

**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2006**

The October meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by President Tim Boel. Roll call, a pledge of the flag, and a moment of silence for our departed members were completed. Clark Roehr makes a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The minutes are accepted by the membership. An Executive Board meeting was held at 6pm before this meeting. The minutes were read by the Recording Secretary. Kyle Keenan makes a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The Executive Board meeting minutes are accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary Baker reports there were fifty nine checks written for the month of September. Ten checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Jeff Wasilieski makes a motion to accept the report with a second by Dan Speed. The Financial Secretary report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Benson reports our total fund raising income is \$20,280.00. The total station rental income is \$4,536.75. Our total income for the month of September was \$26,296.98. The total expense for September is \$36,878.88. The net income is \$10,581.90. Ron Mercx makes a motion to accept with a second by Tracy Britt. The report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chief's Report: Chief Cook reports that Jeff Wasilieski has stepped up to the plate as Forman of Engine 6. Jeff was sworn in by President Boel. The fire department has been busy the past month. The estimated cost of the fire at Gilligan Road is between 500,000-750,000 dollars. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Pictures of the fire can be viewed on the Clinton Heights Fire Department website. The construction of buildings changes all the time. There is not a lot we can do with the codes. The new medical building on Miller Road is sprinkled with 6 heads. We responded to a call at 3 Oregon Avenue, and were then dispatched a short time after our arrival to 3 Jefferson

Avenue. The dispatchers did a great job with this call. The homeowner called on the 7 digit phone line (479-1212). The dispatchers verified the address numerous times with the caller. The homeowner then called back and said he is at 3 Jefferson Avenue. The homeowner/caller use to live at 3 Oregon Avenue! Captain Dick commented on the work his crew did. Captain Dick's crew cut the sill plate and floor boards under the residence through a crawl space and under the fireplace there were wooden forms that were not taken out when the fire place was originally poured. Past Chief Williams believes we should explain to the residents at 3 Oregon Ave for the mishap. Engine 9 and Engine 3 are both missing low-band portable radios. Truck 11 participated in the Firefighter Memorial at the Empire State Plaza. The truck looked great and the crews did a great job. Lieutenant Lehmann comments that Pub Ed is well under way. All of the day time events have been completed. There are still three events left. Hannaford, Price Chopper and Columbia High School on October 26th. On November 7th Best Luther Fire Department has requested Truck 11 and an Engine to participate in their mutual aid drill for the apartment complex on Best Road and Luther Road. Schodack Town Hall is now open; it is the old SEFCU building. The truck shops and fire truck have been in crummy shape. Please clean the trucks. The explorer's are looking for mentors. The President, Chief and Chris Dick have met with the Explorers. The Explorer's will be implemented into a different pattern. One night they will go to a certain station. The following night they will go to the station closest to their residence. Past Chief Benson Sr. has helped out a great deal, and he is now the liaison for the Explorers. The Stewart's at Couse Corners is putting up a new canopy. The Red Oaks project has been put on hold per Dave Smith. The pharmacy in Schodack is progressing nicely.

Captains- No report this month.

Lieutenants-No report this month.

Foremen-R.P. Smith advises members to complete the after-use pack inspections. Two packs are out of service at the Main Station. Do not put air packs close to the side doors of the trucks. A regulator has been broken because of that. When the truck comes from a call make sure it is back in order, and ready to go for the next call.

Safety Officer/Quartermaster-No report this month.

Board of Directors-No report this month.

Ladies Auxiliary-No report this month.

Firefighters-George Forgea mentions that Starbucks is now open, Dwight Plumbing is putting on an addition, soil samples have been taken from Temple Lane, the addition on YMCA is on-going, and across the street from Spare Time (the old Bowling Green) a bank and a chiropractic office are going in the open space there. G. Forgea also advises the company that a hotel is unavailable in Saratoga. A motion is made to have the festivities back at the Park Station. The motion is carried unless of a conflict. Mike Stafford will advise us. Chief's letters have to be in for the November meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

House Committee-Bill Hart installed the lock at the Park Station. Let's keep the buildings up to par especially with the cold weather coming. Beer Belly Bob's is no longer. P. Benson can explain further. Put money in for the beverages at the various stations. The air handler at HQ failed about a week ago. A part has been ordered, please bear with it.

Building Use Report-There were 19 events for the month of September at all of our buildings. The total income for the month of September was \$3,197.00. Total expenses for September were \$3,521.00. A loss of approximately \$324.00. Our bar area start up was \$2,190.00. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept, and seconded by George Forgea. The report is accepted by the membership.

-Mike Stafford reported on the activities of October 8th which was a "sweet 16" birthday party. The party was basically out of control. A couple of teenagers were vomiting outside, and alcohol was found in a backpack. The police department was dispatched. As discussed at the Executive Board meeting, an amendment should be made to contract, so that it will read "Violation of the above WILL result in the forfeiture of their deposit. A motion was made by Clark Roehr and seconded by Jeff Wasilieski to make the change to the contract. The Executive Board voted to keep the security deposit. A motion was made by Craig McCabe, and seconded by Ron Mercx to keep the security deposit and a letter to be sent. The company also approved Resolution 6 which is the presence of a Property Monitor at events where the majority of the guests are under the age of 21. At a 4 hour event the Property Monitor will receive \$30.00, a 6 hour event \$60.00. The motion to accept was made by Jeff Wasilieski, and seconded by Kathy Miller.

Buildings and Property Management-The floor mats have been ordered and will be here in a couple of weeks. The pavilion is closed for the year, the priority next year is the installation of fans. Steve Bakerian and his associates did another fine job down there this year.

Beverages-The Pepsi change over has been completed.

EGFD Website-The pictures look great. We are looking the future to have a member's section where we can view the company minutes, [Blue Light](#), and other miscellaneous member only items.

Uniforms-There has been a problem with Crown Cleaners on a couple of occasions. Some members are receiving the wrong uniforms.

Annual Dinner-The date is rapidly approaching. The food order will be going to Hannaford soon. We have done entertainment in past years such as comedians. A magician is something that may be planned this year. There will be more to follow in the upcoming weeks. Chief Cook makes a motion we invite our friends from Queensbury Central Fire. Chris Link seconds the motion.

Life Member's Day-Another great day, see all of you life member's next year.

Training Center-No report this month.

Convention Activities-We are pursuing the avenue of having festivities at the Park Station after the parades in Saratoga.

Golf Outing-The overall income is approximately 22,000 dollars. Expenses totaling approximately 13,700 dollars, therefore our profit should be around 8,500 dollars. Mike Benson Sr., Tim Boel, and Ed Wallace will perform the same roles next year.

Nominating Committee-We need one member per station for the upcoming election in December.

Constitution and By-Laws-One submittal but no changes. Additional copies are needed.

Bell Jar/Games of Chance-We may have to bring them out for the next couple of meetings.

Pizza Night-D. Kennedy thanks everyone for their hard work. On October 14th 119 pizzas were sold, 127 orders of wings, 20 orders of mozzarella sticks, and 44 salads.

Total expenses for the event were 1,564.65 dollars. Total income for the evening was 2,913.25 dollars. Our total profit for the event was \$1,254.19.

Membership Committee-The committee is having a difficult time looking for addresses and making contact with possible social members.

Explorers-The group will be attending a weekend program through the Boy Scouts.

Audit and Finance-The 2005 audit has been completed, and an audit for 2006 will be started.

Review Board-Lock boxes will be installed for PCR's and points sheets.

Publicity-We have been in a variety of publications.

Ways and Means-The date for the 2007 installation dinner will be January 20, 2007. The Vice President makes a motion we have the event at our banquet hall. Chris Link seconds the Vice President's motion. The motion is carried. The VP also makes a motion to enter into a contract with Teagans to cater the events. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. This motion is also approved. A final motion was made by the VP to enter into a contract with Sound Control DJ Services (Ernie Doust). Motion was seconded by Craig McCabe. The final motion is carried.

Pancake Breakfast-The new date is November 12th.

Scholarship Committee-No report this month.

Grants Committee-We are waiting on the arrival of Sparky. There will be a training program for utilizing Sparky's Training House.

Long Range Planning-The aging boiler at the Main Station should be replaced. The committee has been to the Main Station and looked at the boiler. There is severe deterioration on the unit. Past Chief Benson has taken digital photos which supports the committee's findings. The committee has received 3-4 different quotes. M. Benson Sr. makes a motion we enter into a contract with Bourque Mechanical. Tom Chesser seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Todd Cullum opposed the motion.

Softball Team-We still have money left over.

Workout Room-No report this month.

Technology-Copy machines are now at the Main and North Stations. The monitors at the North will be taken care of by this committee. The committee is also looking at networking the 3 stations.

Blue Light-Double issues will be coming out.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bob Reineke makes a motion with a second by Bill Sigsby to accept Andrew Clark as a new member. Motion carried. Andrew Clark was sworn in as the newest member of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

See President Boel if you plan on attending the activity at Great Escape. Check the events calendar. Good job by Clark Roehr for installing the firefighter parking signs. See Dennis Kennedy if you are interested in getting a Nextel Phone.

NEW BUSINESS

The company has a great photo that was taken by Tom Kennedy at the Gilligan Road fire. Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to have this picture professionally framed by the business on Troy Road. The motion is not to exceed \$250.00. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

The fire company has received bids from local vendors for the seal coating and striping at the North and Park Stations. The company received the bids from Smith's Seal Coating, Steve Vandewal, and Quality Lawn Care(Rob Yetman). There were certain provisions from each vendor regarding the work. Clark Roehr makes a motion and a second by Mike Benson Jr. for Quality Lawn Care to perform the work. The motion is carried.

During the past couple of events the ventilation in the kitchen has been a topic of interest. A motion was made not to exceed \$400.00 to put louvers in the kitchen for ventilation purposes. After a discussion and a vote the motion was defeated.

EGFD Car 2 makes a motion that we get a fire department portrait.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Congratulations to Kyle Keenan on the birth of his daughter. She weighed in at 6 pounds, and 11 ounces. Chief's letters are due next month. Engine 5 was sold to Dr. Barlyn in Schenectady. He bought the truck for 3,500 dollars. We have his business card.

Sixteen members completed the tips training class. Election Day is November 7th, make sure the buildings are in order. The September 11th celebration that our color guard attended went very well.

East Greenbush Fire Commissioner Chairman Rick Williams thanked Bob Lehmann and the fire company for their hard work with the Fire Prevention activities.

Rensselaer County is having a county wide memorial service. The county has requested the presence of our color guard. Mike Prestipino makes a motion to attend with a second by Chuck Alger.

Tug of War-We are still going to attend this event. See M. Benson Jr. if you are planning on attending.

Truck 11 has food next month. 50/50 winner for \$40 is Pete Lehmann. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michel, and seconded by Chris Dick. The meeting was terminated at 9:56pm with 54 members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary