



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
AUGUST MEETING
August 19, 2008**

The August meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Vice President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. PC& Scholarship Chairman Pete Lehmann presented the East Greenbush Fire Company Scholarship awards to Melissa Boel, Rosallee Pettriccione, Amy Forgea, and Jenna Gifford (Don Gifford accepted for his daughter). Congratulations to all! Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the July meeting minutes, Chris Linck seconds the motion and the meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary N. Baker reports there were 61 checks written for the month of July. Nine (9) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA REPORT

Vice President J. Tooker reports the previous amount, 1,331.68 was paid in full. The new balance is \$4,532.88. There are a couple of purchases made with this card for over \$200.00 and they are: the Albany Aquaducks, the Yankee Trails bus for the Mets/Yankees game, the Valley Cats game, Teagans for food for the HVFFA, and also a purchase at Price Chopper also for the HVFFA. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of July is \$62,521.23. A large amount of the money this month is the Schodack Center income which is \$32,838.00. The other large sum of money is our Foreign Fire Insurance which

is \$18,111.20. The total expenses for the month of July are \$29,843.41. Our net income for the month of July is \$32,677.82. The total current assets for the Fire Company are \$243,142.39. Bob Rein eke 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 Rohr Jr. reports the service work on the fire trucks has been completed. There are still a couple of real minor things on Truck 11 and Engine 7 that need to be worked on. When the parts arrive for the apparatus the repairs will be totally completed. The 800 MHz radio re-banding will be occurring. The new radios and portables will be programmed when this has been completed. There were **41** calls during the month of July. The total calls year to date is **210**. There will be a Response Safety Seminar/workshop at Elsmere Fire on September 11th. An ICS 300 class is scheduled to start in Schodack Valley on Monday, September 8th. Let the Chief know if you are interested in attending by September 4th. Our department will be hosting the Firefighter 2 class starting Tuesday September 9th, any members that have not taken this class are urged to if you are available. Also remember if you take this class you get credit for the class. Do not sign the sheet for the class and drill. We got into this issue a few years ago. On September 10th there will be a Firefighter 1 class starting in Schodack Valley. At each station there are banners for the recruitment and retention program, this was part of our recent grant that we received. NYSOFFPC is looking to see if we can provide T-11, an honor guard, and Chaplin. At this time however, we are looking to see if we can secure Truck 11 with a small crew to attend. The Truck Co. needs to be in Albany for 11:00am, meet at the station at approximately 10:00am. Any members that can attend advise the Chief or your Station Chief. The city of Rensselaer thanked our department continuously for our efforts with assistance to the flood victims. Any members that did not receive a tetanus shot, and still want one let the Chief know at your earliest convenience.

Car 4- Assistant Chief C. Dick reports that the gear dryers have been installed by the electrician at the Park Station and the North Station. Assistant Chief C. Dick also reports there is a serious problem of theft at the Park Station. Extrication gloves were stolen once, and then another pair of gloves was stolen. STOP STEALING!! Assistant

Chief Dick also advises if this happens again and we find out who it is there will be a report filed with the EGPD. Capt. M. Benson Jr. also echoes the same message.

LT. Forgea- Clean the gear from the pump-outs in Rensselaer.

Foreman R.P. Smith advises the electric portable pump that belongs on a Main Station truck has not been returned yet.

Foreman C. Cargan advises that Engine 8 is back in service.

Safety Officer T. Whittemore informs the members that it should be time to change the batteries on the SCBA's real soon.

BUILDING USE REPORT

Vice President J. Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of July is \$9,824.13. The total expenses for the month of July were \$4,897.35. The total profit for the month of July is \$4,926.78. The total rental revenue year to date is \$42,313.23. The total cash bar year to date is \$5,486.17. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. George Forgea seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pavement Committee- The committee is still waiting to get two prices back from the other two paving companies. The President advised VP Tooker to table this for another month. This is tabled another month.

Review Board- Several members had their names read. The members will be placed on 6 month probation. RP Smith makes a motion to accept the report from the committee. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the members.

North Station- Paul Benson and George Forgea report someone is stealing soda from the North Station. Once again the VP and other members voice their opinions- STOP STEALING!

Facilities Manager- Mike Stafford advises the members he is here to make a motion for Steve Bakerian. The motion is for \$600.00 which would be to finish the remainder of the curtains. The monetary amount is for the contractor to fabricate the rails for the side curtains along the Pavilion. Barb Lehmann informs the members that the Ladies Aux. does not meet until September, but at this point they do not foresee a problem giving us some money possibly up to at least \$500.00. After a brief phone call to Steve Bakerian, he advises Mike Stafford that 300 of the 600 is for out of pocket

expenses, and the other 300 is for the cost of the fabrication. The motion passes after a brief discussion.

Pizza Night- The first Pizza Night of the season will be September 13th. The worker's party for the Pizza and Fish Fry Night's will be Friday, September 26th.

Website- More pictures need to be downloaded onto the webpage.

Uniforms- Some accessories were loaned out during the parade season such as badges, gloves, ties, etc. Please make sure they are returned to Capt. Lehmann.

Life Member's Day- All the invitations have been mailed out, and the date is Sunday, September 7th.

Convention Activities- George Forgea reports that we are approximately 10 months away from the convention in Lake George. 10 rooms have been reserved so far. Money will be collected from members no later than December 1st. There is a 3 night minimum for the rooms. The Fire Co. will pick up one of the nights. George Forgea also reports from a Commissioner standpoint that there will be a special commissioner's meeting this Sunday to review the new specs for the truck, so they can go out to bid.

Golf Outing- The date of this fundraiser is September 14th. Albany RV is our event sponsor. They forwarded us a check for \$1750.00. Ed Wallace should be all set to continue his role with the food for the Steak Bake. Many hands are needed for this annual event. M. Benson Sr. reports that \$2,500.00 was forwarded to the Treasurer already.

Explorer Post 11- K. Miller reports that Tom Kennedy is doing a great job with the Explorer Post.

Publicity- The next article published will include the EGFD Scholarship awardees.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGE IN STATUS

Mark Siegal submitted a letter to the President and company stating that he will be unavailable for active service as he is leaving for the military. This is in regards to his additional education requirements with Norwich University-U.S. Marines. George Forgea makes a motion to accept his change to Military Status, Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Bob Falls Jr. submitted a letter to change his status from social to active membership. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept, Elwin Michael seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Clark informs the members that he is involved with the United Methodist Church as a volunteer in the Volunteer Mission Program. He and other members have been involved with rehabilitating house in the city of Rensselaer from the recent floods. If anyone is interested see Andy Clark for more details.

Mike Memole informs the members that on a recent Saturday night the medical alarm upstairs activated. No one had called here to verify. They (dispatch) are supposed to call to verify when the alarm activates.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tom Whittemore informs the members that the John Harvey is coming back up the Hudson River. The tugboat rally is in Waterford next month.

Ed McCabe advises the members that his son, Craig, is not in re-hab in California. He is in California for his full time job.

Bob Lehmann informs all the members that he has the EGFD Polo Shirts and shorts that were ordered last month.

RP Smith comments on the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Rensselaer. Members of the organization have lost many things including their homes due to the severe floods in Rensselaer. RP Smith makes a motion we donate \$200.00 to assist. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Town Clerk Linda Kennedy submitted a letter to the company inquiring about the use of the Park Station for the elections on September 9th and November 4th. In her letter on the bottom she notes that "The North Station is no longer a polling place." Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the request. Rick Williams seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Community service workers (convicts) need to do some cleaning at the various stations.

M. Benson Sr. informs the Vice President that the Aquaducks was a great time, and looking forward to next year. The VP advises the members that the President is definitely planning on doing this event next year with two boats again.

Food next month is the Commissioners and Chiefs for the annual Steak Bake beginning at 6pm at the Pavilion.

Bruce Cushine wins the 50/50.

George Forgea makes a motion to adjourn, Mike Forgea seconds the motion and the meeting is terminated at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary/Capt.