was \$20,273, and total expenses of \$12,900. The net profit after expenses is \$7,982. \$585 of that money goes to the Ladies Auxiliary. Dennis makes a motion to accept his report, and David Smith seconds the motion. Motion carried Dennis's P&L accepted by the membership. Chuck Alger makes a motion to give Dennis Kennedy a tank of gas once a month. Tim Tordoff seconds the motion. Motion carried by the fire company.

House Committee: Main Station: R.P. Smith reports the smoke detector problem has been noted, and therefore the alarm system is off line until the detector head is fixed. Contact will be made with JMS Electronics to fix the faulty head. County Highway has been contacted in regards to the culver pipe by the main station and our training facility. County Highway will be contacted again to get a definite answer on what is going to be done, the pipe will eventually be exposed at some point, and it needs to be looked at and then taken care of.

Pavilion Committee: Steve Bakerian reports a proposal should be in next month in regards to the charcoal pit.

Bar Committee: See Rick Williams if you want to get on the help list.

There will be a tips class at the end of April.

Archives Committee: All is quiet on the historical front.

Website: Tom Whittemore has added pictures from the 2006 banquet and other events so far this year. More great pictures to come.

Uniforms: Any members that need a uniform or any particular parts see Bob Lehmann after the meeting.

Life Members Day: The date is set for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Convention Activities: We should be collecting money for the rooms in April possibly April 12<sup>th</sup>. George Forgea makes a motion that anyone has maintained 50 points last year the company will pay one night. Mike Memole seconds the motion. Motion carried by the members. The host company plans a full slate of events for the Hudson Valley Convention as well as the Hudson Mohawk Parade. Pete Lehmann makes a motion we sponsor a half page ad for the Hudson Valley Parade. Chris Lavin seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Golf Outing: Still working on a date at this time.

Games of Chance:

Explorers: No report this month.

Audit and Finance: No report this month.

Review Board: No report at this time.

Publicity: The Time Union has printed our news release from a week ago, and the Hudson Valley publication has also.

By Laws: A proposal in regards to change of status. This will be posted for 30 days. Review it and we will vote on it next month.

Ways and Means: Pancake Breakfast will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sell the tickets.

Scholarship: The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Cook has received a notice from the Department Education in regards to Keith Johnson. Is he still an active member? The membership states he is on the roll, but he has been very busy between working, and taking classes during the evening.

Long Range Planning: A meeting will be announced after the majority of the members on the committee get back from sunny Myrtle Beach.

Softball Team: There are two new teams in the league this year. There is another meeting in two weeks, which is when the schedule will be handed out. The first team practice will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm here at the field near the pavilion. Jim Morgan mentions that he is interested in being a base coach this year to support the team.

Workout Room: Everything seems to be working appropriately. The stereo has been repaired by Rensselaer Appliance for a cost of \$45.00. All members must remember that this room is a member's only room.

Technology: No report this month.

Blue Light: No report this month.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Stephanie Hay is looking to change from active membership to social membership, however her status does not meet those credentials. T. Tordoff mentions that she was an officer in the Explorer Post, and she was very active during her time there before moving up to be a firefighter. She is busy with figure skating, and coaching which is one of the reasons why this request was initiated. Dave Cook makes a motion not to accept her request, and seconded by Tim Tordoff. Stephanie Hay remains on active status since she does not meet the appropriate criteria.

There are no new members to elect into the fire company.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The copier codes have been changed. There is a list on the wall in the copy room, which reflects the new codes. The events calendar is up on the website. We are going to add the co-op order due date to the website as well. In regards to Steve Camburn, he does have a company folder, which is at this meeting. Steve was brought up on charges by the district; he was never brought up on charges by the fire company. Mr. Camburn can't change his status while

under suspension. As per conversations with Steve, he has no intentions of being a social member. Steve is currently an active member. He been off suspension since the middle of February. This Thursday there will be a membership committee meeting starting at 7pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed Wallace makes a motion to increase bartenders and staff from \$15 to \$30.

Tim Tordoff seconds this motion. After much discussion it has been determined that this will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and a report will follow at the April Meeting.

President Boel makes a proposal to the company for a company Visa Credit Card.

Mike Memole makes a motion to put this on the floor. The billing cycle is 30 days. Tom Chesser recommends the Board of Directors also look at this issue. A report to follow next month.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The frozen food Co-op is off to a slow start. Thanks to Eric for his help in getting this started, hopefully we will be making some profits. When using the bar at the appropriate stations, the rules are posted. Lets follow the rules. President Boel puts a motion on the floor that members that are caught opening locks with a knife will be punished. An example of this is the lock on the liquor cabinet at the downstairs bar at the Park Station. Motion passed by the members. Motion was also made by Tim Tordoff to put a new lock on the food pantry in the kitchen.

Tracy Britt seconds both of the previous motions.

Larry Rivera left here about 15 years ago to be a medic in New York City. He had a house on the coast of Mississippi recently. Right now he is running the paramedic program for the Department of Homeland Security in Mississippi.

Rensselaer Fire Dept. has lost a driver. Richie Malacoff. E-8 will be covering the city of Rensselaer. Ladies Auxiliary has food next month. Motion by Elwin Michael to adjourn, Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The meeting was complete at 8:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.