



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2006**

The annual meeting 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. Past Chief Lehman makes a motion to accept the minutes. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The minutes are accepted by the membership. The President notes a minor correction to the minutes should reflect the Audit and Finance committee. An audit is tentatively to be conducted every 3 years. There were two (2) special meetings since our last fire company meeting. The special meetings were the Chiefs Elections and an Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board meeting minutes were already accepted the proposal from the Emanuel Church as a long term contract, but there was no change in contract terms. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the minutes from the Chief's Elections; his motion is seconded by Kathy Miller. The minutes are accepted. Congratulations to the Chiefs for 2007.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

There were 46 checks written for the month of November. Six checks were written for over \$500.00. A check was also written to First Niagra Bank for the mortgage, the amount was \$12,522.54. A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Reineke. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

**MONTHLY VISA REPORT**

The new balance is \$512.78. The previous balance was 1,498.19. The report was presented by President Tim Boel.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The total fund raising income for the month of November was 13,919.00 dollars. The total station rental income for the month was 1,947.50 dollars. The total expenses were 24,307.03 dollars. The total assets for the fire company are currently 143,653.79 dollars. A motion to accept the report is made by Kevin Collins, and seconded by Ed Wallace. The report is accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**Chiefs Report (Presented by Chief D.A. Cook)**-The new point sheets will be distributed soon. When the new point sheets are available throw the old sheets away. Engine 8 will be going to Kehlan's for body work on Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup>. Engine 6 will be relocated to the North Station, and Engine 3 will be relocated to the Main Station. The district will be selling the old air packs. The packs will be sold to the highest bidder. The packs will be sold in lots, which basically means the newer packs will be bid on first then the next oldest. The prices vary for each of the air packs. The fire district has been awarded a grant for Recruitment and Retention in the amount of 19,075 dollars. This will assist in displaying a billboard located on Columbia Turnpike between the Schodack and East Greenbush town lines. Through this grant we can also post banners at the various firehouses. The physicals for the year 2007 will take place on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> at Community Health on Miller Road in Schodack. The sign up sheets will be posted at the stations within the next week or so. The district has received advisement that no other physicals will be accepted. EKG's will be offered or administered by the physician when he or she feels necessary. In regards to fit testing, we will be using the town of Schodack fit test equipment. We have been summoned by the Fire Commissioners for the consumption of Diesel Fuel. There will now be a clipboard and key placed at the pumps. The fuel will be recorded on the clipboard. The clipboard will be locked up. Assistant Chief DiMartino presented the Fire Department

with a check he received from the Wakin up With the Wolf show. The check was for 282.00 this was for the tug of war that members Mike Benson Jr, Bob Lehmann, Greg Forgea, and Nancy Condit participated in.

There was no report this month from the Captains, Lieutenants, Foremen, Safety Officers, Board of Directors, Ladies Auxiliary, or Firefighters.

**Quartermaster**-New white and red tags have been ordered. We should receive them in a few weeks.

**President's Report**-As a company we have met our 30 day goals. The 2006 banquet was a success; the web-site has been fine tuned. We now will have access to a member's only section on our webpage. T.Whittemore comments that the password should be e68115, and on the members page all of our members are listed along with their phone numbers. IF YOU DO NOT WANT A PHONE NUMBER(S) POSTED PLEASE ADVISE QUARTERMASTER WHITTEMORE, AND HE WILL REMOVE THE PHONE NUMBERS. There have been 18 events this year for the members with over 400 people attending the members events. These events included such things as Turning Stone Casino, River Rats games, Valley Cats, etc. Our liquor license was awarded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. 90 day goals- The matchbooks have come back into the Fire Company. The training house has been put to good use. The by-laws have been updated, and copies distributed to members. In regards to the Explorer's, we have implemented a new drill schedule for them to improve their functioning. We have brought in over 67,000 dollars this year from fund raising activities. One year goals-We have implemented profit and loss statements for the committee chairs to utilize for fund raising. At the main station there is 10,000 in the reserve fund. A couple of things that did not happen this year was the epoxy floor at the North Station, and a fire company sign for the Park Station. Striping the parking lot at Headquarters will take place in 2007 after entering into the contract with Quality Lawn Care. What would the members like to see in 2007?

**Annual Fire Police Report**-Bill Sinnot reports things are in good shape. Bill Sinnott and the Fire Police Squad would like to thank Joe Lacivita for his hard work with the updating of the SOG's, and his pre-plan work.

**Membership Secretary Report**-All membership was paid in full this year.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

House Committees-Main Station-The boiler is running well, and RP recommends we pay Bourque Mechanical in full.

Park Station/Headquarters-The paving project will be completed in 2007 and budgeted. The original funds from 2006 have been allocated for the sound system in the Banquet Hall.

Cleanup/Bar Staff-Things are slow right now. If members are not receiving phone calls it is because there has not been very much occurring. There was one rental, however where there was an issue with gum. President Boel presents Resolution#10 for 2006 which is about the cleanups of all rentals. As of today's contracts (dates entered after this meeting) there will be an additional 50.00 included in the contract. This is for the cleanups. RP Smith makes a motion to adopt this resolution. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

**Building Use Report**-President Boel reports on the building rentals. There were 6 events in the month of November. Five of the events were at the banquet hall. The last event was at the Main Station. The total income for the month was 977 dollars. The total expenses were 509 dollars. The total profit was 468 dollars. There are 8 events planned for the month of December. There was discussion about the Board of Elections. They owe us 100.00 for the past event(s). We could charge them a non-for profit rate which is 200.00. At the North Station it has been a problem during the drill night when elections are going on. There was also much discussion about relocating elections to the library. Rick Williams makes a motion to charge the Rensselaer County Board of Elections 200.00 for using our hall and facilities. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried. In regards to the North Station, Dan Speed makes a motion to send them packing from the North Station. George Forgea seconds the motion. Motion is carried, elections will be held elsewhere.

President Boel read the letter from him and our company to Cynthia Brownell. If we remember she is the female whom rented the hall for the out of control 16 year old birthday party. The letter will be sent to Ms. Brownell after the meeting.

President Boel also read a letter from the Police Department for permission to rent our training room. George Forgea makes a motion to accept, Chris Link seconds the motion. The dates are January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-7pm.

Pavilion-No report.

Archives-All is history

Website-Working on a domain name. Members only section should be functioning by the end of the week.

Uniforms-No report.

Annual Dinner-Chris Dick thanks Mike Forgea for all of his help along with Tracy Britt, and all the other members that helped out. Mike Forgea has stepped up to co-chair the event with Chris Dick next year. The manager of Hannaford was present from 1:30pm-6:30pm. He was unaware of our facility. Hannaford wants to have their Christmas party in our hall next year. In return Hannaford would give us up to 2,000 dollars. Chris Dick makes a motion to have Hannaford's party here next year, Craig Cullum seconds the motion. The motion is carried. We will only be providing our hall, not making food for them.

Life Members Day-The event for 2007 will be the Sunday prior to the golf outing.

Training Center-The windows that were smashed are now covered. The training center has been used a lot this past year.

Convention-Things are moving along nicely. More to follow next year.

Golf Outing-No report this month.

Games of Chance-There are still a lot of tickets to be sold.

Pizza Night-The final Pizza Night for 2006 was held on 12-09-06. The total expenses were \$1,573.75. The total income for the evening was \$2,825.40. The total net profit is \$1102.65. There were 103 pizzas ordered, 98 orders of wings, and 26 orders of mozzarella sticks. The report was submitted by Dennis Kennedy. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept, and seconded by Kathy Miller. The report is accepted.

Explorer Post 11-Kathy Miller thanks everyone for their assistance and encouragement with the kids. Chief Cook also has a sign up sheet for instructional classroom lessons.

Audit and Finance-Working on the next quarterly report.

Review Board-No report.

Publicity-All is quiet at this time until the installation banquet.

Election Committee-Kathy Miller and Joe Lacivita have completed the election ballots for the elections later in the meeting.

Nomination Committee-No report.

By-Laws-No report this month.

Ways and Means-Fund Drive money is still coming in. So far we have made over 8,000 dollars. The fire company has made over 1500 dollars so far from the business appeal. The Installation Dinner is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale after the meeting. See your Station Chief for tickets.

Pancake Breakfast-We may have to have only 1 pancake breakfast due to the permanent hall rental.

Grants Committee-The 2006 Fire Act Grant was not awarded to our agency due to a high volume of applications and some other small technicalities.

Scholarship-The committee awarded 5 scholarships in 2006. The only change made to the application was the application deadline. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adopt the application, and Tracy Britt seconds the motion. Motion carried. The application is approved for the year 2007.

Long Range Planning-The major project this year was the replacement of the furnace at the Main Station. The committee will resume things in 2007. The painting at the Main Station has been completed. The project was only \$85.00 over budget. Good job R.P. Smith. In regards to that boiler, the system is working very well and Bourque Mechanical did a good job. RP Smith makes a motion to pay the balance of the bill. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Softball Team-hit the weight room.

Fitness Room-There is still money to be spent including a gift card. In regards to the medical device, Tracy Britt mentions he spoke to employees at the Stewart's stores. President Boel recommends contacting Mike Stewart from Sonitrol. In regards to the bathroom in the fitness room, don't leave the place a soiled mess!!! Clean up after yourselves.

Technology Committee-The committee is almost completed with the mail server.

Blue Light-good job on the colored edition.

Miscellaneous-The cylinder for the door lock at the North Station has been re-done. President Boel met up with a member whom had an old key and was apparently breaking the lock without knowing it. That member has been given a new key. Carl Schilling is eligible for life membership on 05/21/2007. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to make Carl a life member. Chris Linck seconds the motion. Life Membership will be awarded to Carl Schilling.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Events Calendar-River Rats game coming up on Wednesday 12/20/06. The adults Christmas party is Friday 12/22/06.

Coca Cola owes us 800.00 dollars due to poor soda. Apparently a check has been written to us, but was mailed to East Greenbush, NY instead of RENSSELAER, NY.

KPMG gave us a check for 100.00 dollars. KPMG is also the employer for Bruce Cushine.

Assistant Chiefs Di'Martino and Hitchcock attended the Masonic Lodge festivities recently.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Boel read the by-laws regarding the elections and terms of office, and voting ballots. Rich Edberg makes a motion that the top 5 vote getters receive the term of office. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. The candidates for Board of Directors are read. The President asks for a motion for acceptance of the candidates for the Board of Directors. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept. The motion is seconded by Bob Falls Sr. The President reads the names for candidates for Executive Office. The President calls for any names from the floor 3 times for the positions. Dan Speed makes a motion to close the balloting. Nelson seconds the motion. The balloting is closed. Chris Lavin makes a motion for the Recording Secretary to cast one ballot for the Executive Board members, and the Board of Directors. Clark Roehr seconds the motion. Motion is carried.

The Executive Officers for 2007 are President: Tim Boel, Vice President: Pete Lavin, Financial Secretary: Nancy Baker, Treasurer: Paul Benson, Recording Secretary: Mike Benson Jr, Sergeant at Arms: Tracy Britt, Board of Directors: Dennis Kennedy and Dan Speed.

President Boel reads the candidates for Captain at the 3 Stations: Park Station- Chris Dick, Main Station-Kevin Collins, Tom Chesser, North Station-Todd Cullum, Tracy Britt, and Bob Lehmann. President Boel asks 3 times for any nominations from the floor for the Main Station. There are no nominations from the floor. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to close the balloting at the Main Station. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. Motion is carried. President Boel asks three times for any nominations from the floor for the North Station. There are no nominations from the floor for the North Station, and Tom Gullo makes a motion to close balloting for the North Station Captains. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The President asks 3 times if there are any nominations from the floor for Captain at the Park Station. There are no nominations from the floor, and Tracy Britt makes a motion to close the balloting at the Park Station. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. The motion is carried. After the Captains Election, The President reads the candidates for Lieutenant, the stations, and asks for nominations from the floor 3 times. Bob Lehmann asks to remove his name from consideration for Lieutenant. C. Dick makes a motion to close the balloting and accept the 5 candidates for Lieutenant. Chris Linck seconds the motion. Motion is carried. (see below for Lieutenants for 2007). The President reads the names for Foreman, the station affiliation, and asks for any nominations from the floor 3 times. Jeff Tooker requests to have his name removed from the ballot for Foreman. Kevin Collins makes a motion to close the balloting, and accept the candidates for Foreman. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. Motion is carried.

After an election the Line Officers for 2007 are:

Captains: Tom Chesser-Main Station, Kevin Collins-Main Station, Bob Lehmann-North Station, Todd Cullum-North Station, Chris Dick-Park Station.

Lieutenants: Mike Benson Jr- Park Station, Don Gifford-Main Station, Jeff Wasilieski-Main Station: Jeff Tooker-North Station, Bruce Cushine-North Station.

Foreman: Ed Wallace-Park Station, R.P. Smith-Main Station, Bill Sigsby-Main Station, Chris Cargain-North Station, Craig McCabe-North Station. Fire Police: Captain: Bill Sinnott, Lieutenants: Joe Lacivita and Bob Falls Sr.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shut the bay doors and building doors when the heat is on.



Ed McCabe thanks the members for the assistance with the vehicle fire at 3 Herrington Avenue. Good job with the fire extinguishers EGPD!

President Boel makes a motion we donate 100.00 dollars to assist Mike Memole and his family with the miscarriage of their child.

Esther Coddington passed away recently. The fire company has received 2 checks. Ms. Coddington and her family would like the funds be put toward the EGFD Scholarship. Tracy Britt makes a motion we put the money in the Scholarship. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion we sponsor a full page ad for the Shaker Road Fire Department ad book. Chris Lavin seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership.

Chris Linck makes a motion to endorse Don Farrell, R.P. Smith seconds the motion to support the candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association. George Forgea makes a motion to endorse Harry Barret for President of the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association. Bob Lehmann seconds the motion. Motion is carried. Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to hold off on the last candidate. Kathy Miller seconds the motion.

Food next month will be provided by Engine 3. 50/50 winner is Huck Blair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 50/50 winner is Chris Cargain whom won a knife. Motion to adjourn by Pete Lehmann. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The annual meeting was terminated at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary