



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING
February 20, 2007 (Tuesday)**

The February 2007 meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Vice President Peter Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were completed. A second special moment silence was completed for deceased Albany Firefighter Ted Abriel of the Albany Fire Rescue Squad. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. Motion carried. Vice President Lavin informs the members there was a special Executive Board meeting in early February regarding the T-Mobil Cell Tower proposal. Secretary M. Benson Jr. summarized the meeting, and informed the members of the outcome of the meeting. Vice President Lavin asks for a motion to accept the minutes. Tracy Britt makes a motion to accept the special minutes. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Past Chief Pete Lehmann commends the Recording Secretary for his good work with the recording of the minutes.

Report of the Financial Secretary

Secretary N. Baker reports there were 45 checks written in the month of January. Eleven (11) checks were written for over 500 dollars. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. George Forgea seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer P. Benson reports that our total expenses for the month were 33,570 dollars. Our total current assets are 101,319.34 dollars. The total station income for January was 4,138 dollars. A motion to accept the report is made by Elwin Michel. The motion is seconded by Don Gifford.

Monthly Visa Bill

The new total for the bill is 375.76 dollars. Vice President Lavin read the items on the bill that were charged to this account. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report. Craig McCabe seconds the motion; the motion is carried by the membership.

Report of the Officers

Chief's Report- Chief David A. Cook reports that there are photos available in the album at the front table that were taken by Marty Miller. A majority of the pictures can also be viewed on our website. The bodywork on Engine 8 is proceeding very well. Assistant Chief Di'Martino was at KME on Monday, and reports the paint job looks great. The painting of the cab has been completed. Truck 11 will be out of service effective tomorrow due to a declining engine problem. Truck 11 will be serviced at Atlantic Detroit Diesel. The Holmatro tool on Engine 9 has been serviced. The engine malfunction was due to old gasoline in the tank. The Chief advises all officers to make sure gasoline driven equipment has good fuel at all times. The Fire District has not received any bidders for the old air packs. There have been no bidders after the required period; they will be extending the sale for another month. If anyone is interested in the air packs see Tom Whittemore for details. There was a problem with the Park Station generator recently. The air ducts of the generator were blocked from all the snow. The House Committees will be responsible for checking the generators at the three stations. The physicals have been completed. Members should have received an informative letter from the physician. If you have not received a letter from the physician, contact Community Health. The Annual Fit Tests are being completed during this meeting. The annual fit tests are required for all interior firefighters. Chief Cook thanks the officers that attended the Line Officers Meeting last night. The next Line Officers Meeting will be on March 26th at 7:00pm at Fire Headquarters. The Chief extends his special thanks to the 20 most active responders for the 2006. The names of 20 most active responders are in the Blue Light. The Rensselaer County Communications command post vehicle is in the large truck bay at Headquarters. The vehicle is supposed to be open. If anyone has the keys let the Chief know.

Captains- Capt. C. Dick reiterates that there is a portable extrication tool on Engine 9 located in the first compartment on the officer's side of the truck. He also reminds the members to leave the switches off when the machines are not being used, and when they are stored on the trucks. Make sure all the portable radios are on channel 3. When an officer gives instructions, let's try and follow the instructions a little bit better. Make sure the trucks are cleaned up properly. It's important to remove all the salt and road grime off of the trucks in the winter season.

There were no reports from the Lieutenants, Foremen, Safety Officers/Quartermaster, Firefighters, Board of Directors, or the Ladies Auxiliary.

Building Use Report

Vice President Lavin reports there were a total of 9 events for all buildings. The total income for the month of January was 3,040 dollars. The total expenses for January were 1,202 dollars. Our profit for the month of January is 1,838 dollars. There are 11 events booked for the February meeting. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Dan Speed seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership. The report was presented by Vice President Lavin, and submitted by President Tim Boel.

Report of the Committees

House Committees

North Station-The heater at the North Station has been replaced. Polsinello installed the new heater. The total cost was 1,200 dollars. The mice population is decreasing. Tom Kennedy has assisted successfully. The generator is running well.

No report regarding the Main Station. There is no report regarding the Park Station.

Banquet Hall, Banquet Manager, Maintenance-no report.

Pizza Night-The total income for the February meeting was 2,954 dollars. The total expenses were 1,688.35 dollars. The total profit for the evening is 1,209.65 dollars. The report was presented by Mike Benson Jr., and submitted by the vacationing Dennis (Biff Kennedy).

Pavilion& Grounds-No report

Archives-The committee will meet immediately after this meeting.

EGFD Website-Keep an eye on the members page. New and interesting photos are posted from the large fire in West Sand Lake.

Uniforms-If you need a uniform see Capt. B. Lehmann.

Annual Dinner- see you all in December.

Life Members Day-see you all in September.

Training Center-no report.

Convention Activities- The parade route is very short for the Shaker Road parade. We need to start thinking about a Mardi-Gras theme. Food after the main event will be either a chicken and rib dinner, or an Italian feast.

Golf Outing-see you all in September.

Games of Chance-no report.

Bell Jar-The one box we have had since August has been sold. We will be opening up another after this meeting most likely.

Building Security-no report.

Explorers-no report.

Audit and Finance-no report.

Review Board-no report.

Publicity-The committee has sent out information regarding our installation of Officers and Firefighter/Officer of the Year awards.

Election Committee, Nominating Committee, Constitution and By-Laws, Membership Committee all had no report.

Ways and Means Committee-The Installation dinner for 2007 was a success. Many of our members partied until the early morning hours of 3:00am.

Scholarship Committee- The deadline for the scholarship is in June.

Grants-Three grants have been submitted. See Nancy Condit regarding the specific grants. In an effort to be a grant recipient the department must be NIMS compliant. There are approximately 30 members that still need to complete the appropriate NIMS training. See your station Chief or Nancy Condit regarding the NIMS training.

Long Range Planning-No report this month.

Softball Team-Manager Bob Lehmann announced that Mike Benson Jr., and Chris Cargain will be the Assistant Managers.

Workout Room-The committee did acquire equipment from Brian Hart. After this meeting the Committee will evaluate the equipment, and determine which equipment is in the best shape. Tracy Britt returned to the company with a quote from JMS Electronics regarding Pendant Alarms. The quote from JMS Alarms is for 2 pendants, and a digital voice recorder. There is a one year warranty on the device. The price of 754 dollars includes installation. The alarm for this device will be separate than what he have here at Headquarters. The pendant devices are to be worn by the personnel using the equipment. If there is a medical problem the device will sound, and there will be an auto dialer to the Police Department Communications Center. Tracy Britt makes a motion to have this completed. Chris Linck seconds the motion. After discussion about the pendants, and the full price, Bill Sinnott would like the motion to include that the fire department get dispatched for these medical alarms at our fire station since it involves our personnel. Vice President Pete Lavin inquires if Tracy Britt would amend his motion to include the dispatch to the medical alarm. Tracy amends his motion, and Chris Linck seconds the amended motion. After a hand count by Vice President Lavin the motion is carried with one opposition.

Technology- Tom Chesser reports that his committee should be bringing up the new network up in the next month or so. There will be training classes in the upcoming months regarding this network.

Blue Light-No report.

Miscellaneous Items

The following officers for 2007 were sworn in at this meeting by Vice President Peter Lavin-Don Gifford (Lieutenant), Jeff Wasilieski (Lieutenant), Bruce Cushine (Lieutenant), Ed Wallace (Foreman), R.P. Smith (Foreman), Bill Sigsby (Foreman), and Paul Benson (Treasurer). Congratulations and Good Luck in 2007!!

Proposals for Membership

The sole candidate is Mark Seagal of the Explorer Post 11. Mark Seagal currently serves as Captain of our Explorer Post, and is looking to now become an active firefighter.

Election of New Members

Nelson Williams makes a motion to elect Mark Seagal as an active firefighter. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried Mark Seagal is now an active firefighter in the East Greenbush Fire Company. Mark was sworn in by Vice President Pete Lavin.

Unfinished Business

Board of Director R.P Smith reports on Steve Camburn. Mr. Smith reports that in August of 2006 the Board of Directors met in regards to Mr. Camburn's judicial problems. Pending Mr. Camburn's legal trials the Board of Directors would take action. Board of Director Chairman Dennis Kennedy recently (absent from this Company meeting) received notification that Steve Camburn is incarcerated. RP Smith makes a motion to remove Steve Camburn from the Fire Company. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. RP further states that Mr. Camburn will never be allowed to be present on Fire Company grounds for public or private events. Mr. Camburn will never be allowed to apply for membership again with the East Greenbush Fire Company. (Section 2 Article 10 of the East Greenbush Fire Company By-Laws). Mr. Smith further mentions that Steve Camburn is to be sent a letter from the Fire Company President which will advise Mr. Camburn to return all Company property. After a small discussion Andrew Clark inquires about the punishment for this subject, and the incidents the subject has been involved in during the past years. RP Smith elaborates briefly to Andrew Clark. Vice President Lavin asks for a hand count. After a hand count the vote is 36 (in favor of suspension) to 2 (against suspension). Mr. Camburn is no longer a member of the East Greenbush Fire Company. Steve Camburn will be sent a letter from the Fire Company President.

Membership Secretary Report

Nancy Condit briefly discusses the points for 2006. Nancy Condit makes a motion to accept the final 2006 LOSAP points. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried the points from 2006 are final.

Nancy Condit read the names of all the members that were dropped from the active and social roles of the East Greenbush Fire Company. This list is attached to these

meeting minutes. After Nancy Condit completed reading the names, Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to terminate membership based on Secretary Condit's reports. George Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

New Business

Last month the fire company discussed Stamps.com. The Vice President inquires if there is a motion to start an account for 100 dollars with Stamps.com. Chuck Alger makes a motion we start an account. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

We received correspondence from the East Greenbush Girl's Softball League regarding sponsorship of a team. The cost of sponsorship is 250 dollars. Tom Gullo makes a motion we sponsor a team. Bob Reineke seconds the motion.

Good of the Order

Captain B. Lehmann passed out shirts or jackets to the 35 members that participated in the Public Education program for 2006.

Chris Linck briefly mentions that there will be a Fire Arms training class in a few weeks at the Nassau Sportsman Club. This is a safety class.

Tom Kennedy makes a motion the fire company donate 100 to the family of Albany fallen firefighter Ted Abriel. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Engine 7 has food for the March meeting.

50/50 winner is Mike Memole.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried. The meeting is terminated at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary

