



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The February 2008 meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Bob Reineke makes a motion to set aside a page in the minutes for Huck Blair whom recently passed away. Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the meeting minutes are accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 53 checks written for the month of January. Eleven checks were written for over \$500.00. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total fund raising income for the month of January is \$4,585.25. The total income for the month of January is \$10,437.73. The total expenses for the month of January totals \$34,620.20. The net income for the month of January is \$24,182.47. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **MONTHLY VISA BILL**

President Lavin reports the previous balance of 2463.88 was paid in full. The new balance due is \$1,548.11. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Clark Roehr Jr. presented Adam Daniels, Jenna Gifford, and Nick Ramirez with their Firefighter 1 certificates. The three members are our newest interior firefighters. Congratulations to you all. West Sand Lake will be hosting a Hybrid Vehicle Extrication class on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm. Any members that have not completed a fit test need to do so at this meeting or soon after. All interior firefighters need to complete a fit test each year, whether you are due for a physical every year or not. Eye Wash stations should be up at all the fire stations now. Past Chief Tim Tordoff is the new Quartermaster. A Firefighter 1 class started February 18<sup>th</sup> in the city of Rensselaer. A seminar will be conducted on February 20<sup>th</sup> by an FDNY Captain regarding the First Arriving Engine Companies. Members need to stop parking in front of the bay doors. The bay doors need to be accessible. The Fire District was awarded the 2007 Firefighter Assistance Act Grant for \$156,750.00. The money will be utilized to purchase approximately 64 new sets of turnout gear, and two gear dryers.

Assistant Chief Ed Di'Martino conveys to the members that there will be hands on training at the State Chiefs show again in Lake George. The list for the State Chiefs show has not come out yet, but as soon as it does the members will be advised. See Commissioner Chris Linck if you are interested in attending any of the classes when they come out. There will also be live fire training again at the Concord this year. There will be a Firefighter 2 class held at our station this year in the late fall. We are also eligible to host another fire class. There will be more information to follow.

Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports the Pub Ed conference will be occurring in May in Montour Falls. See Kevin if you are interested in attending.

Assistant Chief Chris Dick reports that anytime we conduct an extrication drill they would like to be involved in the drill, or at least invited because they have many new members who have little or no experience with what we do during the extrication process. We need to make the apparatus are washed after each call if the weather permits.

## **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Pete Lavin reports the total income for all buildings for the month of January 2008 is \$3,160.80. The total expenses for the month are \$1,673.00. The total profit is \$1,487.80. The total profit at the bar is \$156.00. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Dan Speed seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Buildings- North Station- There is a leak coming from the roof and there have been two more leaks discovered. This needs to be investigated further.

Park Station- The overhead doors were adjusted by Lill Overhead Doors. The floor cleaner needs some maintenance completed. The repairs will cost approximately \$1,192.00. Rick Williams has not authorized the work at this time as it needs to be brought to the attention of the company. Rick makes a motion to have the work completed. Clark Roehr seconds the motion. This machine needs to be fixed. The machine keeps the floors looking presentable, and maintains the original finish on the floors. The members that were trained on the machine should be the only people to use it. The battery for the machine may be overcharged after it is plugged in for a long duration. The motion is accepted and the machine will be fixed as it is necessary for our banquet hall facility.

Main Station- No issues.

Banquet Hall- Mike Stafford reports the Emanuel Church is looking to use the training room for bible study for 1 hour 15 minutes. This bible study would involve 15 kids that would be supervised by 2 adults at all times. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion for Mike Stafford to negotiate the contract. Chris Lavin seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. Mike Stafford also reports that the Eleanor School of Dance is very happy with the Main Station. Eleanor is looking forward to next year.

Pizza Night- Chairman Dennis Kennedy reports the February Pizza Night was very successful. The total income for the evening was \$3,450.75. The total expenses for the evening were \$1,877.12. The total profit for the evening was \$1,273.63. The income for the bar was \$544.75.

Comedy Night- The 1<sup>st</sup> Comedy Night will be April 19<sup>th</sup> with the doors opening at 6:30pm. The tickets are \$25.00. The tickets include the entry to the event, the buffet,

and one free drink coupon. There will be three comedians-Vinnie Marcx, his wife Joann Leaner, and John Maroney whom will be the lead act.

St. Patrick's Day Parade- The Celtic Hall is inviting for us to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the city of Albany. Our color guard will be utilized for this event. The members that march will be invited back to the Celtic Hall for festivities after the parade.

Life Members Day- This annual event will be held the Sunday after Labor Day.

Convention Activities- The HVVFA parade is June 21<sup>st</sup> in Kerhonkson, Ulster County. Chairman George Forgea polls the members about whom will be partaking in the parade, and if there is interest for a bus. After a brief poll of the membership George makes a motion to secure a bus. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. The motion is carried to secure a bus for the parade. The 2009 convention will be in Lake George. Forty (40) rooms have been reserved for our members. The next installment will be money in hand. There will be further information posted at the fire stations.

EGFD 2009 Golf Outing- The date of the Golf Outing will be September 21<sup>st</sup>. Past Chief/President T. Boel reports when he meets with Burden Lake they will be strongly advised that no events will be occurring prior to our event. We will not be waiting around for their members to get off the golf course. If the same incident occurs at Burden Lake we will be going to Winding Brook Country Club in Columbia County.

Bell Jar- Past Chief/President M. Benson Sr. reports the quarterly report has been forwarded to the State.

Ways and Means- No report this month.

Fund Drive- 494 cards have been sent out.

Chicken Barbeque- The company is looking to complete 2 chicken barbeques this year. Brooks Barbeque is unavailable for the early spring time. We are attempting to have Giffy's BBQ conduct a spring event at the Main Station. We are trying to have the social members complete this event.

Grants- Nancy Condit thanks everyone for their assistance with the recent grant. The committee and many other constituents have worked hard on the grant. Nancy also thanked Assistant Chief K. Hitchcock for his advanced research with the gear dryers. N. Condit and other members met with the liaison from the State Archive office, and the grant should be completed on time.

Scholarship-The application is posted on the company website and will be there until June. All applicants need to read the instructions and submit the appropriate paperwork.

Explorer- Kenneth McKenzie is the newest Explorer residing at Coventry Lane.

Installation Dinner- President Pete Lavin reports the event was attended by several members, and the event ran smoothly. The last members left the banquet hall at 2:30am. President P. Lavin swore in the officers that were not present at the dinner. The officers that were sworn in at this meeting were Lieutenants Don Gifford and Ed Wallace, Treasurer Paul Benson, Fire Police Lt. Nelson Williams and Jim Cartwright, Foremen R.P. Smith and Bill Sigsby.

Bob Crain constructed the new podium that is currently in the banquet hall. Tim Boel advises the membership that Bob Crain spent several man hours constructing the podium. Bob has done an incredible job in between working long hours at the Target Pharmacy and wrestling, he has completed the work. Tim Boel proposes that we award Bob Crain 10 work detail points for 2008. David Cook makes motion for Bob Crain to receive a \$2,000.00 tax deduction letter. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Anthony Pruh residing at the Horizon View Apartments has applied for active membership. He has 5 years of active service with Delmar Fire. He is employed at Cooley Mazda on Route 4 in North Greenbush.

Mary Ramirez applying for active Code 100. Tim Boel makes a motion the company accept her application for membership. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Joseph Apuzi seeking membership to join the Fire Police Squad. He resides at 12 Rock Rose Drive in the Clinton Heights Fire District. He has experience from the Woodstock Fire Dept.

### **6 Month Membership**

Vincent Wong's status was tabled until this month's meeting. President Lavin sent him a letter and attempted one or two phone calls to his contact number; however there was only negative contact. Clark Roehr makes a motion to table the application for another month. RP Smith seconds the motion. Mike Benson Sr. states this is absolutely

ridiculous. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion that we deny his 6 month membership status. A hand count reveals 22 members elect to deny him his membership. Eleven (11) members were in favor of tabling the decision another month. Mr. Wong will be sent a certified letter from the office of the President advising him he is no longer an active member of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

-Jeff Wasilieski submitted a letter of resignation regarding his position of Captain. Due to new objectives of his full time employer, he will be unable to perform the duties of Captain. Jeff Wasilieski is requesting a change of status from active membership to social membership. R.P Smith makes a motion to accept the resignation and the change in status to social membership. Tom Chesser seconds the motion.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Past Chiefs Mike Benson Sr. and George Forgea need to be in full dress uniform at 6:15pm for Past Chiefs photos. Current Chief Clark Roehr Jr. also needs to be in full dress uniform for his picture.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Lavin reports that lately we have had severe freezing rain and ice storms that coat the parking lot and make it an ice skating rink at times. Clark Roehr has offered to salt the parking lot for free in exchange for salt storage at the Park Station by the Pavilion garage near the dumpster. The salt would be dumped on a large blue tarp and covered. The location of the salt would be in the same location where the old files were burned during the summer. This spot would be sufficient and would not cause any problems with the lawn. The salt would be loaded with the Kubota tractor. Nelson Williams inquires about the salt possibly eating the bucket paint and actual machine. David Cook inquires about the possibility of the Board of Directors to look into this before the company makes a decision. Chris Lavin motions to vote. Tim Boel seconds the motion to vote. A hand count reveals 18 in favor of Clark salting the parking lot and salt storage. Eleven members are against. The item passes. 18-11.

Clark Roehr received a letter regarding a cancer fund raiser. The event will be held at our banquet hall facility. The subject conducting the event was inquiring about dropping the fee for building. Nelson Williams proposes that we give them their non for profit rate of \$250.00 back to them as a donation. The \$250.00 will be sent to them only

if the facility is left in the condition in which they found it, which is VERY CLEAN AND NEAT. The motion is carried by the membership.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Membership Secretary Nancy Condit informs the President that all members have paid their dues for 2007.

SORENSCO Babe Ruth interested in using the banquet hall for no charge. Tim Boel makes motion for them to use the hall for the non for profit rate of \$250.00 as they are a non for profit organization. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, the motion is carried.

The Company received an endorsement letter from Lake George Fire Company for Tom McKinney whom is seeking the position of President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association. Chris Linck makes a motion we send an endorsement letter to the HVVFA supporting Mr. McKinney. George Forgea seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The President advises the Recording Secretary to draft a letter.

Rick Williams asks for clarification on the salt project. The President advises the membership of the situation and the resolution that was just passed earlier in the meeting.

Mark Siegal was named as Naval Sea Cadet of the year.

Food next month is Engine 7.

50/50 winner of \$43.00 is President Pete Lavin.

Bob Reineke makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The meeting was concluded at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain

