



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING
November 20, 2007**

The November meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Treasurer Paul Benson. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from October. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. The minutes are accepted. Treasurer P. Benson also advises there was an Executive Board meeting on Sunday, October 28th. The minutes were sent to all members via email. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the Executive Board meeting minutes. Bill Sinnott seconds the motion, and the minutes are accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 56 checks written in the month of October. Fourteen (14) checks were written for over \$500.00. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of October is \$17,193.99. The total expenses for the month were \$51,116.31. The total profit for the month of October is \$33,922.32. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

The company received a thank you letter and a donation from the Goff School in regards to our help with their Halloween activities. A letter was received from the fire district secretary to hold an election for the position of (1) Chief Engineer, and three Assistant Chiefs. A letter from the HVFFA was received in regards to sponsoring an ad page for their "Red Book" publication.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

Treasurer P. Benson reports the previous balance of \$7,511.42 was paid in full, and received on October 9th. The new balance is \$2,364.81. The list of expenses was read. Bill Sinnott makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. The report was submitted by President T. Boel.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report- Assistant Chief Clark Roehr advises the membership that Nick Ramirez, Jenna Gifford, and Adam Daniels recently completed their Firefighter 1 class. Congratulations to all three members. There will be a National Grid gas class on December 17th. There are classes at Poestenkill and Kinderhook. For the current and Past Chiefs the annual dinner in East Schodack is quickly approaching. The dinner will be held on Monday, December 3rd. Clark Roehr briefly conducted a power point presentation showing what can happen when failing to wear turnout gear properly. Assistant Chief Roehr advises the officers and other firefighters to drain the pumps with the cold weather quickly approaching. The annual Rensselaer County Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 25th at 2pm at HVCC.

Assistant Chief Ed Di'Martino advised the membership that they will see some members with new extrication stickers on their helmet. The following members completed the Vehicle Extrication class in the beginning of the year: Mike Benson Jr., Bob Lehmann, Ed Di'Martino, Mike Prestipino, Jeff Tooker, Chris Lavin, Don Gifford, Greg Forgea, Joe Lacivita, Tom Kennedy, Mark Siegal, and Craig McCabe.

Captains- Chris Dick reminds the members to try and keep the trucks cleaned and fueled properly.

BUILDING USE REPORT

Treasurer Paul Benson reports there were 10 events for all buildings in the month of October. The total income for the month is \$2,445.00. The total expenses for

the month of October were 1,161.00. The total profit for the month of October is \$1,284.00. As of this meeting there are 16 events booked for the month of November. The report was submitted by President Boel. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the report. George Forgea seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Properties- Eleanor School of Dance looking to use the Main Station for their dance classes. The fire company will bring in \$4,800.00. This is for a 6 month time period. The Board of Directors approved this until this meeting. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept this. Tom White Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Headquarters- Nelson Williams reports there will be a work detail on Monday, December 3rd at 6pm to paint the coatroom.

Constitution and By-Laws- The by-law change that has been posted for the past 30 days was for Article 16, Section 4. The by-law currently reads *"If a qualified nominee for Chief or Assistant Chief withdraws prior to the election, nominations from the floor may be accepted. If no nominations are received for a particular office, nominations may be accepted from the floor. The nominee must meet all requirements of Town Law and be present at the meeting to accept the nomination."* The by-law change that is proposed is to delete "be present at the meeting to accept the nomination." Committee Chairman T. Chesser briefly discussed this by-law, and the proposed change. Past President and Chief M. Benson Sr. clarified the by-law, and discussed the history of this by-law. After much discussion Clark Roehr withdraws the by-law change. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. There are no changes.

Nominations Committee- J. Lacivita briefly asked the members of the company for clarification regarding the preparation of the ballots. After a brief discussion and clarification from veteran members, all members and committee members have a better understanding of how to list the officer candidates on the ballots.

2008 Officer Nominations- Park Station candidates: Captain- Mike Benson Jr., Lieutenant- Ed Wallace, Foreman- Rich Edberg, Recording Secretary- Mike Benson Jr., Main Station- Captain- Tom Chesser, Lieutenant- Jeff Wasilieski, Foreman- R.P. Smith, Bill Sigsby

North Station- Captain- Todd Cullum, Bob Lehmann, Lieutenant- Bruce Cushine, Greg Forgea, Craig McCabe, Foreman- Craig McCabe, Chris Cargain, Ed McCabe, Vice

President- Jeff Tooker, Financial Secretary- Nancy Baker, Treasurer- Paul Benson, Board of Directors- Dan Speed, George Forgea.

Grant Committee- The committee has submitted two grants, and we are still awaiting the results. No news is good news.

Membership Secretary- Many members need to pay their dues. See Nancy Condit as soon as possible if you have not paid your dues.

Scholarship Committee- The committee will meet after this company meeting.

Annual Dinner- The Annual Dinner is Friday, December 7th with cocktails beginning at 6pm. Chris Dick makes a motion for \$200.00 petty cash for the event. Chris Linck seconds the motion.

Fitness Room- Bruce Cushine reports the treadmill is in poor condition at this time. The walking tread on the machine needs to be examined.

Ways and Means- So far we have received over \$11,000.00 from the annual fund drive.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Paul Stoddard and Taylor Perkins were voted as new members by the membership. Mr. Stoddard currently resides on Electric Avenue, and Mr. Perkins currently resides on Boncroft Drive. Both new members are assigned to the Main Station. Both new members were sworn in by Treasurer Paul Benson.

Nick Ramirez has passed his probationary period, as he has been very active since joining this company, and he recently graduated from his Firefighter 1 class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All members are encouraged to check the EGFD Events Calendar. On November 28th there is a River Rats game; the sign up sheets have been posted. December 1st is the trip to Foxwoods.

Past Chiefs pictures looking to have completed at the end of the year.

Nextel Plans- If a member is on a Nextel phone plan, pay the money for the bill, and don't be delinquent with payments.

NEW BUSINESS

George Forgea reports that Fire Prevention went well this year. There was great participation from the members, and good reaction from the members of the

community. George also reports the revised plan for the Temple Farms project is out. The old Club East will be a storage facility. Excavation work has already started.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ed Di'Martino and Frank Jenkins have both completed 20 years of service. Ed completed his 20 years September 15th, and Frank completed 20 years of service on November 14th. At the December meeting the company will vote on their life membership.

The following members listed submitted a letter for either the position of Chief or Assistant Chief:

Clark Roehr- submitted a letter for the position of Chief Engineer (Car 1)

Ed Di'Martino- submitted a letter for the position of 1st Assistant Chief Engineer. (Car 2)

Kevin Hitchcock submitted a letter for the position of 2nd Assistant Chief Engineer. (Car 3)

Chris Dick submitted a letter for the position of 3rd Assistant Chief Engineer. (Car 4)

Robert Cook submitted a letter for the position of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Assistant Chief Engineer. (Car 2, 3, or 4)

Pete Lehmann makes a motion to sponsor a 1/2 page ad for the HVFFA Red Book. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

The members of the fire company voted with no opposition to donate \$50.00 each to Zach Crain and Evan Wallace to assist with their efforts for a wrestling tournament out of the area.

Bill Sinnott thanked the membership for the get well card, and flowers for his recent hospitalization.

M. Benson Sr. inquires if the PA system could be used at the next meeting; there are members that have slight difficulty hearing the other officers when they speak at the meeting.

Chris Linck advises Nick Ramirez will be sworn in as a U.S. citizen on December 14th. Congrats to Nick!

The 50/50 winner taking home \$42.00 is Pete Lehmann.

Greg Forgea makes a motion to adjourn. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The meeting is terminated at 8:10pm. Food for next month is the Ladies Auxiliary, Engine 7, and Engine 8.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary