

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY MEETING
September 19, 2006

The monthly meeting for September was called to order at 7:04pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The minutes from last month are accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

There were a total of 10 checks written over 500 dollars, and an overall total of 36 checks written for the month of August. A motion to accept by Mike Memole and seconded by Elwin Michel. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Total fraternal income of 2,174.00 dollars. Total income of 38,958.81. Total fund raising income of 2,420 dollars. Total expenses 31,840.92 dollars. Our total assets are 193,561.67 dollars. A motion to accept the report by Bob Lehmann with a second by RP Smith. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report: Chief Cook reports that Assistant Chief DiMartino's wife, Meghan, had her kidney transplant and is doing very well. Fire Commissioner Victor Fredette also briefly discussed that Mrs. DiMartino is doing well at this time after the transplant. Commissioner Fredette and the DiMartino family thank the members for the prayers and concerns. The repairs for Engine 6 have been completed which included new brakes, and the pump being re-worked making it easier to open and close manually. Engine 7 and Engine 8 will be going out for repairs within the next week. Actually Engine 7 is being repaired this week; therefore the tools have been placed on Engine 3 which temporarily fills the vacancy of Engine 7. Engine 9 will be going to the BASF drill this Saturday 9/23/06. Truck 11 will be going to the Recruitment and Retention festivities at Gould's Orchards on Saturday 9/30/06. Last week we had a seminar regarding Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) detailing the dangers of the magnets. If the new facilities in town are indeed on fire let them burn! The magnet is extremely strong it could rip off all of your turnout gear! Our agency has received a resolution from the Rensselaer County

Legislature from our work in Schodack in the recovery effort at the house explosion. If anyone needs to be fit tested for an air mask, we can now do that in house.

Captains: Captain Dick brings the Tug of War contest to the attention of the members. The tug of war is an event that is sponsored by PYX 106 “Waking Up With The Wolf.” This event on October 22nd is to benefit the local volunteer fire organizations. The location will be the Green Island Bridge. It will be the East VS West. Chris Dick makes a motion to attend this event as a fire company function. Nancy Condit seconds the motion. The motion is carried and we will attend this event on October 22nd.

Lieutenants: Lt. Lehmann reports the training bureau meeting for tomorrow evening has been cancelled. Pub Ed Committee is progressing nicely, the majority of the weekend days are booked, and we are still filling in the remainder of the days with the local schools. A final calendar will be out next week.

Foremen: No report this month.

Safety Officer/Quartermaster: The air pressure on the fill station has been slightly raised. Use the mechanical gauges to monitor the air pressure in the bottle. The electronic gauges could be slightly off. If you need batteries for the air packs, let the Quartermaster know, there are plenty of batteries.

Board of Directors: The membership notes that Carl Schilling is in attendance.

Ladies Auxiliary: Mickey Jenkins in attendance tonight.

Firefighters: Greg Forgea announces the annual firefighter fallen memorial will be Tuesday October 10th at 11:00am. Greg Forgea makes a motion we attend, Mike Memole seconds the motion. Membership approves the motion, and Truck 11 will be attending the event. Listen for a work detail in the coming weeks.

BUILDING USE REPORT

There were a total of 9 events for the month of August. Total income of 1,950.00 dollars. Total expenses were 565.00 dollars. Total profit for the month is 1,385.00 dollars. There are approximately 18 events booked for the month of September. A motion to accept by Bob Reineke and a second by Carl Schilling. The report is accepted by the company.

Mike Stafford has come to the meeting this evening because a group is looking to rent the Main Station on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. This will be a month by month

basis, approximately 25-30 people attending the events. The group is the Old Chatham Church. Nelson Williams makes a motion we enter into a contract, Mike Memole seconds the motion. After a vote, the motion passed with two oppositions.

Mike Stafford is looking for a contact person for the hall because he will be on vacation. The contact person would be for the 2 events in October. Both of them are big events.

Property Improvements: Kitchen Area-There may be a bad belt in the hood area over the cookers. We received a price quote of \$300.00 to clean it and inspect it. If the problem is a fan motor it could cost more money. Dust consistently gets inside of the grange above the fryers. Nancy Baker makes a motion we have the gentleman inspect for the price quoted, and Tom Chesser seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Fire Hall-We are looking into establishing a contract with Tri-State Industries. Looking to enter into a contract in regards to floor mats. There are 4 or 5 mats with our logo that have been done on a computer. A mat would be placed at the entrance to the hall, and by the kitchen area. We would enter into a 5 year contract. There are also items such as bar towels, and aprons. The cost would be about 20 cents per towel or apron. The major focus of course is on the floor mats. This would be fire company property; if you steal them you will be arrested! A is made motion by Tom Gullo with a second by Tom Kennedy to enter into a contract with Tri-State Industries. Elwin Michel mentions he has dealt with this agency, and they do a very good job. Motion carried by the fire company.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

House Committees-a) North Station-The overhead door should be looked at, sometimes it seems to work, and sometimes it doesn't. b) Main Station-Painting is almost complete. The heating situation will continue to be evaluated by the Board of Directors. c) Headquarters-When cleaning the toilet seats, you need to lift up the seats. It is disrespectful for some of the women.

Pavilion-No report this month.

Beverage Control-Bar tender training class will be held September 25th. We are looking to empower the Bar Chairman (ABC Officer) to purchase the liquor to stock the bar. Motion by Tom Kennedy and a second by Craig McCabe. Motion is granted for the Bar Chairman.

-Pepsi will be in this week to install the Pepsi products.

Archives-There were a lot of the archives brought out on Life Member's Day. Many of the members enjoyed a great day of fun at Life Member's Day.

Website-Tom Whittemore has done a nice job of putting up recent photos. If you have any pictures, please email them to the Quartermaster.

Uniforms-All is well.

Annual Dinner-the date is approaching soon.

Training Center-No report.

Convention Activities-We are going to get prices and quantity of rooms for the Springs Motel. There should be more to report on next month in October.

Golf Outing- The preliminary numbers reveal overall income of 22,258 dollars. We went through 48 cases of beer, 12 cases of water, and 15 cases of soda. We had a lot of help which is always great. There were approximately 46 members that helped out. Our overall profit is in the 8,000 dollar range. Ed Wallace believes we should send Hannaford a thank you letter, and a plaque to show our appreciation for their help for the past 5 years with the food distribution. Ed makes a motion in regards to the plaque, Bob Reineke second the motion. President Boel and Mike Benson Sr. thanked everyone for their help. One issue did arise and WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYONE GIVING A COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON A VERY HARD TIME. DO NOT PULL A CHAIRMAN OUT ON THE CARPET AND GIVE HIM A HARD TIME. THE EVENT CHAIRPERSON(S) WILL DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE SITUATION, AND/OR THE WORKERS.

Games of Chance-Joe Nails and Chuck Hellmuth did a good job selling at the golf outing.

Explorers-The District Chief and President have met with the explorers. We have received great firefighters from this group. We are looking at possibly moving their training to another night, and implement some other training alternatives. A more detailed report to follow at the October meeting. We are also looking for advisors.

Audit and Finance-No report.

Review Board-Pay attention to your points. We are well past the half-way mark.

Publicity-No report at this time.

Constitution and By-Laws-We are looking for approximately 10-15 more copies of the most recent By-Laws.

Membership Committee-Members will soon be receiving dues notices. Several members still need to pay their dues. If members do not pay their dues by next month's meeting they will receive a dues notice.

Ways and Means-Next month is lick 'em and stick 'em. The Vice President is possibly looking to put together a calendar for 2007.

Pizza Night/Fish Fry Nights-The first pizza night was held on September 8th. Total expenses were 1,823.78 dollars. Total income of 2,643.00 dollars. Our net total profit for the evening was 692.00 dollars. We sold 108 orders of wings, 22 orders of mozzarella sticks, and 49 salads. We sold 93 pizzas. Motion to accept the report by Bob Falls Sr. and seconded by Nelson Williams. Report is accepted.

Pancake Breakfast-The tentative date is Sunday November 5th.

Scholarship Fund-No report this month.

Grants Committee-Risk Assessment Seminar coming up October 4th.

Long Range Planning Committee-The focus over the past couple meetings has been the replacement of the furnace at the Main Station. A detailed report to follow at the October meeting.

Softball Team- We had a great party to end our season. We'll see everyone next month.

Workout Room-No report.

Technology Committee-The committee is working hard to evaluate all the computers. Tom Chesser is looking for the license for the software.

Blue Light-Happy Reading!

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are no new proposals for membership.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Donnelly was voted in at the August meeting however he had was absent. He has now been presented his by-laws and badge by the District Chief and President Boel.

Chris Cook is moving from the Explorer Post to active member of the fire company. A motion to accept by Jeff Tooker and seconded by Tom Kennedy. Motion carried Chris Cook is a member of the Fire Company along with Andrew Donnelly.

Andrew Clark has not been present. RP Smith makes a motion to table the application for 1 month so we can make contact with him. Tom Chesser seconds the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The drainage issue at the Park Station has been taken care of by Tom Kennedy and his crew. A special thanks to Tom and his men for a great job. Many of the members had seen Dick Hoffman at the golf outing, and he mentioned about the drainage issue, we advised him it has been taken care of.

Painting at the Main Station is almost complete. There was a small problem with the drains.

Events Calendar-September 24th is the date scheduled for a members only golf outing at Pheasant Hollow or Evergreen. Start time is 2pm. There are also some activities planned at the Great Escape in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Nextel(Sprint) have given us some information in regards to services and pricing. The bill would be 28.75 per month, with 100 primetime minutes, unlimited direct connect. If you sign up through the fire department there will be no taxes except for 911 taxes. There are also other plans available. If anyone is interested see Dennis Kennedy. The contracts would be for 1 year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nancy Condit briefly discusses her activities at the FASNY Convention.

The Fire Company wishes Marty Tubbs many years of success in the Albany Fire Department after 6 years of hard work in reaching his goal. Best of Luck Marty!!!!

We will set aside a special page of the minutes to reflect the passing of Dennis Rhinegardener.

The EGFD took an active part in assisting with the services with the passing away of Robert Angelini.

Food next month is Engine 8. 50/50 winner is Pete Lehmann taking home 54 dollars. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michel, and seconded by Mike Memole. Meeting terminated at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary