



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY  
MARCH MONTHLY MEETING  
March 30, 2008**

The March meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Mark Benson makes a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were sixty three (63) checks written for the month of February. Eight checks were written for over \$500.00. David A. Cook makes a motion to accept the report and Dave Chesnut seconds the motion. David Cook inquires about the check written to Wells Communications for \$652.16 on February 1<sup>st</sup>. After obtaining the appropriate paperwork and sufficient paperwork President Lavin advises this was for the repairs to the phone system from the lightening strike August 4, 2007.

**MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President P. Lavin reports the previous balance of \$1,548.11 was paid in full and received by the credit card company on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The new balance for the Visa card is \$397.33. President Lavin read the list of expenses, Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership. David A. Cook also makes a motion for the President not to read each individual item purchased under \$200.00 at the company meetings. This enable the meetings to move a little quicker, and we are all trusting of the President with the credit card report. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month is \$224,961.41. The total expenses for the month were 29,277.78. The net income is \$195,683.63. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Clark Roehr Jr. reports the North Station generator is out of service. The parts should be in soon. The CO meter on Truck 11 has been re-calibrated. The last bid on E-bay for the old Chiefs vehicle was at \$7,800.00. All EMT's and First Responders should continue to fill out the PCR's the same way they have been unless advised otherwise. The Recruitment and Retention banners be in soon, and will be posted soon. This was part of the Recruitment and Retention Grant from last year. The total calls to date are 58, 33 calls occurred in the month of February. Captains need to let the Chief know how many portable radios they have on their apparatus. Personnel should be utilizing shimmies to dry the trucks. Thanks to the firefighters that participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We have been receiving nothing but good comments. Keep up the professionalism. The new gear fitting will be starting next Tuesday, the following stations will be fit at the following times; North Station personnel at 5:30pm, Main Station fitting 7:00pm, and Park Station personnel fitting at 8:00pm.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Di'Martino advises to keep bay doors closed when we go to calls. Members need to remember to put up the slippery when wet signs when the floors are wet.

Captains- Capt. B. Lehmann reminds all members to put all equipment back on the trucks. Engine 8 was missing an electric pump and it was mysteriously returned after a department wide email.

Foreman- R.P Smith reminds all members to put the packs back on the trucks in good working order, which includes a full air bottle!

Ladies Auxilary- President Kathy Schmidt is looking for some members to assist with setting up tables and chairs for a Hudson Mohawk Ladies Aux. meeting on Wednesday 3/26/08 between 6 and 6:30pm.

## **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Lavin reports the total revenue for the month of February 2008 is \$3,610.00. The net profit for February is \$2798.75. The total expenses for the month were \$811.25. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Craig McCabe seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pizza Night- Chairman Dennis Kennedy reports the total expenses for the March Pizza Night were \$1,824.63. The total income for the event was \$3,454.20. The total profit is \$1629.57. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the reports, Dan Speed seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership. Dennis also reports at the last fish fry dinner 212 fish fry dinners were served and 49 clam dinners were served.

2008 Comedy Night- Co-Chairs Chris Dick and President Lavin report the EGFD 2008 Comedy is scheduled for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. The doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. The event will include three comedians. A flyer has been posted at each firehouse. If any members have any questions please contact President Lavin at the Park Station.

Technology Committee- President Lavin was advised by members of this committee that the background on the desktop computer has been re-set. There was pornographic material on this computer. This is not acceptable!

Buildings- Main Station- R.P. Smith and Nelson Williams report there was a problem with one of the toilets at the Main Station. The toilet had been backed up. The problem has been fixed.

North Station- George Forgea reports the rain water on the roof has subsided. We need to continue to monitor the roof on occasion. The gutters will need attention soon.

President Lavin received a quote for \$700.00 for carpet cleaning. The quote was provided by Tom Harvey. Mr. Harvey advised the President in the quote that he can remove the stains. Rick Williams inquires if the stains on that dayroom floor will be removed sufficiently. Tom Kennedy makes a motion that we do something with that floor or possibly get another quote from another carpet cleaning company. Dan Speed seconds the motion. President Lavin asks Tom Kennedy if he can chair a small

committee and report back to the company at the April meeting. Tom Kennedy will establish a small committee and report back at the April meeting.

Rick Williams informs the members that the zamboni machine should be back soon.

Banquet Hall- Nelson Williams reports there is a slight indentation in the rear wall by the window. This is noticeable if you are in that area of the room by the window. Nelson is proposing that we go with a wanes coating. There was significant discussion regarding what to do to repair the indentation in the wall. The President appoints Paul Benson and Craig McCabe to look into this issue and report back at the April meeting.

Uniforms- The parade season is quickly approaching. A list has been established by Chairman R. Lehmann of members that need new uniforms. Fittings will be taking place next week.

Convention Activities- George Forgea reports a Yankee Trails bus has been booked for the parade in June in southern Ulster County.

Life Members Day- The date for this historic event is September 7, 2008.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Anthony Pluh residing on Coventry Lane submitted an application for active membership. He has 5 years of firefighting experience with Delmar Fire Dept. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the candidate, Chuck Alger seconds the motion, and the motion is carried by the membership. Anthony Pluh was sworn in by President Pete Lavin.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Membership dues are due soon. President Lavin and Chief Roehr thank all the members that participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Albany. We have had nothing but great comments! President Lavin reminds all the members to check the EGFD events calendar for upcoming events.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chuck Alger makes a motion that we donate 200.00 for the Fireman's Home. Clark Roehr seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

CHFD is interested in borrowing our waxing supplies and floor buffer to perform some clean-up work on their station floors. Clark Roehr makes a motion to allow them to use our equipment. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Mike Memole.

Rick Williams makes a motion we sponsor a sign for \$300.00 for SORENSCO baseball. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Paul Benson.

The Thomas Corners Fire Department and Beukendall Fire Department are co-hosting the Hudson Mohawk Parade this year in July. Clark Roehr makes a motion we sponsor a half page ad for \$65.00. Bob Lehmann seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

The town of East Greenbush Memorial Day parade will be Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Kennedy informs the membership that he and Bob Falls Sr. are in the Henrik Hudson male chorus. Dennis asks the membership for \$40.00 for a half page ad for their ad book. Dennis makes the motion, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Bob Lehmann presented members that participated in the Pub Ed. Program this year with their polo shirts. The following members participated in Pub Ed. this past year: Bob Lehmann, Greg Forgea, Chuck Hellmuth, George Forgea, Chris Linck, Tim Hedgepath, Craig McCabe, Ron Mercx, Bob Reineke, Sara Schmidt, Mark Siegal, Pete Lehmann, Jeff Tooker, Mike Forgea, Mike Benson Jr., Chris Dick, Nancy Condit, Tom Chessner, Nelson Williams, Bruce Cushine. April 12<sup>th</sup> there is a pub ed detail at the YMCA for youth services day.

The next tips class will be April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Dick is able to receive a pool table for \$250.00 from a co-worker for the Park Station. Chris makes a motion that we purchase the pool table. Mark Benson seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Happy Birthday to members Tom Kennedy and Kevin Hitchcock.

Food next month will be provided by Engine 8.

Mark Benson wins the 50/50- \$49.00.

Ed McCabe makes a motion to adjourn. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary