



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY SEPTEMBER COMPANY MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The September meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. The President advises the members the new District SOG's and SOG updates are being distributed by Quartermaster Tom Whittemore. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports a total of sixty nine (69) checks were written in the month of August. Thirteen (13) checks were written for over \$500.00. The checks included this month were for the scholarship recipients. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Monthly Visa Bill

President Boel reports the previous balance of \$2,614.43 was paid in full, and received on August 7th. The new balance for September is \$2,011.66. The President read the list of expenses. After the expense reading George Forgea makes a motion to accept the report. Greg Forgea seconds the motion. The report is accepted. At this time the President also advises the membership that Justin Edberg and Eric Wallace will be selling raffle tickets for a commemorative gift.

At this time the meeting was interrupted for a fire call. The call was for a request for a landing zone at the East Greenbush Popwarner Field on Englewood Avenue for a Delta

EMS head injury call with the Rescue Squad. East Greenbush Cars 3 and 4 and Engine 9 responded with a full crew under the orders of Captain B. Lehmann.

Report of the Treasurer

P. Benson reports the total income for the month of August is \$48,825.66. The total expenses for the month of August were \$36,607.48. Our net income for the month is \$12,218.18. The total current assets are \$202,567.96. Carl Schilling makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. The report is accepted.

Report of the Officers

District Chief David Cook advises the President and membership that he will give his report later in the evening after Engine 9 and Car 3 return from the landing zone call.

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

Foreman R.P. Smith advises the members to be careful with the regulators and the regulator holders on Engine 7. There has been a couple of instances where the regulator was not in the holder and the piece of equipment was getting jammed in the cab door.

Building Use Report

President Tim Boel reports there were 19 events in the month of August. One event in the month of August at the Pavilion was for \$712.00! This is one of our biggest money rentals. The total income for the month was \$4,979.00. The total expenses for the month were \$2,247.00. The total profit for the month of August is \$2,732.00. There are 15 events booked for the month of September. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

Presidential Report

Lately the National Grid bill has been approximately \$300.00 a month. The issue with these National Grid bills may be due to the pilots in the kitchen area. The House Committee and Kitchen Committee is looking into determining if we can establish, or retrofit putting an automatic pilot on the ovens in the kitchen.

The keys have been changed for the kitchen storage area. The AA keys have been lifted. Dennis Kennedy has the new keys and he will distribute them accordingly.

The locks at the truck bays have been changed. The new cylinders are steel and no longer brass. The older keys we have had problems with lately. All the truck bay keys are identical for all of the fire stations.

A couple of meetings ago a motion was made to place stone around the base of the Park Station to replace the existing weeded mulch. The relatively cost efficient stone or crusher run that has been located cost about \$250.00. The House Committee would like to hold off on this until next year. Clark Roehr makes a motion to table this until next year. Tracy Britt seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

The lightening strike earlier in the summer did some real damage to our equipment. A few computer components were hit during this strike. However, the members of the Technology Committee have been on top of this. The most severe issue we have had from this storm is our phone system. To replace the entire phone unit it would cost about \$5,600 to \$12,000. Some of our members do have expertise in this field. The new phone system agreed on was Avia Partner.

The President advises the membership that Constitution and By-Law changes are due soon.

The President commends Clark Roehr for his recognized work with the re-installation of the parking lot signs at HQ.

The Cell Tower Project is in the hands of the attorneys and the town of East Greenbush.

Report of the Committees

North Station- G. Forgea reports bids are still coming in for the paving project. A bid has been received from Browe. There is a problem with the rear door lock at the station. If you enter or exit the North Station on the Truck 11 side make sure the door is pulled all the way shut.

Park Station- The roof still appears to be leaking minimally.

Pavilion and Grounds- Steve Bakerian is looking to replace both of the wooden bathroom doors. This project should cost no more than \$950.00. This price will include materials and labor. Steve Bakerian makes a motion not to exceed \$1,000.00 for this project. Carl Schilling seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Annual Dinner- The menu will most likely remain the same.

Life Members Day- Fifty Seven (57) life members attended this event despite the poor weather.

Conventions- The committee advises that the Marine Village Hotel only needs \$3,000.00 instead of the original \$6,000.00. This fee will reserve the hotel for January of 2009. May 1st will be the deadline for anything further. The President makes a motion for members to sign up in a few weeks on a list. This list will be for a \$150.00 payment which will cover a night or two most likely. Kyle Keenan seconds the motion. R.P Smith inquires about the hotel burning down. He was advised there is no guarantee if they go out of business or if the place burns down. However, there is a contract which the language is spelled out should there be a catastrophic event. The motion is carried.

George Forgea announces the Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be conducted on Tuesday, October 9th. A National Grid Seminar will be held in Poestenkill on December 17th. The appropriate paperwork was forwarded to the District Chief.

Golf Outing- There were 128 golfers on the course at Burden Lake. The 50/50 cash raffle paid out \$357.00. Approximately \$861.00 was raised through another raffle for the prizes. This appears to be a record year. M. Benson Sr. reports that for the first time in several years 85% of the golfers have paid in full. President Boel and M. Benson Sr. thank everyone for their hard work and dedication during this huge work detail and fundraising event. Good job by all!! There will be final numbers at the October meeting.

Bell Jar- The box is now completely empty.

Explorer Post 11- On Tuesday, September 25th the Boy Scouts of America will conduct a round table meeting at 7:00pm.

Audit and Finance- Chairman/Past Chief David Smith is doing well. The committee will be working on a few projects soon as we approach the end of the year.

Publicity- There are several Red Vest members posted in the HVFFA publications.

Constitution and By-Laws- The changes are due by next month's meeting.

Ways and Means- The annual EGFD fund drive is under way. If there are any photos for the fund drive that members would like on the publications, submit them in the next week or two.

Pizza Night- Thirty Four (34) members worked the first pizza night since summer break. The next pizza night is October 13th. Dennis Kennedy advises that he needs help

cleaning up at the end of the night. When clean-up time comes around everyone scatters.

Pancake Breakfast- The next event will be Sunday November 18th at HQ.

Scholarship- The awardees have received their monetary gift.

Grants- Two grants have been submitted and they are currently under review.

No news is good news.

Weightroom- The room has been getting very dusty. Clean off the dust if its continuously on the equipment. There was some discussion about an Olyptical machine. A new machine cost about \$500.00.

Technology Committee- The DSL line will be turned on very soon. Our goal with this new computerized system is to eliminate some of the paperwork. A new key fob system is also possible through this new expanded project.

Blue Light- The summer is over and the Blue Light will be turned on next month.

Proposals for Membership

Dan Burke at 65 Phillips Road is up for election. Dan Burke was a member previously. He left our services in 1998. Tracy Britt makes a motion to accept his application. Nancy Condit seconds the motion. Mr. Burke's application raised many questions during discussion. The records reflect he is eligible to be a member. Chris Linck advises the membership that Mr. Burke had poor DMV records due to a DWI. He was a foreman and drove a piece of apparatus with a suspended license due to the DWI. He signed the driver form stating that he had a clean license, when he did not have a valid license. D. Kennedy mentions he was trouble before, why bring him back into this fire company? In the past Mr. Burke was deficient with his points. Mr. Burke's application was rejected by the membership. The President advises the Recording Secretary to send his application back to him along with his \$10 by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Scott Earing requests change from social member to active member. Mr. Earing was voted on by the membership. He is back as active firefighter.

Unfinished Business

The North Station purchased a gas grill last month. There was some confusion with the pricing and arrangements for the gas grill. The price of the grill is \$168.00. This item was voted on by the membership, and a hand count now approves the purchase.

Unfortunately the winter season will be approaching. The snow blower is needed and should be used for the sidewalks and handy-cap ramps. These areas need to be accessible. The President makes a motion we purchase the snow blower for sale at True Value for the price of \$799.99. R.P. Smith seconds the motion. The motion is carried and the snow blower will be purchased.

Chief's Report

The members that were at the fire calls are back and Chief Cook now proceeds with his report. The Chief asks EGFD Car 3 to give a summary of the LZ call. Assistant Chief Di'Martino advises the call was for a 12 yr old male whom was down with a neck injury. There originally was no movement from the subject, however as he was loaded into the helicopter he had some movement.

Chief Cook advises that it is customary we all are allowed to go to calls, however on meeting nights we are all in the hands of the President so to speak.

All members need to meet up with Quartermaster T. Whittemore to receive the SOG updates, or a new SOG binder for the newer members.

The Commissioners are asking the Chief's office in an effort to maintain a sufficient attendance record keeping policy. A change has been made. The District Secretary will enter the points. Assistant Chief Hitchcock will still be responsible for entering the actual incidents in the computer. The Membership Secretary will no longer be entering the points. The Membership Secretary's duties are to post the points, and maintain the roles of membership, not enter the points. This is all in our Fire Company By-Laws.

Paul Vanwarmer has retired from the East Greenbush Fire Company.

Kathy Schmidt and Kathy Miller are the newest members of the Fire Police Squad.

The new Car 1 vehicle has a few issues with the radio. The 800mhz and low band mobile radios are only working on half power. Chief Cook advises the members that he has been contacting the dispatchers when there is an incident when he has responded.

Saturday, September 22nd there is a mutual aid drill at Organic Chem with Clinton Heights. Engine 8 and Engine 9 are requested at this drill.

Saturday, September 29th there is a mutual aid drill in East Schodack at Brooke Point Senior Housing. Engine 7, Engine 9, and Truck 11 are requested to attend at 8:00am per EGFD Car 2.

On Friday of Labor Day weekend there was a fatal motorcycle accident at the intersection of Greenwood Drive and Columbia Turnpike. There were only a few members there; Car 1, Capt. Benson Jr., C. Lavin, M. Siegel, and Bill Sinnott. Columbia Turnpike was closed down for a few hours for an accident investigation.

Good of the Order

The President mentions for the members to pay attention to the events calendar. There are 40 members attending the Captain JP cruise on September 21st.

Lou Roher and the Board of Fire Commissioners thank the members for their hard work, and are glad they enjoyed the steak dinner.

The Kitchen Committee is looking to improve the ventilation in the kitchen area. The proposal is to come over the weight room with a couple of ducts, and put an additional vent in the kitchen. The motion for this small project is not to exceed \$500.00. Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to go forward with this small project. Bill Sigsby seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Paul Benson.

The Krenzer family is looking to use our building for a charitable event. The daughter of the Krenzer's has leukemia and is looking to conduct a charitable spaghetti dinner. The family has been in contact with Mike Stafford on a date that will not conflict with our activities, or another rental. The President advises the members that a vote of yes honors the request. The membership honors this request with opposition from Chuck Hellmuth.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma society is having a charitable walk in Colonie on October 12th and this is part of their annual fund raising campaign. Clinton Heights Assistant Fire Chief R. Cherubino has or had a form of leukemia. We have donated money in the past. George Forgea makes a motion the Fire Company donate \$100.00 to this organization. Clark Roehr seconds the motion.

Tom Kennedy makes a motion we send \$200.00 to the Hoags Corners Fire Firefighters Fund. All members are in favor and a check will be sent to this fund.

Recently there were two house fires that affected their Fire Chief and two younger members.

Chuck Alger makes a motion we donate some of our 50/50 money to the Hoags Corners Firefighters Fund. The motion is carried by the membership after a hand count.

Bob Lehmann reminds the membership he will be placing an EGFD Job Shirt order on Monday, August 24th. The cost is \$45.00 per Job Shirt.

Marty Miller handed Pete Lehmann a photo from the recent Life Member's Day. David Cook makes a motion that each life member receive a copy of the photo by mail. Marty Miller seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Paul Benson.

Ed McCabe won the commemorative mugs from the convention in 1991. Craig McCabe accepted for the elder McCabe.

Food next month is Truck 11 and Engine 3. The President advises to make things easier there will be two trucks assigned to the food detail.

Adam Daniels wins the 50/50 of \$43.00. Adam donated back \$20.00 to the fire company for the Hoags Corners Firefighters Fund.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The meeting was terminated at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary