



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 16, 2007

The first meeting for the year of 2007 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 all completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the minutes from December 2006. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The President comments on amending the minutes to include Nancy Condit in the Fire Police. The secretary makes a special note, and the change will be made. After the amendment the motion is carried. There was one (1) special meeting prior to this company meeting. On January 3rd there was a budget meeting which was called to order by President. The minutes from that meeting were posted on our website, and available to the members during the meeting. There were no issues with the meeting. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the minutes from the budget meeting. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried, the minutes are accepted.

Report of the Financial Secretary

Secretary N. Baker reports there were a total of 75 checks written for the month of December. Fifteen checks were written for over five hundred dollars. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Dan Speed seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer P. Benson reports our total banquet hall rental income for 2006 equals 20,531.00 dollars. The total fund drive income for 2006 was 14,125.00 dollars. Our

current total assets are 127,618.69 dollars. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Communications and Bills

We received correspondence from the South Schodack Fire Department. The South Schodack Fire Department is the host of the Hudson Mohawk parade in July. The company received thank you cards from Wray Tibbets, and from Esther Coddington's family members. The fire company also received a letter from E.G/Castleton Little League in regards to sponsorship for the upcoming season in 2007. Many of the items discussed will be brought to the floor during Good of the Order.

Monthly Visa Report

President Boel reports that the previous balance for the bill was paid off. The new total of the monthly Visa Bill is 1,910.59 dollars. The President points out to the membership that many of the purchases made with this card included such things as food for the annual dinner, and tickets for the River Rats game from the Times Union Center, etc. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to accept the report. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (David A. Cook)-The North Station generator is out of service effective immediately. The gaskets blew. The generator is set to start manually. If there is a major incident where the generator needs to be used, a member needs to physically go over there and start the generator. The service on the generator should be completed within a week or so. The repairs on Engine 8 are going very well. The truck is being repaired at KME in Latham. There are photos available on our webpage. The entire truck is stripped. The fire department will be hosting an Accident Victim Extrication Class on the last Monday and Tuesday of January, and the first Monday and Tuesday of February. See your station Chief if you interesting in attending. The Chiefs have been attending banquets from our neighboring departments. The past couple of banquets were attended by past Chiefs. Thanks for your help. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Defensive Driving Class January 27th in the Training Room from 9:00am-3:00pm. The cost is 35.00 dollars per student. There is a change in the physicals. EKG's will now be mandatory for all active interior firefighters. The Line Officers will be getting a lot of

support from the Chief. There is a lot of responsibility placed on the officers this year. Be respectful. Insubordination will not be tolerated at all.

Captains- T. Chesser reports the gas meter on Engine 7 failed calibration testing.

Lieutenants-No report.

Foreman-No report.

Safety Officers/Quartermaster-No report.

Ladies Auxiliary-Pres. Mickey Jenkins reports there will be a Defensive Driving class January 27th, 9am-3pm in the training room.

Board of Directors-No report.

Building Use Report

There were 12 events held at our facilities in the month of December. The majority of these events took place at the Banquet Hall. The total income for the month of December was 2,193 dollars. The total expenses for the month were 1,065 dollars. The profit for the month of December was 1,028 dollars. As of this company meeting 8 events have been booked for our facilities. The report was presented and submitted by President T. Boel. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Presidential Report

The PA system has been installed and is working very well. When the microphone is utilized the music automatically shuts off. Com-Tech Communications completed the work. The final bill from Com-Tech is 1,204. A motion is needed to pay the company. Tom Gullo makes a motion to pay the bill, Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Allocations should be spent to paint certain areas at Headquarters such as the stairway area. A proposal has been established in an effort to have a member complete the job. One member has stepped up. The overall project should not exceed 550 dollars, the rate will be 10 dollars an hour, not to exceed 40 work hours. Chris Linck makes a motion to have the job completed "in-house." Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

The Fire Company has received a thank you letter from the Immanuel Baptist Church. The group thanked us for opening up our facilities for them.

Every year the Fire Company has an ad in the Advertiser promoting our facilities. The President makes a motion to allocate money for this ad. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried. The President notes that we have had several rentals from this ad in the Advertiser.

Report of the Membership Secretary

At every January meeting the Secretary reads the names of members under the 50 point requirement. According to a provision in our by-laws the member's names are placed on probation. The following names were read by the Secretary at this meeting: Dave Becker, John Donnelly, Matt Williams, Tom White Sr., Steve Rudolph, Ron Yeates, Frank Jenkins, Eric Wallace, Matt Thomas, Steve Vallee, Tom White Jr., Matt Knauf, David P. Cook, Robert Snyder(Snapper), Chuck Hellmuth, Kyle Keenan, Dan Speed, Steve Bakerian, Joe Naglieri, James Morgan, Bob Crain, Russ Edberg, Andrew Donnelly, Andrew Clark, Jim Tooker, Carl Schilling, Mike Barbour, Tim Tordoff, Mark Benson, Steve Camburn, Rosallee Petriccione, Bill Smallwood, Kathy Schmidt, and Kathy Miller. The Secretary notes that some of the members may be social members, away at college, or newer members. If you have any questions you can speak with Nancy Condit and she will be more than willing to go through your points with you. The Fire Company will vote on the final 2006 points at the February meeting. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Andrew Clark seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Pizza Night P& L Statement

The total income for the January Pizza Night was 3,229.55 dollars. The total expenses were 1,756.35 dollars. Our profit for the event is 1,474.20 dollars. The report was presented by Chairman Dennis Kennedy. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

East Greenbush Fire Company Fund Drive

Vice President Pete Lavin reports the company has received 14,125 dollars so far in overall funds from our fund drive. The Vice President and his Fund Drive staff have sent letters to businesses that have not done much in the past few years. This is also known as the business appeal. The business appeal has generated 3,000 dollars so far. Great job Pete and crew!

Report of the Committees

House Committees: North Station-There is a small family of mice at the North Station. George Forgea makes a motion to utilize Cats Eye to terminate the problem. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Tom Kennedy wants to set up a trap for the rodents. The motion is not to exceed 150 dollars. The motion is briefly amended. Tom Kennedy will attempt his trap first. If Tom's traps do not work then Cats Eye will be contacted to take care of the issue. Motion carried.

Main Station-Put trash bags in the trash cans, then throw away your garbage.

Headquarters-Nelson Williams has completed his work on pricing to replace/add chairs, replacement seat cushions. Nelson is proposing, and making a motion the Fire Company purchase the following items from Albany Office Interiors at the following prices; 10 chairs at a price of 38.75 each, 10 replacement seat cushions at a price of 10.33 each. He further proposes that we pay the 90.00 dollars for shipping. The total cost of these items including shipping is 1,162.05 dollars. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Keep the doors closed to the buildings.

Bar Staff/Cleaning Staff-More cleaners are needed.

Kitchen-No report.

Pavilion-No report.

Archives-On January 31st at 7pm the committee will be meeting to start inventorying the items.

Website-The members only sections is up and running. If you have pictures send them to Tom Whittemore. If there are items you want placed on the members only section let Tom W. know. The Fire Company has received the bill from NerdandaGeek.com. The final bill is 320 dollars. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to pay the bill. Mike Memole seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Uniforms-The budget will be completed soon. Let Chairman B. Lehmann know if you need a uniform or any other supplies for your uniform.

Annual Dinner-Hannaford is no longer having their holiday party.

Life Member's Day-No report.

Training Center-No report.

Convention Activities-Correspondence has received by George Forgea in regards to the Columbia County Convention which is hosted by Greenport. The date for the parade is July 28th. Step off for the parade is at 5:00pm. George Forgea makes a motion we attend, Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Golf Outing-The date is tentatively scheduled at the usual location in September.

Games of Chance-There are still some winners left in the box.

Explorers-They had their meeting on this same night. They are looking for some new members and are exploring possible fund raising activities.

Audit and Finance-The 2007 budget will be presented this evening. Dave Smith is absent due to his ill mother-in-law. Nelson Williams will be presenting the budget.

Review Board-No report at this time.

Publicity-The annual article will be sent to all the newspapers after the 2007 Installation Banquet.

Constitution and By-Laws-No report.

Membership Committee-Nothing further to report.

Ways and Means-Banquet tickets are on sale for 15 dollars each. The dinner is at 7pm. Cocktail hour is at 6pm. The date is Saturday, January 20th.

Pizza Night-Nothing further to report.

Fish Fry Nights-They will be starting again in a couple of months.

Chicken Parmesan Nights- The first fund raising dinner will be February 24th. John Donnelly, Ed DiMartino, and Mike Prestipino will be chairing the event.

Pancake Breakfast-One breakfast is scheduled this year.

Scholarship Fund-7 donations have been received for 215 dollars from the funds regarding Esther Coddington.

Grants-The last grant has been submitted for Fire Prevention and Safety. There is another grant that is due February 1st. For more information on the grants contact Nancy Condit or a member of her committee. Great Job!

Long Range Planning Committee-The next meeting will be February 15th at 7:30pm at Fire Headquarters.

Softball Team-We will be resuming things in the next couple of months.

Fitness Room-Equipment has been obtained from Brian Hart.

Technology Committee-The donated computers have been sorted through and evaluated. The committee is continuing efforts to complete the station networking. The station networking would allow members to sign in after a call, obtain maps of the district and town, view calendars, and the system would be set up for the key fob system. Tom Chesser makes a motion to spend 2,400 dollars for the 1st phase of this system, Nancy Condit seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Opposition by Chuck Alger.

Blue Light-If a member wants something in the publication let Dennis Kennedy know.

Miscellaneous Information: If you are using the copy machine log your copies on the appropriate form. There are at least 400-500 copies not recorded. Be courteous. Don't abuse the privilege. A couple of weeks ago the breaker was tripped because of the GFI. The copy machine at the North Station will be tossed. The machine has been looked at, but it is not cost effective to fix it. The fire company will be looking into stamps.com. There will be more to follow soon.

Proposals for Membership

There are no proposals for membership.

Election of Members

There are no new members to elect.

Unfinished Business

Clean up your stations. Keep workplaces neat and orderly.

2007 EGFD Budget

The budget was presented by Nelson Williams with assistance from President Boel.

Resolution 1- The 2007 budget. The budget was accepted/adopted by the membership.

Resolution 2- Incentives for 2007. The Incentives for 2007 include such things as River Rats games, Captain JP Cruise, Valley Cats Game, etc. A motion is made by Jeff Tooker to accept the resolution. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. Resolution 2 is adopted.

Resolution 3-Goals and Objectives. 30 day goals, 90 day goals, 6 month goals. Some examples for this resolution are committee assignments, finalize by-law changes,

develop a candidate for President and other offices for 2008, address future plans of the Main Station. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept. The motion is seconded by Bob Reineke. Resolution 3 is adopted.

Resolution 4-Events Calendar for 2007. The events for the fire company appear on our website. The calendar is updated continuously. Jeff Tooker makes a motion to accept. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. Resolution 4 is adopted.

Resolution 5-Snowplowing for 2007. The fees for each building are as follows: Park Station (Headquarters)-800 dollars, Main Station/Training Building-350 dollars, North Station-350 dollars. Nelson Williams makes a motion to adopt the resolution. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Motion is carried.

Resolution 6-2007 Committee Assignments-Each active member is assigned a committee or two. Many of the committee members remain the same. There are also members whom have not signed up for a committee. Those members are urged to sign up for a committee as soon as possible, if not you will be placed on a committee. The committees assignments were presented by the President. Rich Edberg makes a motion to adopt this resolution. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 7-Property Management Job Postings-The various jobs throughout the fire department are posted on our web-site. The jobs include such things as mowing the grass, cleaning the banquet hall after an event, etc. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to adopt the resolution. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Motion carried, Resolution 7 is adopted.

President Boel lets the record show that Marc Dickie has entered the meeting. Welcome back Mark.

George Forgea mentions to the membership that D&S Auto is moving, the Kinderhook National Bank project is coming along nicely. Past Chief Forgea inquires about the recent public service call on Start Avenue.

Good of the Order

The bowling season will beginning up soon. Bowling will be on either Monday or Thursday evenings. The cost for a bowler is 10 or 12 dollars.

Mike Memole thanks the members for their prayers and thoughts during the past month.

The delegate for the Hudson Valley Fireman's Convention is Tom Gullo, the alternate is Jeff Tooker. The delegate for the Hudson Mohawk Parade is Chris Cargain, the alternate is Mike Benson Jr.

The FASNY Convention representative for 2007 will be Nancy Condit.

There will be a tips training class in March.

The 2007 Installation Banquet will be Saturday, January 20th at 7pm. The location is Fire Headquarters.

The President makes members aware that there are scholarships available through FASNY, NYS Fire Chiefs and other important agencies for those members who are in college, or their children.

President Boel reminds members that there will be a Defensive Driving Class beginning at 9am at Fire Headquarters. The cost is \$35 per student. Sign up if you plan to attend Saturday morning 1/27/07.

Chuck Alger passes along that Ray Tibbets thanks the members for attending his wife's services.

The company acknowledges the sponsorship letter from E.G. Castleton Little League. The costs for the sponsorships are 275 dollars, and 250 dollars. George Forgea makes a motion to continue sponsorship. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Motion carried. A check will be sent to the Little League.

Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion the company attend the Schodack Landing Firefighter Olympics on August 4th. Craig McCabe seconds the motion.

Social Member Rob Yeates makes a request through email to rent the hall without charge for Kerry Pasquinni on February 17th. The party is for her return from Afghanistan. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the request. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. Motion carried by the membership as long as we don't have a paying customer.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion the Fire Company endorse Tom McKinney for 1st Vice President of the HVFFA. Bob Lehmann seconds the motion. Correspondence will be sent to HVFFA.

Tom Kennedy makes a motion to sponsor a full page ad for the Hudson Mohawk Parade in South Schodack. George Forgea seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Cook emphasizes a second time that all active interior firefighters taking a physical will have an EKG completed by medical staff. If you are under the age of 40 you only need a physical every other year.

Painting of Headquarters-Tom Gullo is the interested candidate for the small job. The President asks three times if there are any other interested candidates. No members have come forward. The President asks for a motion. Ed Wallace makes a motion to award the job to Tom Gullo. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. Tom Kennedy jokingly opposes the motion.

50/50 winner-Huck Blair wins the money.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to terminate the meeting. Chris Linck seconds the motion. Meeting terminated at 9:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary