



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 18, 2006

Meeting called to order by Treasurer Paul Benson at 7:06pm. The pledge of the flag and a moment of silence for departed members. Roll call completed and 38 members present at this meeting. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Tom Gullo seconds this motion to accept the minutes. Mike Memole makes a note to take his name off of a motion that was made last meeting. Tom Whittemore also notes that a correction needs to be made to the minutes from the March meeting in regards to a motion to a motion that was made in regards to firefighter S. Camburn. The changes will be reflected in the minutes from the prior month and will be filed in the archives.

Report of the Financial Secretary

There were twelve checks written over five hundred dollars. Mortgage of \$12,522.24.

Report of the Treasurer

Total fund raising income of \$7,222.00. Total fraternal income of \$491.00. Total station rental income of \$4,605.00. Total income 12,652.56. Total expenses \$35,378.92. Net income of \$22,726.36.

Communications and Bills

We have received a letter from Bill Mason Jr. requesting a change of status from active member to social member. We also received a letter from Bob Falls Sr. requesting a change of status from social member to active member in a

Fire Police role. The department has also received an invitation in the Schodack Valley Golf Tournament. A letter was received from the chairman of the VFW Post in regards to the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade will on Saturday May 27th. Set up time is between 8:00am-9:30am. The parade steps off at 10:00am from Bowling Green. The parade route is east on Turnpike to the VFW on Hays Road.

Report of the Officers

Chiefs Report: Presented by Clark Roehr(EGFD Car 2)

Recently a couple of points sheets have been found in a trash can at one of the fire stations. If the person is found whom is doing this action will be taken accordingly. There are still a few members who need physicals. Gear has been pulled as of April 1st. If you have completed your physical and need your gear back please contact your station chief or senior officer. The money associated with the Fire Act Grant is being utilized for new Air Packs. Back in early January of this year a air pack committee was formed as many members are aware. The committee met numerous Wednesday nights from the beginning of January through the present time. The committee's recommendation to the Board of Fire Commissioners is the Scott NXG2 Air Pack. Members of the committee were present at April's commissioner's meeting along with Air Pack Chairman Tim Tordoff. The board approved the recommendation of the NXG2 Scott Air Packs. The members of this air pack committee did a great job and should be commended for their efforts. The bidding process for the air packs will be beginning very soon. A Public Education grant is also in the works. Nancy Condit and her committee members are doing a great job with these grants. The gear that was in need of repair has been completed. There will be a line officers meeting sometime in May. Thanks to the members who attended the wake for Mrs. Mulberry. Thanks to E-8's crew who completed all the hose testing, and helped pick up all the hose that was scattered along Route 4 on a recent call.

Captains: Capt. Chris Dick mentions that there will be slim crews at the stations due to the April vacation for a lot of the members. The hoses and nozzles along with the buckets and brushes have been removed at this time from the Park Station. There have been too many nozzles broken, and the station has been left a mess due to members not picking up after themselves after they are done cleaning their vehicles.

Lieutenants: No report.

Foreman's: No report.

Safety Officers: No report.

Quartermaster: A half dozen of the 12 sets of gear have been repaired. If you have a problem with the equipment, please let the station chiefs know. See Tom Whittemore if you are having a problem with the Survair lights.

Firefighters: George Forgea states that not much has changed at True Value. We are looking into possibly getting the house on Troy Road and Grandview Drive to have a drill before it is torn down. A letter has been sent to the Schodack Planning Board from Chief David Cook in regards to the Red Oaks housing development off of Kraft Road. Some areas of concern that we are interested in is the straightening of the driveways to better place our apparatus (especially the Truck Company), we would like to see 12 inch water mains throughout the whole development which would ultimately increase the amount of water flow, Knox boxes installed on the four senior building, four inch reflective numbers installed on the bottom of the doors in the senior citizens building, Stortz connections to be installed on all buildings that have sprinklers, the bridge on Kraft Road needs to be inspected and certified to make sure the bridge will hold the weight load of the trucks, dumpsters not be placed near buildings or in fire lanes, the fire department would like to be involved in hydrant placement for the senior citizens housing. Item that the fire department like to see is that all big houses have sprinklers installed, and stand pipes placed in the stairwells.

Presidents Report on Building Use

Total expenses for the month of March was \$1,913. Profit for the month of March was \$2,789. Total income for the month of March was \$4,702. We have 15 events booked for the month of April. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. George Forgea seconds the motion. Building use report accepted by the membership.

Report of the Committees

House Committee: There is no report this month.

Convention Activities: The sign-up lists are posted at the three stations. The fire department will be paying for one night.

Golf Outing: A check has been sent to Burden Lake Country Club.

Explorers: Kathy Miller needs assistance from a fire standpoint. There are some kids that are losing interest. There are many opportunities and events available for these Explorers to participate in such as competition at Montour Falls.

Audit and Finance Committee: No report this month.

Pizza Night: Total expenses for the month were \$1460.00. Net profit of \$1060.00. D. Kennedy to comment further when he returns from vacation.

Grant Committee: We have applied or will be applying for the Fire Safety and Education Grant. A focus on this grant is a subscription to for computer software, Sparky's Fire Active House, Sparky's Costume. Some other points of interests for future grants are thermal imaging cameras, Keyless Security System, 78 sets of new turnout gear, and 3 gear washers. Please contact Sen. Schumer and Mr. McNulty for their continuing support with the grants. Construction of a new Main Station is also a possible topic of a future grant. If you have an idea please contact your station chief. He will then relay to the District Fire Chief, whom will in turn forward the info to the Grant Committee.

Membership Committee: Pay your dues. Dues are \$5.00 next month. First quarterly report is completed. The only items that are included are the OSHA

drills and two meetings. Any training that is done by members please forward your certificates to the committee so we can add it to your file.

Long Range Planning Committee: A date for the next meeting will be announced next month.

Softball Team: Practices are on Thursday nights, and games are on Friday nights. Our home games are at 6:15pm at the Genet Elementary School.

Technology Committee: The internet has been sporadic. The computers in the Asst. Chief's Office are not working. Tom Chesser is aware of the problem. He will be working on this problem. RP Smith states that there are additional problems in the original system. T. Kennedy mentions about the possible purchase of a lap-top computer for the Treasurer so he can do his on-line banking and other book keeping measures instead of coming to the firehouse quite a bit.

Scholarship Committee: No report this month, but the due date is approaching.

Constitution and By-Laws: No members from this committee are present.

Review Board: No report at this time.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

There was no election of new members.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There were no proposals for membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-The Liquor License is in the hands of the State Liquor Authority.

-The copy machine is all set. The appropriate codes have been refined. If a member has a problem with it please ask.

-Events Calendar> The Mets/Yankees game is in limbo for May 19th.

-A tentative date has been set for sometime in May for the tearing up of the culver pipe/drain.

-The Executive Board will be meeting with Dickey Hoffman in regards to the drainage problem at the Park Station truck bay where Engine 9 currently resides.

-The membership roster represents 1300 members from the East Greenbush Fire Department. The document will be posted until next company meeting unless we wish to adopt it now. A motion was made by Bob Reinke to leave the roster posted. George Forgea seconds this motion. The roster will be left posted at the stations and will most likely be adopted next month in May.

-The current wages for the workers at the various events will be left the same. The Executive Board looked into this intensely but this will be reviewed again in September or October. The Exec. Board also is looking into pricing for different beverage packages and other items that may need to be changed with the Liquor License such as taxable and non-taxable items.

NEW BUSINESS

The Credit Card Protocol and Guidelines are tabled until next month due from a motion by Clark Roehr and a second by Tom Kennedy. The President and other members of the Executive Board will have additional input.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A tips training class will be scheduled for Mid-May.

Nelson Williams makes a motion we accept Bill Mason's change of status from active member to social member. Tom Kennedy seconds this motion. Bill Mason is now a social member of the East Greenbush Fire Department.

George Forgea makes a motion to accept the change of status for Bob Falls Sr. from social member to active Fire Police. Bill Sinnoit seconds this motion. Bob Falls is back to Fire Police.

Schodack Valley Golf Tournament will be reviewed again next month.

Explorers have food for next month.

Tom Gullo makes a motion to adjourn. Nancy Condit seconds this motion.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.