



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
APRIL MEETING
April 18, 2008**

The April 2008 meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Chuck Alger seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary N. Baker reports there were 63 checks written in the month of March. Eight of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Jenna Gifford makes a motion to accept the report. Adam Daniels seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL

President Lavin reports the previous balance of \$397.33 was paid in full. The new balance is \$2,075.98. Many of the items purchased with this credit card were for Fish Fry Night. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Lavin seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of March is \$14,397.19. The total expenses for the month were \$34,061.91. The total current assets are \$277,858.96. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. Craig McCabe seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Dick reports for the currently ailing Chief Roher that we should not be using driveway to turn around apparatus in. This is a big thing we must avoid. The Bruen Rescue Squad will no longer be conducting extrication. Extrication in the town of East Greenbush has primarily been turned over to the three fire departments. Each agency needs to work together. The command officer at the accident scene is usually the paramedic. The fire officer from our department should work hand and hand with the paramedic. If extrication is not needed assist as we usually do. Continue to fill out PCR's the way we have been. There was a short form, but we will no longer be using that short form report. Assistant Chief reiterates that the fire district has increased our training funds. The members should be taking advantage of the live fire training on June 12th and June 13th in Lake George. There is also a list of seminars. The only members currently signed up to date to attend one of the live burn sessions are Mike Benson Jr., Bob Lehmann, Greg Forgea, and Craig McCabe. Please submit the worksheet ASAP to your station Chief. If there are any further questions see Bob Lehmann or Chris Linck. Mark Siegal and Bill Harrison have completed their Firefighter 1 training with Instructor Cherubino. Both Mark and Bill are signed up to take Firefighter 2. April 30th there is a mutual aid drill in South Schodack and Truck 11 has been requested to attend. The chainsaws are not to leave the fire trucks. The new Stihl chainsaw that is on Engine 9 has been removed from the truck and was apparently used for personal use. The chainsaw blade has been destroyed. Don't use the saws for personal use. If you need a chainsaw you can rent one at True Value! The pump shift on Engine 3 has been replaced, and the back-up camera parts are on order for Truck 11. The EGFD Comedy Night is April 19th at 7:00pm. The doors open at 6:30pm. Several tickets have been sold.

Captains- Tom Chesser needs EMT numbers.

Lieutenants- Greg Forgea informs all members that brush fires are a CODE 2 response.

Fire Police- Chuck Alger, Tim Boel, Tom Chesser, Todd Cullum, Don Gifford, Pete Lehmann, Chris Linck, Mike Memole, Elwin Michel, Bob Reineke, Clark Roehr, Dave Smith, and Tom Whittemore all completed the NY State Fire Police Course. These members were administered the oath of office at this meeting by Town Clerk Linda Kennedy. A couple of the members were away on vacation and were not sworn in; they are Tim Boel and Pete Lehmann. Congrats to all that have completed the class.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Lavin reports there were 23 events for all buildings for the month of March. The total income for the month of March is \$4,015.20. The total expenses are \$1,933.75. The total profit for the month of March is \$2,081.45. RP Smith makes a motion to accept the report, Adam Daniels seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Fish Fry Nights- Chairman Dennis (Biff) Kennedy reports that our fish fry nights in the month of March were a success. The total expenses were \$4,395.98. The total income for the fish fry nights was \$8,244.60. The total profit is \$3,848.62, and add \$1,297.00 for additional fish fry for meeting night (\$150.00), drill food sales (\$47.00), and placemats (\$1,100.00) hence the \$1,297.00, which equals a total profit of \$5,145.62. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

EGFD Softball- Manager Bob Lehmann announces the first practice will be Thursday April 17th at 6:30pm at the Park Station. The next practice will be batting practice at Funplex batting cages at 6:30pm.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Richard Coleman residing at 12 Denise Court submitted an application for active membership. He is a retired Fire Lieutenant in the city of Albany. He has over 22 years of firefighting experience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Craig McCabe reports that he and Paul Benson have spoken and met with contractors the past month, and many of them advised us not to do anything with the slight indentation in the wall. The issue is the discoloration of matching the wallpaper to be the same that it was. The President informs the membership that Mike Stafford wants us to hold off on this issue until next month so he can bring in samples of the waynes coating. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to table this for another month until Mike Stafford returns from vacation. Mike Memole seconds the motion.

The members elected to hold off on the carpet cleaning and stain removal that was discussed last month. Rick Williams is away on vacation and Tom Kennedy is absent from the meeting. Bob Lehmann makes the official motion to table this until the May meeting. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Lavin asks the members for their input about purchasing a small fridge to enhance our bar service. The specs for the fridge are 3' x 17". This fridge would be a single glass door, which could be used for keeping wine cold, and displaying bottled beer. During the past several events at the banquet hall many of the attendees have asked for bottled beer. Dennis Kennedy is willing to investigate a small fridge. Dennis has attended several kitchen supplier shows and has seen exactly what the President is referring to.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The tips training class will be April 29th.

The Fish Fry and Pizza Night workers' party has been changed to a later date. Check the calendar for a new date soon.

The President is still working on trying to obtain Mets/Yankees tickets, however it appears significantly hard. Yankee Trails has a publication out that reveals they will have a package for the game tickets and transportation, however this is not open to large groups.

Nelson Williams would like to see the Company storage room door locked.

The President and the members addressed a letter from Town Assessor Susan McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy is looking for use of our banquet hall for the assessment grievance days that will be held in May. The dates are May 27th, 28th, and 29th. The letter was addressed to inquire about use of the hall for free of charge since in essence we are a taxable organization. The members advise that the fire district is taxed, NOT THE FIRE COMPANY. We own our building and the district stores their district equipment in our company buildings. The membership does not want to allow Ms. McCarthy and the town to use the hall free of charge. Bob Lehmann makes a motion we charge them the non for profit rate per day at the banquet hall.. Chris Linck seconds the motion. Dave Becker feels that we should charge them double. All members are in favor of charging them for the non for profit rate. Dave Becker opposes the ruling.

Tom Gullo makes a motion we purchase a half page ad for the Hudson Valley FF convention in Ulster County. Mike Memole seconds the motion.

Dennis Kennedy makes a motion we table the FASNY convention ad book until next month because of the unfamiliarity with this ad book. Bob Reineke seconds the motion.

Vice President Tooker informs the members that the mock DWI crash at Columbia High School for the prom season will occur on Thursday May 15th with a rain date of May 16th.

R.P. Smith makes a motion to adjourn. Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:06pm.

Food for the May Meeting is Engine 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Capt./ Recording Secretary

