



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 16, 2008**

The September meeting was called to order 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. President Lavin thanked the Commissioners and Chiefs for providing a wonderful steak dinner prior to the meeting. Commissioner George Forgea thanked the firefighters and other members for their hard work and commitment. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the August meeting minutes, Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the minutes are accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary N. Baker reports there were fifty six (56) checks written in the month of August. Nine (9) checks were written for over \$500.00. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. D. Cook inquired about the check written to Mike Stafford. President Lavin advises the check is for Mike Stafford's commission.

MONTHLY VISA REPORT

President P. Lavin reports the previous balance of \$4,532.88 was paid, however on August 10th there was a late fee of \$39.00 assessed. The new balance for this month is \$2,777.47. Several of the items purchased this month were for the main fraternal event, which was the Albany Aqua Ducks. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total expenses for the month were \$34,347.69. The net income for the month is \$25,319.92. The total income for the month is

\$9,027.77. R.P. Smith makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Jr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Clark Roehr Jr. reports all apparatus at this time is in service and good working condition. The 800mhz radio re-banding is still in the works across the county. Our agency is still waiting to hear back from Rensselaer County Public Safety as to when they will be working on our 800mhz radios. There were **28** calls in the month of August, the total calls year to date is **238**. On September 19th-21st there is a leadership conference in Verona that is being presented by NYS Fire Chief's Association. During the aforementioned weekend there is also a Train the Trainer seminar in Liverpool, NY. There is a Firefighter 1 class starting September 10th in Schodack Valley, Firefighter 2 class starting September 9th at our firehouse, an ICS 300 class will be starting September 10th in Schodack Valley and also the same class will be offered in Albany County October 21st-23rd. Fire Officer 1 will be starting September 17th in Speigletown. An OSHA compliance workshop is scheduled for October 6th. The FASNY leadership conference this year is November 15th in North Syracuse. Theft is still an on-going problem lately, and it needs to stop! The annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial will take place on October 7th in the city of Albany. There will be more to follow in regards to an apparatus assignment, whether or not Truck 11 will be needed. On Sunday October 5th Rensselaer County Public Safety will be conducting their annual memorial service at HVCC. Anyone interested in attending any of the events let your Station Chief know. Chief Roehr also thanked the members for their condolences with the recent passing of his father-in-law.

Car 4 (Chris Dick) reports that state budget cut backs may not allow us to have some of the current state classes, the Chiefs office encourages members to take the classes if they are available. During the golf outing the diesel fuel tank at the Park Station was leaking, John Ray completed the repairs, and a new handle was installed. The "Gear Thief" has struck again and has once again stole items from turnout gear. Assistant Chief Dick reminds the officers and members to make sure all EMS equipment is clean and ready to be used at any time.

Foreman- R.P. Smith reports that Engine 7 is still missing a portable pump. Mike Memole suggests Foreman Smith to check Engine 3.

Safety Officers/Quartermaster- T. Whittemore reports B-Lann will be testing all of the air packs during the next week. This testing is in regards to air flow with the regulators.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President P. Lavin reports the total profit for the month of August is \$2,092.00. The total revenue year to date is \$46,073.23. The total revenue year to date for the Banquet Hall bar is \$5,486.17. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Dick seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Dennis Kennedy reports the total expenses for the September 13th Pizza night were \$2,134.50. The total income is \$3,079.35. The total profit is \$944.85. The next Pizza Night is October 11th. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports the total income for the 2008 Golf Outing is \$27,521.00; the total expenses for the month were \$16,020.00. The total profit for the 2008 Golf Outing is **\$11,501.00**. This is the largest profit ever for this event. Co-Chairman/ T. Boel and M. Benson Sr. commend all the members for their hard work at the Golf Outing, and at the Pavilion providing the meals for the golfers. This event could not be done without the hard work put in by our members. Chris Dick makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Chesser seconds the motion, a comical Bob Lehmann opposes the report, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Buildings- Main Station- R.P. Smith reports that there are tables and chairs missing from the Main Station. Chief Roehr advises that the chairs and tables will be returned. R.P. Smith also advises members to wash their cars outside due to the problem with the drain inside the Main Station; the drain on occasion has a tendency not to drain correctly. At HQ Rick Williams reports the large screen TV in the members lounge has been repaired. There was a problem with the picture and cable, Mike Memole contacted Time Warner and the problem was rectified. The small mounted LCD television is out of service, unsure what the problem is. Tim Boel advises the President to forward him the TV, and that Don Simpson from Lake Electronics can take a look at the TV, he can fix it if it can be, and if not he will advise further.

EGFD Website- There is still several photos to view before they are posted on the web. The committee is trying to post the most recent pictures from our events such as recent fire calls and fraternal events.

Annual Dinner- C. Dick reports in past years we have had a relationship with Valley Stream Fire Dept. and they may be back this year to attend our annual dinner as they have in prior years. A handful of members from Queensbury Central may attend also. The date for this event is Friday December 12th.

Life Members Day- Bob Lehmann reports for out of town Pete Lehmann that Life Members Day was another huge success. There were 72 of 88 Life Members that attended the event.

Explorers- Kathy Miller reports Tom Kennedy is doing a great job with the group of young teens. A couple more members may be joining soon. They have attended a couple of our Company drills and had some real hands on training.

Constitution and By-Laws- Change submissions are due at the October meeting.

Fund Drive-Chris Lavin report the annual lick 'em n stick 'em detail will occur at our October meeting.

Chicken BBQ- The event is postponed and due to the Golf Outing income.

Pancake Breakfast- November 16th. Kevin Hitchcock advises that if anyone is interested to be chairman of the event after this event, let him or the President know. Bruce Cushine may volunteer.

Building Security- The President and D.A. Cook report the key fob system is being installed. Security Supply is the company conducting the work. Next week the system may be turned on. All the doors will be re-keyed. All of the doors for the main attractions in the building will be fobbed such as the members lounge, district storage, and bay doors. After discussion T. Boel mentions that this key fobbing system will work tremendously for everyone. Let the fobs get installed and the committee to evaluate further in the future. J. Morgan inquires about the key fobbing system. Committee chairs advise the reader system will eventually tie into the points system, and therefore eventually eliminate the paper trail of points sheets.

Comedy Night- VP J. Tooker reports the next Comedy Night will possibly be in February or March 2009.

Softball Team- Back again to win some more games next year.

Fitness Room- The roof is leaking in the area of the fitness room. Further examination and report to follow. Bruce Cushine inquires about new leg press plates, possibly purchasing some new ones?

Technology Committee- The change over for the new system may take place next week. The computer room in the training room does not work. Clark Roehr makes a motion to purchase new computer not to exceed \$1,000.00. Tim Boel seconds the motion, but also states to the membership, who is responsible for training? The District. After a hand count by the President the computer will not be purchased by the Fire Company. M. Benson Sr. suggests the President talk to Chief Roehr as the District is responsible for training as previously mentioned by T. Boel.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are two proposals for active membership- Glen Cook and David Reed. Mr. Cook has been an Explorer for the past several years. Mr. Reed looking to join the Fire Police Squad. Brendan Morgan also applied for membership with the Explorer Post.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept Glen Cook as an active firefighter. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and Glen Cook is the newest active firefighter of the Fire Co. Glen was sworn in by President Lavin. Brendan Morgan was accepted by Chris Linck and Dennis Kennedy seconded the motion.

Anthony Pluh's 6 month review term is up. Tim Boel makes motion to make him a full fledge member. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion.

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The President and Mike Stafford received a quote from MJK Painting for \$725.00 to repair the wall in the Banquet Hall. This indentation has been there for over a year. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the quote from MJK Painting and complete the work. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried. A quote of \$160.00 was also received from MJK Painting to repair the floor in the Banquet Hall. Mike Memole inquired about the hole in the wall in the ladies room near the Banquet Hall. Clark Roehr makes a motion to accept the bid from L. Browe paving for the paving project at the Park Station. The project to be completed is to remove the weeds and

mulch and blacktop along the building in that area. The quote received from L. Browe was for \$2,100.00. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

R.P. Smith inquires from the Treasurer about the funds in the account for the Main Station. The alarm system at the Main Station needs to be updated, if the money is there, R.P. feels the system should be updated. This is to replace the dialer and the wiring for the system. R.P. makes a motion not to exceed \$1,300.00. Clark Roehr opposes the motion. Clark mentions why not repair the alarm system at the North Station too. T. Boel advises that he talked to a repair technician and advised him there was a problem and it should be fixed.

Chuck Alger makes a motion to make Ed McCabe a life member. Dan White seconds the motion. Ed joined in June of 1981. He was a social member for a few years. Tom Chesser inquires on his membership term as an active member. President Lavin checked the records. Jim Cartwright advises that for other members we waived the "non-active" years in the past. T. Boel clarifies the members that we had voted in during previous years. The motion is carried Ed McCabe is the newest Life Member of the E. Greenbush Fire Co.

Andrew Clark advises any members that have any time and would like to help with re-building of homes in the city of Rensselaer is urged to assist. One house has been worked and re-habbed on a couple of weekends, and the house is already 60% complete. Many of the volunteers assisting are from Andy's church, United Methodist.

Bob Lehmann advises the membership Pub Ed week is October 5th- October 11th. There are several school programs established and a couple of weekend events. All the information is posted on our website, and there will be an email going out soon. Dennis Kennedy would like to see Sparky at our Pizza Night event on Saturday, October 11th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Lavin encourages all members to check the events calendar on the website. The Captain JP cruise is TBA.

President Lavin thanks Jeanie Mastin and Don Gifford for their checks of \$750.00 each from their full time employer, Verizon for their volunteer service to the community.

Chiefs letters need to be submitted by the November meeting (November 18th).

Mike Benson Sr. announces that he has extra golf towels from the golf outing if any members want them. See Mike Sr. if you collect them.

D.A. Cook mentions that the Cell Phone Tower project is still a work in progress. Last he knew the plans were with the town board, nothing further on this project. David Cook also mentions to the membership that bids were received for the new truck from KME, E-One, HME, and Toyne.

Food next month is **Engine 6.**

Nick Ramirez wins the 50/50. (\$45.00)

R.P. Smith makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion, all members in favor, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Capt.