



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2007**

The December meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. President Boel advises the members that Nick Ramirez will be initiating the pledge of the flag as he has recently obtained U.S. citizenship. Congratulations Nick!!

Tracy Britt makes a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the minutes from the Chiefs Elections. Dan Speed seconds the motion.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary N. Baker reports 44 checks were written in the month of November. Five (5) checks were written for over \$500.00. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of November is \$10,501.63. Over six thousand dollars of the income from November comes just from fund raising. The total expenses for the month of November were \$24,761.98. Our total current assets are \$144,450.47. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Boel reports our previous balance of \$2,364.81 was paid in full and received by Visa billing on November 2nd. The new balance is \$397.71. President Boel read the list of new purchases such as postage from Stamps.com, and purchases for the November Pizza Night. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report- District Chief D.A. Cook reports the siren at the Main Station is still out of service. There is a problem with the motor. This should be fixed very soon. Chief Cook thanks Lou Roher for his support and dedication as Fire Commissioner. Chief Cook congratulates Chris Dick on his new Assistant Chief position. The Chief also congratulated George Forgea as the new Fire Commissioner. The Chief wishes everyone success in 2008. Keep the Fire Department going in the correct direction. For the new officers, do not lower your standards. The Chief reminds the membership to not lose sight of the goals for the upcoming years. Chief Cook also had Dennis Kennedy define the term "Top Hatters." :)

Captains- Tom Chesser reports to not turn up the intercom system on Engine 7. The headsets have already been adjusted. Capt. Chris Dick thanks his officers and firefighters from Engine 9, and the rest of the department for their support during his time as Captain. Chris will be serving as East Greenbush Car 4 starting January 1st.

PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL REPORT

President Boel reports that his original goal was to be President for 2 years, however he has been President for 3 years. This is the last meeting he will be orchestrating. This 3 year term could not have been completed without the help of several key members. The Executive Board was put in place by President Boel, and the members have excelled in their positions. This current board will continue their great work for incoming President Pete Lavin. Many members do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, and the President thanked the membership for their support, but he believes it is now time to step down. Thanks for a great job Tim!

ANNUAL FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN REPORT

Bill Sinnott is absent from this meeting however he reports to the President that Joe Lacivita will be the new Captain for 2008.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership Secretary N. Condit reports all active members have paid their dues. There are 47 active life member fire fighters, and 53 active firefighters. There are 9 members of the Auxiliary, 12 life members, and 25 social members.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Boel reports there were 20 events for all buildings in the month of November. The total income for the month of November is \$2,150.00. The total expenses for the month of November were \$837.00. The total profit for the month is \$1,313.00. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to accept the report. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

House Committee- North Station- There is a problem with ice building up on the downspouts. The remedy for this may be liquid calcium. The President and House Committee inquire as to who dropped a snow plow blade on the empty truck bay floor. If you have a snow plow keep it up if you need to park inside for some reason. There are several scratches on the floor. Main Station- RP Smith reports the VCR/DVD player is missing from the backroom. This has been missing for 10 days. The dumpster is overflowing. There are heaping bags of garbage. Park Station- The painting has been completed in various places at the Banquet Hall. The coatroom painting project needed a lot of attention, and the crew did a nice job. After the annual dinner Mike Stafford and 7 other members helped clean up.

Property Management- Mike Stafford reports the Fire Company made \$39,868.00 through all of our rental properties. Mike reports the Immanuel Church is coming back for 2008 along with the Eleanor School of Dance. There are two or three large events already booked for 2008 which include our large beverage package. Mike Stafford informs the members that he will be returning for 2008. Mike Stafford advises he will need a motion to continue to have a contract with the Immanuel Church. Chris Linck makes the motion. Nelson Williams seconds the motion.

Archives- The original 1916 minute book was put in the archive room.

Website- More pictures are being emailed to be added to the photo section of the website.

Uniforms- No report, however President Boel points out the Chairman of this committee did a great job with his budget as there is only 8 cents left.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick thanks all the members that helped him out. The entertainment is looking forward to coming back next year.

Life Members Day- Six more members will be joining us on this day.

Convention Activities- Continue to save money for the 2009 convention.

Golf Outing- There will be a meeting shortly after the 1st of the year to discuss where to hold the event next year. The Fire Company made \$10,003.00 profit this year. Great job by all.

Bell Jar- We need to sell more tickets.

Publicity- The Life Member's Day was publicized in the Hudson Valley publication.

Ways and Means- There is approximately \$12,500.00 in the bank for this year for the annual fund drive. Tickets are now on sale for the 2008 banquet which will be held at our Banquet Hall on January 19, 2008. Cocktails beginning at 6pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each for members and their immediate guest.

Pizza Night- Dennis Kennedy reports at the November Pizza Night the total expenses were \$1,596.56. The total income for the evening was \$2,819.50. The total profit for the event is \$922.94. The total expenses for the December Pizza Night were \$1,918.80. The total income was \$2,786.65. The total profit from the December Pizza Night is \$567.85. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the reports. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Scholarship- The scholarship is open to members of the Fire Company, family members of the company members, and residents of Fire District 3. This scholarship runs from January 1st-June 30th. The applications and all other data will be evaluated by the committee members, and the funds will be distributed accordingly to those who meet the criteria. An updated application will be posted on our website starting January 1, 2008.

Grants- The committee is still waiting for results from the Fire Act Grant, and the Fireman's Fund.

Softball Team- Season starts in 4-5 months.

Fitness Room- The treadmill needs to be replaced with a higher end model. Chris Lavin makes a motion to purchase a treadmill, not to exceed \$1000.00. Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the motion is carried by the membership.

** At this time during the meeting Chief Cook advised the President and Grant Chair Nancy Condit, that he has just received a message on his Blackberry regarding the grant that will enable the Fire District to purchase many new sets of gear. Congratulations to all of the members that have put in a lot of time to orchestrate this grant, and the other that we have applied for in the past.

Technology- The Fire Company and the Fire District have worked closely regarding the DSL line, and computer networking. The Fire Company will pay the Fire District roughly \$2,000.00 per year in regards to the computer networking portion.

Blue Light- If any members have any pertinent information that they want published, forward your information to Dennis Kennedy. President Boel advises the membership that Dennis Kennedy was recognized, and was the recipient of the Greenbush Award. Congrats Denny!

There are no proposals for new membership.

Membership Changes- The President canvasses the membership regarding a known residence for Daniel Burke. During the summer he applied for membership, and he was denied membership. A letter and his \$10 fee was sent to his provided address with return receipt requested, however he has not signed for this, and we are unaware of an address. Kevin Hitchcock has volunteered to forward him the letter, and may know where Mr. Burke could be residing. Eric Leightenen does not feel he is doing enough for the Fire Company. He would like to move to the active roles as a member of the Fire Police. Joe Lacivita makes a motion to accept Mr. Leightenen's status change. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. Mark Dickie is also seeking a membership change from active member to social member. The Membership Secretary reminds the membership and President that Mark Dickie has already been moved to the Social Membership roster, and has received his social membership dues.

The Membership Secretary will forward a letter to him to remind him that he is a social member. Bill Harrison is up for his 6 month probation. Not many members are aware of him, or his active status. Firefighter Mike Memole advises that Mr. Harrison has expressed interest in the air packs. This will be tabled for a month.

Life Membership- The following members are eligible to receive their Life Membership Status. The following members are Frank Jenkins, Ed Di'Martino, Mike Prestipino, Kim Edberg, Tom Chessser, Kyle Keenan, and Todd Cullum. Scott Earing makes a motion to accept the candidates. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. Congratulations to our newest Life Members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The events for 2007 were all a success. Many members attended the fire company events that were organized by the President and his staff.

The Nextel Phone plan currently has 7 members enrolled. Two phones have been suspended due to non-payment. In order to be eligible for this phone plan, the member must be in good standing.

President Boel informs the membership that he will continue to have the Past Chiefs photos detail completed as soon as possible.

There is no new business.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The only contested race is for Vice President and Board of Directors positions. Tom Gullo advises the membership and the President that he respectfully declines the Vice President position. The Executive Officers for 2008 are President: Pete Lavin, Vice President, Jeff Tooker. Financial Secretary: Nancy Baker, Treasurer: Paul Benson, Recording Secretary: Mike Benson Jr., Sergeant at Arms: Tracy Britt, the newly elected Board of Directors are: Dave Chesnut and Tom Chessser.

LOSAP Awards Program- The following members in the following positions will be receiving extra points as per the service awards program. Chiefs-25 points. Line Officers including Fire Police Line Officers and President -20 points. Safety Officers- Tom Whittemore, Tom Gullo, and Bob Reineke-15 points. There are other member positions that are entitled to points according to the service awards program. However, Chuck Alger challenges the wording of the service awards program and in regards to a

couple of other deficiencies. It would be in the best interest of the membership to table this for a month, to determine what points program the District is using. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to table the above mentioned for one month. Nancy Condit seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

***** A structure fire call in the Schodack Protective District precipitated a recess in the Company's deliberations as directed by President Boel. The structure fire turned out to be a signal 20, due to dough on the stove. Upon return of the firefighters, President Boel resumed the meeting at 9:25pm.

ELECTION OF LINE OFFICERS

Captains- After a brief election the following members were elected to the position of Captain for 2008- Mike Benson Jr., Bob Lehmann, Todd Cullum, Tom Chesser, and Jeff Wasilieski.

Lieutenants- After a brief election the following members were elected to the position of Lieutenant for 2008- Bruce Cushine, Don Gifford, Craig McCabe, Greg Forgea, and Ed Wallace.

Foreman- After a brief election the following members were elected to the position of Foreman for 2008- Bill Sigsby, Chris Cargain, Rich Edberg, R.P Smith, and Ed McCabe.

Joe Lacivita will be serving as the new Fire Police Captain for 2008.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A request from the East Greenbush Castleton Little League for the Fire Company to sponsor a team, and/or a sign has been tabled for a month.

The New York State Insurance Fund visited all of the stations except for the Park Station. The only areas of interest or concern were the eye wash stations, and the exit sign absence at the North Station in the truck room by Truck 11.

The Greenbush Reformed Church will be sent a check for \$1,000.00 in regards to the plowing season.

Joe Naglieri is not doing too well from a medical standpoint. He is a candidate for a pacemaker, and he slipped and fell on the ice recently.

George Forgea thanks the membership for their support for his new Commissioner position, wishes all the members a good Christmas, and a happy New Year.

If anyone is interested in bowling see President Boel or Mike Benson Sr.

A tips training class will be held sometime in February 2008.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Frank Jenkins. The final meeting for President Tim Boel was concluded at 10:03pm with 70 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain