



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPANY MEETING JUNE 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag and a moment of silence for our departed members were completed along with the roll call. President Boel reminds the members at the meeting that there will be other members entering and exiting the meeting for their fit tests for the new air masks for the new NXG2 air packs. Chris Dick briefs the membership as well as to what will be going on downstairs during the fit tests. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the May minutes, and a second by Dan Speed. President Boel makes a note about our money market accounts at First Niagra. He received a call from the manager at First Niagra. President Boel is looking for a motion to continue to enter into the best money market rates as possible. A motion by Tracy Britt and seconded by Bob Lehmann. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

There were five checks written for over five hundred dollars. Tom Chesser makes a motion to accept the report. Jeff Tooker seconds this motion. Report of the Financial Secretary is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Total fraternal income of 1,413.00. Total fundraising income of 322.50, Total station rental income of 4,115.00. Total income of 6,203.19. Total expenses 33,307.44. Total current assets 208,807.22. A motion to accept the report by Tom Gullo with a second by Dan Speed. The report is accepted by the membership.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

We received a thank you letter from Martha Lasher-Warner in regards to the crew from the North Station that brought Engine 8 and Truck 11 to a 5K Run and Walk for her daughter. The department also received a letter from Columbia High School in regards to staging a fire truck at the Homecoming Game in September for the fireworks display; there will be more to follow in September. The department received correspondence from Columbia High School Wrestling Program in regards to their Golf Outing and hole sponsorship. A letter was also sent to us from the Berlin Fire Department. They are celebrating their bicentennial this year on July 4th. Our final notification we received was from the Chatham Fire Department in regards to our positioning in the Mardi-gras and dress parades. We will be starting 9th in the Mardi-gras parade, and 1st in the fourth division in the dress parade.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report: District Chief David Cook presented the report. If you have an injury or illness you must be medically cleared by the fire district physician before returning back to active service. The district physician is Dr. Leyhane at Community Health on Miller Road. The Schodack Chiefs met here at our station a week or so ago and in lieu of their annual bowling tournament they will be scheduling a family picnic for either August 25th or August 26th. We received a memo from the Communications Staff at EGPD, and they would like us not to contact them to find out information about a fire call. One of the most important things we are doing this year is upgrading our air packs. This could also be one of the most dangerous things a department can do; therefore it is crucial that all members make one of the three offered training classes. The first class will be on Tuesday, July 11th. See the training schedule or a member from the air pack committee for full details. If a member does not complete the appropriate training classes, he or she may not receive their new air mask. If there are not enough members qualified on the new air packs then we may be forced to leave the older packs on the truck, but this is not our intent. Castleton

Ambulance is asking us to supply them with drivers when necessary. If a member is a qualified driver in District 3, then they are allowed to drive the ambulance. If we do end up driving the ambulance remind the dispatcher to leave the call "open" until we are back from the hospital. The East Greenbush Chief's meeting was held on May 17th. Best Luther points out that if the ATV is requested is it only the ATV or is the original request also for manpower? Best Luther only has an 800 MHz radio; they do not have a low band radio. The Bruen Rescue Squad is now in full service with their narcotics program. Clinton Heights mentioned at the meeting that the Forest Point development is now being occupied. CHFD is also presently conceptually planning a new consolidated fire station somewhere off of Red Mill Road. The Town Board was represented by Councilman Rich Riley, and the training facility topic was discussed once again. The town has property available on Ridge Road that would be very appropriate for that possible facility. There is a possibility of sidewalks for Luther Road from Columbia High to Evergreen Commons, and along Sherwood Avenue in the Clinton Heights area.

Captains: T. Britt appreciates everyone showing up for the fires, but please help place the correct equipment back on the correct fire trucks. Capt. T. Chesser would appreciate it if the dispatcher notifies us on 46.16 when there is a second call.

Lieutenants: No report.

Foremen: The blade of the glass master appears to be broken. Please be careful when putting equipment back on the truck. When a truck goes back in service please make sure it is fueled and full of water.

Firefighters: Clark now has a son. Thanks to the guys who have been helping out on Tuesday nights for the past few months.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Building Use Report: This report was presented by President Tim Boel. Our total income for the month of May 2006 was \$3,200. Our total expenses were \$1,250. Our profit for the month of May 2006 was \$1,950. Dan Speed

makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds this motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

-The Board of Directors needs to start thinking about oil; we have a contract through October. Fuel Oil needs to be given some concern. President spoke to both Main Care and John Ray & Sons. John Ray & Sons would have the additional service fees.

-Over the past month we had a conversation about not using stone and possibly going with mulch along the building. After a brief discussion Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to go with mulch, and a second by Dennis Kennedy. There was much discussion about this as well due to the fact that we may have to weed the mulch. Clark and Bruce oppose the motion.

-There was no hot water at the Park Station. If you notice a problem at a station please contact a house committee member or the President. President Boel will be contacting Polsinello again about the fan blower and the hot water issue.

House Committees: North Station-The side door on the west side of the building needs to be repaired because of a problem with the lock. Bill Hart will be contacted to care of the problem. Main Station-The black top has been completed by County Highway. This dates back to them digging it up for the culver pipes. Headquarters-Parents for E.G. Youth Soccer were parking their vehicles at the station. Clark Roehr makes a motion for 4 or 5 signs. Tom Chesser seconds the motion. We will be looking into possibly obtaining some signs. Pavilion-There is a large area of grass that we can't cut due to the large amount of soil and other debris. Pres. Boel will be contacting Bob Witbeck. If anyone has an interest in mowing or helping him out down there please let Steve know.

Archives: Things are quiet at this time.

Website: There are new photos and information on the website.

Uniforms: Things are in order. Hudson Mohawk Parade coming up soon.

Annual Dinner: No report.

Life Member's Day: The date is September 10th. There will be different menu this year.

Training Center: The building has been used continuously. R.P mentions that we need to remember to secure the skycap back on the roof.

Convention: Another great weekend with excellent food. Thanks to the guys that brought up Engine 9, also thanks to Mike Benson Sr. for driving the truck back to town. July 15th is the Hudson Mohawk Parade. There will be a final report of the activities from the Hudson Valley Parade at the July meeting. We are looking to continue a relationship with Queensbury Central similar to what we did with Valley Stream. T. Boel spoke to parade judge about where we finished and our demerits. All of that information is published in the Blue Light. Tom Gullo makes a motion and seconded by Clark Roehr to book the pavilion for next years EGFD festivities in terms of the parade. The parade next year is at Shaker Road. Dan Speed mentions to use the extra money that may be left over for a Marti gras float. Motion carried. A good job by our delegates at the parade- Chuck Hellmuth and Tom Kennedy.

Golf Outing: Over the next few months a reminder will be sent out, then a formal letter will be mailed in August.

Belljar: The new location is at the bar downstairs.

Explorers: A couple of Explorer's came to the President about looking for a key. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to allow this, Tom Whittemore seconds the motion, David Cook asks Mike to reform his motion so that it reads we will allow the President or Chief to hand out keys. Motion carried. The two explorers were Mark Seigel and Chris Cook whom are two of our most active explorers.

Audit and Finance: No report.

Review Board: There will be a meeting next month, and a full report to the membership at the July meeting. The following members are tardy in the first quarter: Steve Rudolph, Dan Farley, Bill Sigsby, Carl Schilling, and Bob Crain.

Publicity: No recent articles.

Constitution and By Laws: We are looking for 50 copies for the July meeting of the most recent by-law changes.

Membership Committee: We voted last month on the membership roster. Please pay your dues. The social members will be sent a notice and a copy of by-laws in regards to their duties.

Ways and Means: Pizza Night September 9th. Workers party in August. Kevin Hitchcock will firm up a date for the next Pancake Breakfast in October.

Scholarship: All applications must be postmarked by June 30th. July 5th we will be reviewing the scholarships.

Grants: Pub Ed. Grant is the newest grant we will be submitting.

Long Range Planning: Next meeting will be June 29th at 7:30pm.

Softball Team: Game this Friday. Meet at the North at 5pm.

Workout Room: No report.

Technology Committee: No report, however they are working on updating our computers, and looking into networking all three stations.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cliff Rhinehart at 5 Michigan Ave was elected a new member. Pete Lehmann made the motion and seconded by Tom White Jr.

Probationary Member up for review was Eric Wallace. Motion to accept by Tracy Britt and seconded by Kyle Keenan.

Change of Status from active member to social member-Jim Tooker. He has completed his necessary training. Clark makes a motion to accept the change of status, Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. Tracy Britt inquires as to how long he has been in for. After reviewing his record Jim Tooker is 6 months shy of 2 years. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the change of status due to circumstances of Jim going away to school. He plans on coming back to the fire department when he is complete with his time at school and at SUNY Morrisville. Motion passed.

Mark Dickie is out of service due to spinal surgery. Chief Cook has received the appropriate paperwork. Mark is officially on a medical leave of absence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SLA still has our license. It's in corporation counsel.

The 2006 Events Calendar-Valleycats Game July 4th, Members are free, non-members are five dollars. We will be blocking 60 tickets.

Drainage Issue: Meeting planned very soon.

The company Credit Card is here. We have used it already for Convention Activities.

NEW BUSINESS

RP Smith makes a motion to paint the truck shop at the Main Station, and not to exceed 1000 dollars as budgeted. Tom Chesser seconds the motion. Motion carried. The painting will take place July 8th and July 9th.

The air conditioner at the Main Station is not working to its ability. Clark makes a motion not to exceed 400 dollars, Dan Speed seconds the motion. We will get the best for the appropriate BTU's. Motion carried by the membership.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The soda in the machine at the Park Station is now 60 cents.

If you go on EBay you can buy our old 1968 Mack for 20,000 dollars with turnout gear.

Mrs. Polsinello is taking care of Floyd Smith's personal stuff. Clark may be looking for some guys to help clean out the attic.

We are still waiting for a tips class from VFIS.

July 4th Parade in Berlin-We will not be attending.

Columbia High School Wrestling Tournament-Eddy D makes a motion we sponsor a hole for 200 dollars. Bob Crain seconds that motion. Motion carried.

We received a plaque from Girls Softball.

The crew that cooks cleans up downstairs.

The next two company meetings will be held at the pavilion.

Motion by Elwin Michel and a second by Pete Lehmann to adjourn.
Meeting terminated at 8:40pm with 55 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.