



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING
November 21, 2006**

The November monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence, and roll call were completed. A motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting was made by Jim Cartright and seconded by Bob Falls Sr. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary Baker reports that there were 55 checks written in the month of October. Eleven checks were written for over five hundred dollars which includes the monthly mortgage payment of \$12,522.54 written to First Niagra Bank. A motion to accept is made by Dan Speed, and seconded by Tom Gullo. Motion carried, the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Secretary P. Benson reports that our total fraternal income for the month of October is \$698.00. The total fund raising income for the month of October is \$3654.00. The total station rental income for the month of October is \$1,904.00. A gross profit of \$6,660 was also reported. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tom Gullo, and seconded by Bill Sinnot. Motion carried, the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL

The monthly Visa bill was paid. The amount was \$4,481.84. The new balance for the month is \$1,498.19. The report was presented by President Boel. Motion to accept the report by Nelson Williams, and seconded by Bob Reineke. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

The fire company received correspondence from FASNY, Hudson Mohawk Association, and Hudson Valley Association, along with a thank you card from the Boel Family. President Boel thanks the membership and their families for their support with the passing of Mrs. Boel.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report: Chief Cook reports that Mark Becker, Chris Cook, Craig McCabe, and Bill Sigsby completed Firefighter 1. Congratulations gentleman. Craig's certificate was presented to him by his father Ed McCabe. Mark Becker and Chris Cook were not present at this meeting. Tom Whittemore will be handing out the new SOG's to new members from January of 2002 to present. Engine 3 is back in service. The pump has been restored and a new throttle is in place. Engine 8 will be departing for body repair in late December. Chief Cook thanks Mike Prestipino, Bruce Cushine, and Nancy Condit for their participation and attendance at Hudson Valley Community College for the Rensselaer County Memorial honoring fallen fighters from across the county. Chief Cook and Chief Roehr attended the Best Luther Installation Dinner on November 18th at the Comfort Inn on Miller Road. Defreestville is having some mechanical problems with many pieces of their apparatus. DFD went out and bought a used truck to make it their front line pumper. The construction on Temple Lane has commenced. The construction project at Rite Aid is on-going and moving along nicely. The Waters Road Estates hydrants are in service with the exception of one. The out of service hydrant is bagged. Chief Cook mentions that on the drawing boards in Schodack is a potential senior housing complex near Pond View. There has been a change to the SOP's. The fire police will automatically be closing Michel Road and Phillips Road south during alarms. The fire police need time to pick up their equipment. The incident commanders need to remember to give the fire police enough notice of when we are clearing the scene.

Firefighter Sigsby along with Quartermaster Whittemore are in the process of programming Minitors 4 including the vibration mode. Last year we were approached by Cingular for a cell phone tower, now we have been approached by T-Mobil for a possible cell tower to be erected at the Main Station. We are not familiar with any of the details yet. Assistant Chief DiMartino thanked the membership for their support, prayers, and sympathy with the health of his wife Meghan.

Captains-No report this month.

Lieutenants-Lt Lehmann reports that Pub Ed is officially over. There is a small detail on November 22nd at Genet Elementary School. Pub Ed dealt with over 1600 students and numerous citizens.

Foreman-No report this month.

Fire Police-Nelson Williams reports that there is a new throttle on Engine 3. Pay attention when using the throttle.

Safety Officers/Quartermaster-T. Whittemore reports that if anyone is missing accountability tags let him know. Winter is coming, think about winter driving safety skills. If a member uses the air compressor and turn it on, turn it off when the system is full. If you close the door to the compressor room make sure the air compressor is turned off.

Board of Directors-No report this month.

Ladies Auxiliary-No report this month.

Firefighters-No report this month.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES AND BUILDINGS

President Boel reminds the committee chairman that expenditures run from January 1st to December 31st. If members have expenditures please don't keep holding onto them. There is a 7-10 day turnaround.

Building Report- The total income for the month of October was 3,668 dollars. The total expenses were 1,603. Our profit for the month of October is 2,065 dollars. There are 5 events booked tentatively for the remaining month of November. Motion to accept by George Forgea, and seconded by Clark Roehr. The report was presented and submitted by President Boel.

The floor mats will be here on Friday or early next week hopefully. Upcoming expenses that will be reflected in the upcoming month is an expense due to equipment failure. There is a problem with the circulator at Headquarters. Every 3 days Polsinello is at the station making sure we have heat. At the North Station the blower motor on the heater is very poor and will be replaced. President Boel had a conversation with the female whom rented the hall for the out of control 16 yr old birthday party back in October. The conversation started okay and then she said to refer any further questions to her attorney Ms. Clemente from N. Greenbush whom was also a co-renter. President Boel asks the membership if we want to continue to pursue further proceedings with this female and her attorney or end it here. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion we end this process, and move on. Chris Link seconds the motion. After a discussion by many members the motion is carried. Bill Sinnot makes a motion to make the deposit from a security deposit immediately, and then write the rental party a check if the grounds/building are back in fair condition and if no wild parties have occurred. Mike Memole seconds the motion. Motion carried by the fire company. Mike Memole makes a motion to ban the co-renters from the facility for life. Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the motion is carried by the membership.

House Committee-Things are good at headquarters. At the North Station there is still a problem with the locks. There are no lock cylinders there. The locksmith is continuing to accomplish the lock problem. If anyone sees demolition debris being placed behind or in the dumpster not by a company member, call the police department, and have the subject(s) prosecuted. The Main Station boiler will be installed on Monday. There may not be any heat until that Wednesday. President Boel proposes that we take the funds from the concrete project that did not get completed, and utilize that money to purchase a small PA system and wire amp and speakers for the banquet hall. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the proposal, and his motion is seconded by Bob Reineke. This purchase should be under 1600 dollars. Dan Speed amends his motion to reflect the approximate cost. Motion is carried.

Archives-During the cold weather months we will be putting up shelves in the records room.

Website-T. Whittemore had a meeting before our company meeting with our provider in regards to having a member's page, and possible Explorer's page. If a member takes a picture let T. Whittemore know so he can give credit under the picture.

Uniforms-Let the chairman know if you need a uniform.

Annual Dinner-The date is Friday December 8th. Chairman Dick reports things are well under way for the big feast. He will need help in the early afternoon hours with the preparation of food. C. Dick requests a check for 200 dollars in petty cash. Chris Link seconds the request. Chris Dick makes a motion for the use of the company credit card for expenses. The motion is seconded by Kathy Miller. The entertainment for the evening is a comic/hypnotist Michael Ray. He is scheduled to be here at 8:30pm that evening. As of this date there are approximately 6-8 members from Queensbury attending the festivities.

Life Member's Day-No report.

Training Center-No report.

Convention Activities-The convention in Shaker Road is the weekend of June 21st. Festivities will be at the Park Station most likely. The chairman will be in contact with the banquet hall manager to arrange the activities and secure the grounds.

Golf Outing-The final check was received from Albany International. Our profit for the 2006 event is just under 9,000 dollars. All outstanding monies have been deposited. The event for 2007 is the 3rd Sunday in September.

Games of Chance/Bell Jar-No report.

Explorer's-Last 2 weeks they have been very active attending drills including the mutual aid drill in Best Luther. Their last drill was a small powerpoint presentation by Chief Cook, and Past Chief Benson Sr. Some of the explorer's now have their licenses and will be responding to calls. Chief Cook reminds the members that the Explorer's can't go into burning buildings or use power/hydraulic tools.

Audit and Finance-An audit has to be done every 3 years.

Review Board-Keep an eye on the posted points sheet.

Publicity-No report this month.

Nominating Committee- The nominations for Executive Officers are: Recording Secretary-Mike Benson Jr, Treasurer-Paul Benson, Financial Secretary-Nancy Baker,

Vice President-Pete Lavin, President-Tim Boel. Board of Directors-Dennis Kennedy, Dave Chesnut, Dan Speed, Line Officers-Captains-Chris Dick, Bob Lehmann, Todd Cullum, Tracy Britt, Kevin Collins, Tom Chesser, Lieutenants-Mike Benson Jr, Bob Lehmann, Bruce Cushine, Jeff Tooker, Don Gifford, Jeff Waselieski, Foreman-Ed Wallace, Chris Cargain, Jeff Tooker, Jeff Wasilieski, R.P. Smith, Bill Sigsby. Fire Police Line Officers-Captain-Bill Sinnott, Lieutenants-Nelson Williams, Joe Lacivita, Bob Falls Sr.

Constitution and By-Laws-T. Whittemore assisted with the copying and distributing the copies.

Membership Committtee-No report this month.

Ways and Means-The company has received over 10,000 dollars thus far from the fund drive. In regards to the Installation Dinner invites are going out by December 1st to neighboring departments and politicians. The menu is complete from Teagans. The date of the Installation Dinner is January 20, 2007.

Pizza Night-D. Kennedy submitted his P&L statement. The prior pizza night was a record night. The income was over 3000 dollars. Our profit for the record event was just over 1,300 dollars.

Pancake Breakfast-Assistant Chief Hitchcock reports that the income for the past breakfast is \$2,252.00. There is still 300 dollars to be collected from all of the ads. The total expenses for the event are approximately \$780.94. The total net income to date is \$1,471.06. The President thanks Kevin and crew along with the Explorer Post.

Long Range Planning-No report this month.

Grants Committee-The committee is working on a couple of grants.

Scholarship Committee-The committee chairman P. Lehmann makes a motion to purchase thank you cards not to exceed 115 dollars, and issue them to at least six people whom have donated money to the scholarship fund in regards to Mrs. Boel. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Softball Team-No report this month.

Workout Room-No report this month.

Technology Committee-This group is working hard to get the computers up to par.

Blue Light-There is a new format. Thanks Dennis K, Jeff T, and Pete L.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE OF STATUS

Ed McCabe submitted a letter requesting a change of social status back to active membership. Chris Link makes a motion to accept. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. Ed McCabe is back on the active roles. Welcome back Ed!!

-Probationary 6 Month Membership Review. Cliff Rhineheart was up for his review however he has purchased a house in Schenectady which cancels his membership review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006 Events Calendar is posted at all the stations. The 2007 tentative calendar is posted on the website. **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**-*December 8th-Annual Dinner, December 16th-Kids Christmas Party, December 22nd Adults Christmas Party, January 20th 2007 Installation Dinner.* Mike Memole points out a misprint in the Blue Light. Just a reminder to all members, non-members are allowed to attend the events, however they are responsible for the fees of the event.

Kitchen Ventilation is ongoing.

If interested in a Nextel Phone see Dennis Kennedy.

The famous picture from Gilligan Road is framed at the Park Station. There are two more on the way for the North and Main Stations.

NEW BUSINESS

ID cards are at the print shop.

George Forgea thanks the members whom participated in the Tug of War-M. Benson Jr, B. Lehmann, Greg Forgea, and Nancy Condit.

Marty Miller thanks the members for the fruit basket.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Letters and proclamations have been received by our company from the Village of Walton thanking us for our hard work and support in assisting them during the terrible flooding. These are on file. Good job ladies and gentleman.

Chief Cook mentions a local resident by the name of Glen Wager was in the kitchen during the past pizza night and he has formatted a metal fitting to assist in the

control of grease and other miscellaneous fluids that get in between the fryers and grills. The Chief would like to give him a free pizza for his minor work detail.

Brian Hart has more equipment for our fitness room. Chief Cook makes a motion to make Brian Hart an Honary Member. Chris Link seconds the motion. Motion is carried. The Chief also mentioned he would like us to have an alerting device in the fitness room. President Boel mentions to the chairman of the fitness room to have his committee look into this device.

The Scholarship Committee would like to make a motion to purchase a plaque that memorializes the past EGFD members such as Frank Becker, Leornard Boel, etc. Kyle Keenan seconds the motion. Motion is carried. This plaque would also possibly include the past recipients of the award.

Chief Cook would like to invite County Fire Coordinator Ivan Wager and a couple of his associates to our Annual Dinner as this is Ivan's last year as Rensselaer County Fire Coordinator.

Chief Cook believes the credit card should be used upon Presidential discretion. The President makes a mention to the membership that a system of checks and balances was put into place. Bob Lehmann seconds the motion. After a discussion David and Bob withdraw the motion.

B. Cushine inquires if we have received a check from KPMG.

M. Benson Sr. inquires if we have thanked T. Kennedy and his crew for the work done on the drain at the Park Station, and if we have submitted a letter to George Martin for the assistance with the supplies for the project. A letter has been sent to George Martin and Tommy has been thanked.

Membership Secretary N. Condit reports that all the dues have been paid for 2006.

President Boel received chiefs letters for the following positions from the following members

Chief Engineer-David A. Cook

1st Assistant Chief Engineer-Clark Roehr

2nd Assistant Chief Engineer-Edward DiMartino

3rd Assistant Chief Engineer-Kevin Hitchcock.

The election will be held on December 7th , 2006 7pm at Fire Headquarters.

FASNY Membership notice-Tom Gullo makes a motion to continue our membership, Clark Roehr seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Hudson Mohawk-A motion is made by George Forgea to give them 50 dollars. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. Motion is carried. This in regards for the Fireman's home in Hudson.

Hudson Valley –A motion is made by Clark Roehr to make a donation for a ½ page ad, George Forgea seconds the motion. This is for the “Red Book.” The cost is 85 dollars.

Food next month is the Ladies Auxilary. 50/50 winner of 48 dollars is Bill Sinnot. Motion to adjourn by Ed DiMartino, and seconded by Mike Memole. The meeting is terminated at 8:58pm with 52 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary