

**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
AUGUST MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2006**

The August meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Tim Boel. The president mentions scholarship receipts are present at the meeting. A pledge of the flag, moment of silence, and roll call were completed. A motion was made by Mike Memole to accept the minutes from last month, and seconded by Dennis Kennedy. Dennis also mentions the minutes are great with exception of one of the special meetings. The secretary makes the correction and will be stored in the archives to reflect the correction. President mentions there was a special meeting on August 8th with the executive board. The meeting was in regards to the contracts, 25 yr contracts and renewal time period etc. The liquor license was also discussed, there are numerous items that need to taken care of such as, there should only be members of the appropriate age behind the bar area. A motion was made by Nelson Williams and a second by Bob Falls Sr. to accept the minutes from the special meeting.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary Baker reports there were 41 checks written last month, 6 of the checks written were for over \$500.00. The monthly mortgage payment of 12,522.54 was also completed. A motion to accept the report by Tracy Britt and seconded by Jim Cartright. Report is accepted by the company.

VISA CREDIT CARD BILL-Total bill was 8,174.99. Motion to accept report by Tom Kennedy, and seconded by Chris Link. Report is accepted by the company.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports our total expenses for the month of July is 27,868.53. The total income/gross profit is 24,003.95. Our current total assets are \$215,148.78. Motion to accept the report by Bob Reineke, and seconded by Nancy Condit. The report is accepted by the company.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

The company received a resignation letter from Sean Kane, a letter from Melvin Roads requesting a color guard for a September 11th ceremony, an invite to fundraiser/golf outing for Columbia High basketball, possible donation to EG Castleton Little League.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report: Chief Cook reports a big topic is training. The training bureau has done a good job this year with implementing drill topics, and the assigned officers or firefighters are also doing a good job. The helicopter drill was cancelled at last minute and the drill at the Training House is an example of the previous statement. All of the fire engines have gone through routine maintenance. There is still discussion about the maintenance of Engine 3. Truck 11 will be going out for service on Thursday the 17th. The Town of Schodack picnic was cancelled. Columbus Day weekend possibly that Saturday at Goulds Orchard will be Emergency Services Day. The town of Schodack is continuing to push the Recruitment and Retention program. Our department is in similar situations due to lack of members. There are 44 members present right now at the meeting out of the 103 listed on the point sheet. We need to reach out to our fellow firefighters in this department. Our numbers are hurting, recently there was a fire at Pondview, and the trucks that responded had minimal crews. A couple of the trucks sat at the firehouse.

Captains: C. Dick reminds members to review their procedures for radios when responding to mutual aid calls. T. Chesser mentions the multi-gas meter on E6 will be moved to E7.

Lieutenants: B. Lehmann thanks everyone for the help with the new air packs. Fill out the pack inspections including after-use. Training Bureau meeting will be in a couple of weeks. Lt Lehmann will be taking over the Pub. Ed Committee. There will be a Pub. Ed meeting August 28th at 7pm.

Foreman: No report.

Safety Officers: No report.

Quartermaster: If anyone still has an old mask and wants a voice amplifier needs to let Tom Whittemore know. If any members are missing accountability tags they need to let their station chief know.

Board of Directors: No report.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report.

Firefighters: No report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Building Use Report: There were 10 events for the month of June. Total income for July 2006 is \$1,950.00. Total expenses for the month of July 2006 was \$445.00. Our total profit for the month of July was \$1,505.00. Report presented by President Boel. Motion to accept the report by Mike Memole with a second by Jeff Waselieski. The report is accepted by the company.

Company is looking into possibly changing from Coke to Pepsi. Mike Memole makes a motion we switch to Pepsi and seconded by Tom Chessser. After many inquiries the President discusses to the membership that there is no time line on the current contract with Coke. They have not been too good with their billing and their services. After a vote the membership approves the change from Coke to Pepsi.

We have a request from State Chiefs to rent our hall on Saturday October 28th and have us put on a dinner. Tom Kennedy makes a motion we enter into the contract, and the motion is seconded by Nancy Condit. After discussion T. Kennedy amends his motion to have us open the bar, and have them contact a caterer for the event. After a vote the membership approves the State Chiefs to rent the hall, and have their own caterer.

We have a request from the Police Dept. to use the fire hall. Tracy Britt makes a motion and a second by Mike Memole to allow the PD to use the hall free of charge. The membership approves.

E.G. Castleton Little League is looking to possibly use the hall September 16th at possibly a discounted rate. Motion by Dave Smith and seconded by Mark Benson. Members mention that if we do it for one we do it for all. Request denied.

President T. Boel looks for a motion to buy a new ladder for headquarters no to exceed \$250.00. RP Smith makes the motion, Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. After discussion let the motion reflect \$350.00 for a 10' ladder.

-North Station Door. Lil Overhead Doors have looked into the issue. The next time the door breaks they will have to replace it. A new door opener costs approximately \$985.00. A motion is made by Bob Lehmann and second by Tracy Britt to have the Executive Board act if necessary (if the door is ever to break again).

-We are aware there is a light out on the front of the building. We will be having it looked at. The house committee is uncertain what the problem is.

-In regards to special rules to follow for the liquor license, if you unlock a beer tap it is your responsibility to lock it back up. Be aware at any time the State Liquor Authority or the Police Department can inspect us at any time our building is open to the Public. Follow the rules and there will be no problems. We do not vend alcoholic beverages outside of this building. The only licenses we have are the club license which is for downstairs at the lounge, and the second license is the catering license which is for the banquet hall. Special events permits are for the pavilion. An example of this type of license is for the golf outing. All events that are alcohol events, we vend the alcohol.

Scholarship Committee: Recipients are Rosallee Petricione, Matt Mastin, Mark Benson, Meghan Lehmann, and Stephanie Boel.

Constitution and By-Laws: Copies are now printed up. Please review them.

House Committees: Things at North are ok. Bartenders are needed for events at the Park Station. Steve Bakerian has a request for some ceiling fans at the pavilion. We are looking to purchase 3 of them. The company can purchase 3 of them at a relatively inexpensive cost. A motion is made by Chris Link and a second by Bob Crain. Motion carried.

Archives Committee: All is quiet.

Website: New pictures being posted.

Uniforms: No report.

Annual Dinner: Things are on target for December.

Life Member's Day: Food will be steak and lobster. If you are interested in working and are not a life member see President Boel.

Convention: Nancy Condit is the delegate for the FASNY Convention.

Golf Outing: 12th annual golf outing is progressing nicely. This is the 1st time we are ahead of schedule. So far we have turned in 2000 dollars. We are looking to keep the same crews for workers at the golf course and at the Pavilion. The date is Sunday September 17th at 1:00pm, but we all start before that time.

Games of Chance: Matchbooks are downstairs.

Explorers: Need members and need a leader.

Audit and Finance: The Comptroller will now be able to audit fire companies.

Review Board: The committee was asked to contact Carl Schilling and Jim Morgan. Carl will be tabled for one more month. Carl does wish to remain active. Motion by Chris Link and a second by Mark Benson to keep Jim Morgan on the active roles. After much discussion in regards to Carl Schilling Rick Williams makes a motion with a second by Tom Kennedy to make Carl a life-member. However, after reviewing the records it appears that he is a year shy. Tom White makes a motion that Carl be retained as an active member. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. The membership approves the motion as well.

Publicity: Our company is in various publications.

Ways and Means: Pizza Night: The first event will be Saturday September 9th. Workers party will be August 25th. Pancake Breakfast will be November 5th.

Grants Committee: Will most likely will be applying for the State Archives Grant which could be used for the keyless entry system, and computers on-line for 3 stations.

Long Range Planning: Committee met last month. Looking to convert the boiler to Natural Gas at the Main Station. The fire box at that location is also in bad shape. Mike Memole makes a presentation in regards to Solar Energy. We could save approximately 3-4 thousand dollars on energy.

Softball Committee: Party August 26th.

Workout Room: We are missing some weights.

Technology Committee: Roadrunner is running well now.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The company received a resignation letter from Sean Kane. Motion by Chris Link and a second by Tom Whittemore to accept his resignation. Motion carried by the membership.

Andrew Donnelly moving from explorer to active member of the fire company. Nelson makes a motion to accept, and seconded by Dennis Kennedy. Chris Cook will also be doing the same next month when is 17.

Andrew Clark at 21 Berkshire Ave applying for active membership. Eric Lehtinen looking to be a 2nd Chaplain for our company. Motion by Tracy Britt and seconded by Chuck Alger. The motion is carried, and he will be our 2nd Chaplain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Truck Shop drainage issue is going to be addressed before the winter time.

Action by next meeting.

-The painting at the Main Station is on-going and a work detail will be 9am on August 27th.

-Events Calendar-worker's party, Capt. JP Cruise.

-Firefighter parking only signs have been purchased and are in our possession.

NEW BUSINESS

The company is looking for a chairperson for the cellular proposal from Nextel and Cingular.

There is a need for new chairs in the banquet hall. Nelson will be looking into pricing, how many chairs we need, etc and will report back next month.

D. Kennedy makes a motion for a flat screen TV for the bar area not to exceed 400.00 dollars. The motion is seconded by Tom Whittemore. The motion is carried by the membership.

Membership Dues-pay them!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We will have a color guard for September 11th celebration at Melvin Roads. The motion was made by Craig McCabe and seconded Dan White.

EG Little League-Motion by David Smith to give 200 dollars. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion only if the original motion is amended to 100 dollars. Motion carried we will donate 100 dollars.

Tom Kennedy makes a motion that the fire company give a 100 dollar to the Lymphoma Society. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. Motion is carried.

Food next month is Commissioners.

Meeting terminated at 9:23pm with 59 members in attendance. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michel and second by Chuck Hellmuth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary

