



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY MEETING MAY 16, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag and a moment of silence for our departed members were completed. A special thanks to Paul Benson and Mike Benson Jr. for handling the April meeting last month. We also make a special note that life member Tony Padula is in attendance. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the April minutes, and a second by Dan Speed. The minutes are accepted. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the executive board meeting minutes, and Tom's motion is seconded by Bob Falls Sr. The executive board meeting minutes were accepted.

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

There were 47 checks written in the month of April. A total of six checks were written for over \$500.00. The mortgage payment of \$12,522.54 was also paid. A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report by Tony Padula and a second by Chuck Hellmuth. The Financial Secretary's report accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Total fund raising income of \$6,510.15. Total fraternal income of \$142.00. Net income of 21,312.81. Total expenses \$31,585.08. Total current assets \$241,835.91. A motion to accept made by Chris Link and a seconded by Tracy Britt. The Treasurer's report accepted. We need to keep an eye on the utilities at the various stations.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

We will see a bill on next month's report which is the insurance bill. The amount of the bill will be 11,632.00. A motion made by Nelson Williams and a second by Dave Smith to pay this bill for next month when it is time. Motion carried. There was much discussion in regards to the Refuse Removal contract (Dumpsters). The price for the

various stations per month are \$104 at the North, \$132 at the Main, and \$228 at the Park. A motion made by Dan Speed and second by R.P. Smith to enter into the contract and change the dumpsters at the Main and the Park after discussion among members. The Main Station dumpster is a 10 yard dumpster which is just a bit bigger than the one at the Park. Motion carried. We must also keep an eye on the locks on the dumpsters.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**Chiefs Report:** The report was presented by Car 4 Kevin Hitchcock. Castleton Ambulance is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A motion was put on the floor to order a plaque for Castleton Ambulance to celebrate their anniversary. A motion by Chris Link and seconded by Dan Speed. A plaque was also received by EGFD from the Rensselaer Fire Department and Chief Jay Cochran. Nassau Ambulance is separate from the fire department now. Their new ambulance identifier is 6701. We need to pay attention to the seals on the oxygen masks. South Schodack will be hosting a Railroad Safety class tomorrow night (May 17<sup>th</sup>). Dave Smith asked by the Chief to comment on the Red Oaks Development. The developer will try to honor as many of our requests as possible. There are only two properties that are in question between our district and East Schodack. The district lines are working out fairly well. The Kraft Road bridge will be replaced which will be more than adequate to support our equipment. Engine 7 and the District Chief went down to the new hydrants in Schodack near Oakwood. The Oakwood hydrant has been fixed; there was a problem with the valve. Dave is also working with the Water Department in Schodack. Dave has also scheduled a meeting with the engineer in Schodack in regards to the new water systems. George Forgea reports that we may get the old bank in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in June. Petsmart is up and running. They have their own fire alarm system. The Knox Box is on the second pole on the right side. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the possible date when the seniors can start moving into the Senior Living on Gilligan Road next to the DPW garage. The whole project there should be completed by the end of November. There may be an access road for the fire department behind the YMCA and Hawthorne Ridge. We are going to replace the station radio at the North Station. David Cook conducted an overhead presentation on the figures of gearing up a member. The estimated total cost is 6,715.57. Nancy Condit, Ron

Mercx, Kevin Hitchcock, and Bob Reineke received their certificates from recently attending the Pub. Ed. Classes in Montour Falls.

**Captains:** E-9's portable generator is out of service until further notice.

**Lieutenants:** No report this month.

**Foremen:** Mock DWI drill at Columbia High School will be Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date for the following day. We are looking to utilize E-7 and E-8. The next meeting for this detail will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any questions see Jeff Tooker or Ed DiMartino.

**Quartermaster:** The gear has been repaired. Please let Tom know if there are any further problems.

**Firefighters:** Welcome back Police Chief Chris Lavin.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Building Use Report:** Total events for all buildings in the month of April. Total income of \$2,050.00. Total expenses for the month of April \$901.00. Total profit for the month of April is \$1,149.00. A motion made by Bob Falls Sr. and a seconded by Mark Dickie to accept the report presented by President Boel. Motion carried.

**House Committees:** No report regarding the North Station. In regards to the Main Station County Highway has installed a new culver pipe and drainage pipe. Rensselaer County Highway will be coming back to the Main Station in approximately 3-5 weeks to blacktop. At headquarters watch when you are doing cleanup, lower sections of the walls are not looking too well. There was a slight leak over the tables and chairs. The President will be contact Polsinello again in regards to the blower. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bob Reineke to do landscaping along the side of headquarters and the rear of the property. The landscaping consists of putting down felt along the building and then putting stone down. Tracy Britt makes a motion and seconded by Robert Cook to possibly cement sidewalks at the pavilion. Motion not to exceed \$1600.00. Both motions accepted.

**Building Manager:** No report at this time.

**Kitchen Committee:** There is a list of about 25 guys that are on the sign up list to help with cleanup of the banquet hall. The same guys have pretty much been doing a great deal of the work. There was a birthday party a week or so ago and the hall was left a mess. A lot of discussions were brought up regarding security deposits and responsible party at this teenager gathering.

**Pavilion Committee:** Pavilion is open for business.

**Archives Committee:** A lot of time has gone into this committee; a many hours were spent by veteran and younger firefighters. The documents are prepared and ready to go into the vault downstairs in our records room.

**Website Committee:** We have to straighten out the email on the website regarding the Recording Secretary. Pictures have been added recently.

**Uniform Committee:** Make sure your uniforms are ready to go for Lake George. If anyone needs any equipment see Bob Lehmann or Greg Forgea.

**Annual Dinner Committee:** No report at this time.

**Life Members:** No report this month.

**Training Center:** No report.

**Convention Committee:** Money for the rooms need to be in my by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Things are moving along nicely. Engine 9 will be heading to Lake George. We need input on a possible Mardi Gras parade theme.

**Golf Outing Committee:** Letters will be sent out relatively soon.

**Bell Jar Committee:** The key has been given to Mike Benson Sr.

**Explorer's:** No report.

**Audit and Finance Committee:** There will be a small meeting at the conclusion of this meeting.

**Review Board Committee:** There will be a report in July.

**Publicity Committee:** Articles are out there in the local papers regarding our functions and activities.

**Constitution and By-Law's:** This will be re-visited in the fall.

**Membership Committee:** No report this month.

**Ways and Means:** A net profit of \$4,079 for the three fish fry nights. We have had 8 pizza nights with a gross income of \$21,000, net income of \$13,000. There will be worker's party scheduled for August. Thank you letter received from Goff School with a 100 dollar check. A check was received by Jeanie Mastin from her employer which is Verizon. A 500.00 dollar check. 250 donated to the fire department and 250 donated to the auxiliary. A motion by Chuck Alger and seconded by Paul Benson to use this money for the Scholarship, motion carried. Don Gifford also received a check from the same employer and his whole check of 500.00 will be going into the scholarship fund as well.

**Scholarship Committee:** Due date approaching rapidly.

**Grant Committee:** Go through your station chief if you have an idea for a grant.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** A meeting will be the first Tuesday night in June at 7:30pm.

**Softball Team:** A few of the upcoming games are being cancelled or re-scheduled. We will keep everyone posted when the next practice and actual game will be.

**Workout Room:** No report this month.

**Technology Committee:** The previous problems have been rectified. Internet has been working. The internet had been sporadic.

**Blue Light Committee:** No report this month.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

There was no election of new members; however Paul VanWarmer received life membership status. Paul received his badge and pin at this meeting.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The membership will vote at the June meeting on Clifford Rhinehart whom resides at 5 Michigan Avenue in Sherwood Park. We have received his application money. There was also a lengthy discussion in regards to making Mike Stafford an honorary member. The attorney had a question about our liquor license in regards to the status of Mike Stafford. Chuck Alger makes a motion and his motion is seconded by Chris Link. The motion was passed. Mike Stafford is an honorary member of EGFD. Mike Forgea's 6 month probation period is completed. Mike Barbour is now back and we welcome him back.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The liquor license is in counsel at this time. The license is still in the hands of the State Liquor Authority. The fire department is still waiting on a tips class for only our fire department. We have passed our fire alarm test here at headquarters. All of the alarms appear to be working appropriately. In regards to the events calendar keep your eyes on it. The Mets VS Yankees game is on for Friday night May 19<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to the fire company. The membership roster has been posted for six months. All membership classes are posted on this document. The list of members in limbo was read by President Boel. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion, and seconded by Rick Williams

to delete these members in limbo with the exception of them coming to the fire department and looking to pay their dues etc, then they can be reinstated. Motion passed by the members. The list was read again for those members in a different category. Motion by Mike Benson Sr. and a second by Dave Chesnut to delete the inactive members. A motion was made by R.P. Smith and second by RP to adopt the names read as active Military.

The drainage issue in the truck bay at the Park Station will be brought to Dick Hoffman's attention. There will be an intersection safety class on May 25<sup>th</sup> in South Schodack. George Forgea mentions that we had a house given to us for training/drill but it was later torn down for the new Starbuck's. The Rensselaer Parade will be on Sunday at 1pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The fire company credit card. A motion was made by Tracy Britt and seconded by Bob Reineke to secure a credit card for the fire department. The Quartermaster opposed this motion.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The hoses at the Park Station and the cleaning supplies are back. Please clean up after yourselves. RP Smith found some old company records in the back office at the Main Station. He also notes that the Main Station needs a new flag. Nelson Williams inquires if there is a fire prevention committee established. Right now at this time Ed DiMartino is the chairman. The homeowner at 40 Huntswood Lane gave us a \$150.00 donation for pumping out their basement. The "Fire Boss" is going to be tossed. Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the day trip for the State Chief's show in Lake George. Engine 9 has cleanup after this meeting, and food next month. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michael, and seconded by Mark Dickie. Meeting completed at 9:03pm. There were 56 members present at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

