

**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
JULY MEETING
JULY 18, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Tim Boel. President Boel appoints Rosalee Pettricone as the acting Sgt at Arms. A pledge of the flag, moment of silence and roll call were completed. Ed Wallace makes a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting, Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The minutes are accepted. President Boel mentions that there were two special meetings; one of the meetings was regarding the resignation of Vice President Chris Lavin. This resignation was necessary in order for us to receive our Liquor License. Past Chief Dave Smith makes a motion to accept these minutes, and Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The minutes are accepted. The second special meeting that was called to order was regarding Steve Camburn. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting, Nelson Williams seconds this motion. The minutes from the two special meetings were read by President Boel and accepted by the members of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Baker reports that there were five checks written over five hundred dollars. Fifty eight total checks were written during the month of June including the mortgage of 12,522.54. R.P Smith makes a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report, and the motion is seconded by Tracy Britt. The report is accepted by the membership. The Visa Credit Card Bill Report was also read. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report with a second by Bob Lehmann. The Visa Credit Card Bill Report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports that our total District income for the month of June was 4,500 dollars, total station rental income of 3,130 dollars, banquet hall rental income totaling 1043.62 dollars. Total income of 8,189.67. Total expenses of 25,839.74 dollars. Total checking/savings totaling 209,855.49 dollars. A motion is made by George Forgea to accept the Treasure's report. The motion is seconded by Mike Memole. The treasurer's report is accepted by the membership of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

The Fire Company received correspondence from Allison Lovely in regards to a donation with her being involved in a cancer fund-raising event. The company also received correspondence from Green County, and Philmont. The company received a letter from Chris Bertrand regarding a change in status. This will be discussed later in the meeting along with the other correspondence. No bills were read.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report: Presented by District Chief David Cook

Chief Cook presented a photo of Engine 9 to the fire department. The photo was taken by Lynn Chesser at the Olympia Hotel during the recent June fire convention. The picture is in a frame and will be downstairs in the member's lounge. An aerial photo/blue print was presented to the company regarding the possible marina on 9J between Gold Bond and Hess in the Port of Rensselaer. Air packs are scheduled to be placed on the apparatus July 25th. All new masks have been labeled for each qualified individual. On July 25th there will be a swap out of the old air packs, and Bob Lehmann reports there will be one more final brief overview of the air packs. August 26th is the date of the Town of Schodack Chief's picnic. The generator at the Park Station is back in service. There was a problem with a hose. The Plymovent at the Main Station is out of service. We have been busy with fire calls assisting flood relief victims in Delaware County, mutual to a working fire with CHFD, and the explosion in the town of Schodack. Chief Cook thanks all the crews and the auxiliary for all of the hard work. There were a few accountability tags that were lost at the explosion site. We are still missing a four foot red cooler, and a blue tote. We will be buying a new cooler. Marty Miller has put together a CD of the explosion.

Captains: No report this month.

Lieutenant's: No report this month.

Foremen: Engine 8's overhead door is out of service until further notice.

Safety Officer: No report this month.

Quartermaster: If members did not get fit tested, please look at your current air mask for the voice amplifier. Everyone bring your mask next Tuesday night.

Board of Directors: No report this month.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report this month.

Firefighters: There are spots open on the By-Laws committee. Chairman Chesser is the sole committee member at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Building Use Report: Presented by President Tim Boel

President Boel reports there were twenty one events for all buildings in the month of June. Total income for the month of June was 4,285 dollars. Total expenses for the month of June were 1,388. Total profit for the month of June is 2,897 dollars. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Mike Stafford reports that last week there were five events held. The dumpsters were overflowing. An emergency call was made to BFI. Please don't abuse the dumpsters. Do not pull up with a pick-up trucks loaded to maximum capacity with garbage. Please be considerate when using the dumpster. Make sure the lock goes back on the dumpster. When members rent the various facilities they are responsible for cleaning the bathrooms etc.

President Boel mentions that the mulch has been placed along headquarters. The hot water tank at Headquarters has been fixed. The air conditioning belt has also been repaired. Polsinello reassures us that it is all set. We have received a bill from Albany County. We need a motion to pay the Tourism Bill. This is to continue our annual membership with Albany County Tourism. Chris Link makes a motion to pay the bill, RP Smith seconds the motion. The company will be paying the bill. In regards to the Liquor License: Our club license may have been issued today or yesterday. In order to continue with the process to receive our Catering Liquor License the state has asked us for some more fingerprints and background information. The prints were completed and all appropriate information has been sent to the State Liquor Authority (SLA). Our contract ends soon with NYSEG Solutions. We will compare pricing between NYSEG Solutions and National Grid. The Board of Directors will evaluate this and report back to the company next month. We have spoken to Bob Witbeck regarding the "debris issue." Mr. Witbeck will do what he can to help us out. We need to try and decrease the utilities

usage especially the air conditioning this time of year at Headquarters, 17,000 therms used at this station, 9800 used last year. North Station 810 dollars for electricity, 336 dollars for electricity this time last year. Main Station 500 dollars for electricity.

House Committees:

Main Station-No report this month.

North Station-Thanks for fixing the doors. All the tables have been returned. Total inventory of tables is five. George Forgea makes a motion for a new weed wacker, Nancy Baker seconds the motion. Company approves the motion. A new weed wacker will be purchased for the North Station.

Headquarters: No report.

Beverages: No report.

Hall Maintenance: Things appear to be in order.

Pavilion-Looking for a refrigerator.

Review Board Committee:

There were several members that were under review. David Cook initiates motions for all of the following actions as the chairman of the Review Board. The board recommends that the following members be tabled one month: Steve Valley-military service in question. RP Smith seconds the motion of the Review Board Chairman. The board recommends Matt Thomas, Kurt Johnson, Keith Johnson-, Jamie Richardson, Evan Lapointe, and Marty Tubbs be moved to social membership status. The fire company approves the recommendation by the Review Board. The Review Board also recommends that Russ Lussier be removed from the active roles. The company approves the Review Board recommendation. The Review Board also recommends that Jim Morgan and Carl Schilling be placed on the social roles. Tom White makes a motion to table this recommendation for Jim Morgan for a month. The review board should contact Jim and find out what his intentions are. Rick Williams makes the same motion regarding Carl Schilling. Chris Link mentions that Carl Schilling should be very close to becoming a Life Member.

Scholarship Committee-The committee met last week, the candidates will be notified by next month's meeting. The committee chairman P.Lehmann makes a motion to make the scholarship amount from 500 dollars per year to 1500 dollars per year. The motion is

seconded by David Cook. The company accepts this motion. Chuck Alger opposes this action.

Uniform Committee-The parade season is over.

Annual Dinner Committee-No report this month.

Training Facility Committee-No report this month.

Convention Activities: Next year the Hudson Valley parade is at Shaker Road. We are looking at a hotel in Saratoga which is not too far away, but a place to get away for a few days. Rick Williams makes a motion we go to the Springs Motel in Saratoga. Rick's motion is seconded by Chris Link. The company will be looking into the Springs Motel.

Archives Committee-All is history.

Life Member's Day Committee-The date is Sunday, September 10th at the Frank Becker Memorial Pavilion.

Golf Outing Committee-The date is Sunday, September 17th at the Burden Lake Country Club. This is an all hands on event. The committee recommends raising the pricing of golfers to an additional five dollars; therefore the price of each golfer is \$80.00.

Games of Chance: No report this month.

Explorers: No report this month.

Audit and Finance Committee-No report this month.

Publicity Committee-The fire company is featured in the two convention publications (Hudson Valley and Hudson Mohawk).

Constitution and By-Laws-The fire company needs 50 copies of the updated By-Law changes ASAP from Chairman Tom Chesser.

Pizza Night Committee-The worker's party will be Friday August 25th at 7:00pm at the member's lounge.

Grant Committee-Please write to your representatives.

Long Range Planning Committee-The committee met two weeks ago, discussed the heating system at the Main Station, this is a topic of concern.

Softball Committee-The team is 1-6 this year. Playoffs are Friday August 11th 6:15pm at Coyne Field in Rensselaer.

Weight Room Committee-No report this month.

Technology Committee-No report this month.

Blue Light Committee-Keep up the good work.

Membership Committee-The points for the first half of the year have been completed.

Miscellaneous Information: We do not have a policy for re-imburement. Nancy Condit will be attending the FASNY Convention in August in Utica. Motion made for \$40 per day of meal allowance. RP seconds this motion. There was also discussion in possible mileage reimbursement. Proposal for .45 cents per mile. The company votes and 13 members are for the mileage reimbursement, and 20 members are against it. There will be no mileage reimbursement.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are no proposals for membership

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

There are no new members for election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Drainage issue at the Park Station-We are still waiting for Dick Hoffman to set up an appointment with us.

No washing in the truck bays at the Main Station due to the painting project. The new air conditioner is in service.

The Events Calendar has been updated as of yesterday. The EGFD day at Saratoga Race Track has been changed to August 12th.

Firefighter Parking Signs-the cost is approximately \$35 per sign.

The company is still trying to get a Tips Training class.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Memole reports a problem with ants in the hallway at headquarters.

The fire company is looking into a contract with Nextel, and or any other cell phone providers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There are company photos from the Parade at Lake George.

Bob Crain presented the fire company with a plaque and t-shirt and the programs from the Columbia High School Wrestling Golf Tournament.

EGFD T-shirts are \$7.00 each. See Pete Lehmann or his assistant Bob Lehmann.

Clark Roeher makes a motion to move the August meeting to the banquet hall. Tracy Britt seconds the motion.

Copy machine is running very well. Please be sure to log the number of copies each member is making. All of the appropriate codes are on the wall in the copy room.

Vice President Issue-There are a couple of candidates, however one of them is willing to step up right now. The candidate is Peter Lavin. The President makes a motion for Pete Lavin as Vice President. Bob Lehmann seconds the motion. Peter Lavin is the new Vice President of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

Motion made by Tom Gullo and seconded by Tom White Jr. to accept Chris Bertrand's letter requesting a change of status from active member to social member.

Paul Benson makes a motion, and seconded by Chuck Alger to donate \$50.00 to Allison Lovely.

Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion which is seconded by Chris Link to sponsor a hole for \$100.00 the East Greenbush PBA Golf Tournament.

The company voted not to participate in the upcoming parades in Greene County and Philmont.

Food for the August Meeting is Engine 7, and clean-up is Engine 8.

Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michel, and seconded by Rich Edberg. Meeting terminated at 9:09pm with 55 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary

