



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

President Tim Boel called the March meeting to order at 7:04pm. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. Recording Secretary Mike Benson Jr. makes note that the word suspension needs to be changed to removal regarding the Steve Camburn issue. The amended minutes from February will read as follows "After a hand count the vote is 36 in favor of removal of Mr. Camburn to 2 against removal for Mr. Camburn. With the amendment the minutes are accepted by the membership.

**Report of the Financial Secretary**

Secretary N. Baker reports there were 52 checks written in the month of February. Seven checks were written for over 500 dollars. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Dan Speed seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Treasurer P. Benson reports our total fund raising income for the month of February is 3,530.50 dollars. Our total income for the month is 221,503.13 dollars. The total expenses for the month of February were 25,792.81 dollars. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

## **Monthly Visa Bill Report**

The new amount for the Visa Card is 2,018.32 dollars. President Boel reads the expenses for the month. After the expense listing was read Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report. R.P Smith seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

## **Report of the Officers**

**Chief's Report:** District Chief David A. Cook reports that Engine 8 is back in service. Do not wax the truck until the truck has been gold leafed. The gold leaf work should be conducted in the beginning of April. Engine 7 will now be out of service for bodywork repairs at KME. Engine 6 and Engine 3 are at the Main Station. The extrication tools from Engine 7 are now on both trucks. Both Main Station trucks should be responding to traffic accidents. Two (2) new Jeep Grand Cherokee Laradoes have been purchased for new Chiefs vehicles. The two new vehicles should be received in 6-8 weeks. One of the large ground ladders was borrowed from the North Station. Please ask before you take a piece of equipment, and write a note on the dry erase board or chalkboard at the station(s). The Rensselaer City FD has taken receipt of a 1976 American LaFrance tanker. We should see the truck responding to scenes in the near future. The annual Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Seminar will be May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls. The seminar will focus on novelty lighters. The Rensselaer County Chiefs Banquet will be at South Schodack on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30pm. Any questions regarding Rensselaer County Chiefs see Assistant Chief Hitchcock. Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the tabletop exercise for the Port Drill. The actual date of the Port Drill is Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Captains are strongly urged to attend the tabletop exercise on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Officers should emphasize to their crews the importance of attending the large Port Drill on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Sexual Harassment Drill is next Tuesday. See Chief Di'Martino if you still need OSHA training. The Chief briefly discussed the fire on Werking Road. The fire victim was found in the basement. Officially the body has been unidentified at this time, however the

homeowner has been unaccounted for. Class A foam was used at the fire, and it seemed to work out well. Numerous buckets of foam were used. This residence was post and beam construction, constructed in the 1980's. A job well done!

Captains-T. Chesser advises the members that Engine 7 is at KME. The majority of the extrication tools are on Engine 6, and the air tools are on Engine 3.

Lieutenants- Don Gifford thanks the crew at the North Station for the minor step rail repairs on Engine 6.

Foremans- No report this month.

Firefighters- George Forgea inquires to Chief Cook if our agency will be switching to 800mhz radio system, or if the county will be taking over fire dispatching.

Chief Cook advises that the answer to both questions is no, and we will be practicing at drills with the 800mhz radios to familiarize ourselves because many of our mutual aid companies use the 800mhz radio system. Chuck Alger inquires to the last time Rensselaer Fire stood by for EGFD>Many years ago.

Quartermaster/Safety Officer-T. Whittemore discusses the belt mounted regulators. Lately there have been some minor problems. Twist the regulators out of the holders, don't pull them off, and twist the mask off the regulator. This information is posted on our web page. The Commissioners have allowed T. Whittemore and the department to surplus some pants and coats. These pants and coats are not to used at fire calls!!! If anyone needs equipment see Tom after the meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary- No report this month.

Board of Directors- No report this month.

## **Building Use Report**

There were 12 events for all buildings for the month of February. The total income for February 2007 is 3,314 dollars. The total expenses for the month of February were 1,583 dollars. The total profit is 1,731 dollars. There are a total of 14 events booked for the month of March. The report was submitted and presented by President T. Boel. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. The report is accepted by membership.

## **Report of the Committees**

House Committees-North Station: George Forgea reports he work on the catch basin will begin when the weather breaks. The ground is still very mushy. The kitchen sink is also temporarily out of order. No report from the Main Station or Park Station.

Bar Cleaning Staff- R. Williams reports the cleaning staff and bartending staff have been very busy over the past month and a half. If anyone is interested in bartending see R. Williams. President Boel comments on the payments with the State Liquor Authority. Members personal checks will be deposited within 10 days. Our kitchen makes us a fair amount of money. If you use the kitchen leave it the way you found out. Don't leave dirty pans, utensils, etc for someone else to clean up. The garbage needs to be taken out. The dumpster key is hanging over the side door. The kitchen is to be kept in immaculate condition. When our clients rent the kitchen they expect it to be in good condition. President Boel advises the membership to feel free to pick up a shovel and clear the snow on the sidewalks and in front of the bay doors. In the near future we will be looking into purchasing a snow blower. There are heating issues in all the stations. We will do away with Polsinello just like we did with Dwight Plumbing if they don't start correcting the problems. Roland J. Down may be a replacement if things don't improve.

Pizza Night- D. Kennedy report our pizza night in March went well. The total expenses were 1,532.09 dollars. The total income for the evening was 3,018 dollars. Our net profit total was 2,486.01 dollars. The company sold 107

pizzas. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report. Clark Roehr seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Chairman D. Kennedy reminds the members that the Ladies Auxiliary receives 10% of our profit from the event. D. Kennedy also notes that numerous people have attended our Fish Fry Nights.

Chicken Parm Night- 600 dollar total profit.

Archives- The committee met last month after the meeting. This will be a large project when the archives are transferred into the plastic bins.

Website- Keep the photos coming. Website has been updated as of this meeting.

Uniforms- No report this month.

Annual Dinner- No report this month.

Life Members Day- No report this month.

Training Center- The training facility has not been used in February.

Convention Activities- George Forgea will be meeting with the caterer on Thursday regarding food for the Hudson Valley Convention. Some members are interested in food for Mardi-Gras parade also.

Golf Outing- No report this month.

Bell Jar- Starting a new one soon.

Explorers- Two members will be moving up to active firefighter status after this meeting. New members are always encouraged to join. Chris Lavin, and Mikey P. have been working the Explorer Post, and the Chief thanks them for their most recent training with the air packs.

Audit and Finance- No report this month.

Publicity- No publications since our Installation Banquet.

Review Board- No report this month.

Constitution and By-Laws- There is one by law change, which is to incorporate a Code of Ethics. The recommendation from the Comptroller's Office is not to have the same Code of Ethics as the Fire District. The draft Code of Ethics will be posted for 30 days. The by-law change is submitted by President

Boel and Treasurer Paul Benson. Motion to accept by Bob Falls Sr., and seconded by Tom Gullo. Motion carried.

Membership Committee- There will be an orientation with the new members soon.

Ways and Means- If anyone has any ideas of new fundraising means let Vice President P. Lavin know. An idea that is being considered is a chicken barbeque put on by Giffys or Brooks Barbeque.

Pancake Breakfast- Still focusing on the one fundraiser for now.

Scholarship- Applications will be accepted until the end of June 2007.

Grants- Some projects that we are looking at to complete with money from particular grants are seal coating the parking lots, enhancing the computer network, expanding our workout room, implementing a cordial headquarters sign, an epoxy floor at the North Station, and future Main Station project.

Long Range Planning- The next meeting will be in May. A date will be announced soon.

Softball Team- The first league meeting was a week or so ago. Steve Rudolph attended the league meeting. Our first game could be as early as April 20<sup>th</sup>. Any questions contact Manager B. Lehmann.

Fitness Room- The committee recently went through the equipment that was donated by Brian Hart. Some of that equipment was sorted through and evaluated. Only a few of the machines were in decent condition. The pendants will be installed this week. President Boel strongly advises all members of this Fire Company to clean up the soiled materials in the bathroom. Clean up after yourselves. If the garbage is overflowing, take the trash out and throw it into the dumpster.

Technology Committee- Some changes may occur when switching over to the new server. The only significant we may notice is when we log onto the members only web page. Any questions, comments, suggestions contact a member of this committee>B. Sigsby, T. Chesser.

Blue Light- Dennis Kennedy comments on the photograph that is in the publication, and the other articles that have been published from major fires in this town that were under fire command by many of our senior or deceased members. Major incidents are recognized now, and were really recognized in the newspapers throughout the town and the county.

President Boel advises the new members of this Fire Company to review the committees, and the committee assignments. If you see something that interests you sign up for that committee. It is important that our members serve on a committee.

In regards to the copy machine we still need to log the number of copies we are making. There are numerous memo's posted on the walls near the copy machine. If you do not understand how the process see the President or an Executive Officer.

Cell Tower Proposal- This proposal has moved passed progression so to speak. Plot plans are being drawn up to be presented to the zoning and planning board for the town.

Storage Proposal- Tom Chesser is proposing to make a storage area utilizing the vacant space between the elevator and the staircase. We need an additional storage area. The proposal is to fill this area with a shelving compartment. The project is not to exceed 2,500 dollars. This price is to include someone to do the framing and shelving for the racks and doors. This will be a locked area. Clark Roeher makes a motion to accept. Dan Speed seconds he motion. The motion is carried.

President Boel discusses with the members the Goals and Objectives that we adopted, and where we are at this point in the year. All of the various goals and objectives are posted on our website, and have been posted on our website on the members only web page. Many of our goals and objectives have been met. This could not be done without the help of our strong membership.

### **Proposals for Membership**

Two Explorer's are looking to move up. Jenna Gifford and Adam Daniels. Both members have been extremely active with EGFD Explorer Post 11.

### **Election of New Members**

Pete Lehmann makes a motion we accept both candidates, Jenna Gifford and Adam Daniels. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. Both new members were sworn in by President Boel.

### **Unfinished Business**

President Boel read the letter that was sent to Steve Camburn. This letter was written by President Boel, and was read at this meeting. The letter was sent to Mr. Camburn with return receipt requested, and that process has been followed through.

### **New Business**

Bob Falls Sr. mentions he has seen an unknown subject wearing an EGFD jacket entering a known crack house in the city of Albany. This subject is Mr. Brendan Lazzaro.

Mike Memole mentions to fellow members about classes that are offered at the State Chief's show. One particular class is the thermal imaging camera class.

We have received money from McDonald's and the Love Lutheran Church from our successful Business Appeal program. The church also sent us a letter with the check attached. The money will be deposited ASAP.

On September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fireman's Home in Hudson there will be a rededication ceremony. This is the same day as our golf outing, but we should set a piece of apparatus with a few members. We still sponsor a room there. Chief David Cook makes a motion we attend this rededication. First Assistant Chief Clark Roeher seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

See President Boel or his Recording Secretary if you are interested in becoming an exempt firefighter. There are certain benefits available such as civil service etc. Members must be in the department for 5 years.



Clark Roeher proposes that the company buy a snow blower. Clark Roeher will do the research. Clark makes a motion to purchase a snow blower with funds not to exceed 1,000 dollars. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Pay your membership dues. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the dues deadline. See Nancy Condit for further information regarding your dues, or payment status.

### **Good of the Order**

After analyzing the membership roster over the past couple of months the membership committee and President Boel have reviewed the time line for 2 members of the East Greenbush Fire Company; these members are Nancy Baker and Jeanie Mastin (Kennedy). Both of these members have served well over 20 years in this Fire Company. There are no time lapses according to the membership roster, and their active time in rank. Both of these members are still active today. President Boel makes a motion for life membership for Nancy Baker. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. President Boel makes a separate motion for life membership status for Jeanie Mastin (Kennedy). Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Congratulations to Nancy Baker and Jeanie Mastin.

Past Chief Lehmann makes note that the Fire Company has raised 605 dollars for the Ted Abriel Fund.

C. Dick has received a verbal notification for needed EMT's, Paramedics, and CCT's at the Saratoga Race Track for this year. Starting pay is around \$15 an hour. More information still to come, and see Capt. C. Dick if you are interested.

Past Chief Williams was removing snow from the North Station parking lot, and the lot appears to be in very poor condition. There are some very soft spots. This Fire Company needs to start thinking about resurfacing the entire parking lot.

Food next month is **Engine 8**. Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn this meeting. Huck Blair seconds the motion. The meeting was terminated at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary