



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY  
OCTOBER COMPANY MEETING  
October 21, 2008**

President Pete Lavin called the October meeting to order at 7:04pm. President Lavin reminds the members that the bar is open for wine and soda. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the September meeting, Craig McCabe seconds the motion, and the minutes are accepted. There was a special meeting last night (October 21<sup>st</sup>) which was an Executive Board Meeting, which the President will comment on later during this meeting.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Secretary N. Baker reports there were 42 checks were written for the month of September. Ten (10) checks were written for over \$500.00. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

**MONTHLY VISA REPORT**

President Lavin reports that the credit card was put to good use the past month or so. Many of the purchases made were for our Life Member's Day and our largest fund raiser which was the Golf Outing. The new balance due is \$6,300.06. The previous balance of \$2,777.47 was paid in full and received on 9/2/08. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Linck 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 September is \$28,915.88. The total expenses for September were \$35,369.67. The net income for the

month is \$6,453.79. Dan Speed makes a motion to the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Clark Roehr Jr. reports the department answered 27 calls for the month of September. Our total calls year to date is 265. Chief Roehr reports that there are several training classes and seminars in the next few weeks. There are packets at the firehouses that lists the upcoming training classes and seminars. ICS 300 class will be offered on Saturdays in Albany County November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chief commended Chris Lavin and Mike Prestipino on completing their Train the Trainers training class regarding extrication. The class they attended was in North Syracuse. Chief Roehr reports the 800mhz radio re-banding is still a work in progress. He hasn't had any feedback from Rensselaer County 911 yet. Fallen Firefighters Memorial was attended by T-11 with Joe Winicki and Dave Delessandro. The Chief also thanked Greg Forgea and the other members that went to HANYS for Rensselaer County HAZMAT Training. The crew assisted with filling tankers for the training class. On November 5, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> there is a fire investigation class at the fire academy in Montour Falls.

Car 2 (Eddy D) thanks the members for responding to calls over the past month of so. Engine 6 has new tires and the gas detector on Truck 11 is now back in service.

Car 4 (C.Dick) reports the Foam Pro on Engine 9 experienced some technical difficulties. After working out the problem the following Thursday night with the officers on the truck it was determined there was a problem with the actuators. Assistant Chief Dick recommends running foam through the trucks on a more regular basis.

Captains- Bob Lehmann commented on the Pub Ed program. Most of the school programs have been completed. Captain Lehmann thanked everyone for their hard work especially with the school programs.

Foreman- R.P. Smith reminds the members to make sure you wash system completely before switching from Class A to Class B foam. When using the cutters on Engine 7 use them properly please.

Ladies Auxilary- President Kathy Schmidt presents a check to Fire Company for \$600.00 to cover cost of curtains at the Pavilion. Thanks ladies.

Firefighters- Mike Prestipino conducted a presentation on extrication training he and C. Lavin attended in Liverpool(near Syracuse). This was a power point presentation. Great job Mike and Chris.

### **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Pete Lavin reports the total revenue for the month of October is \$3,220.40. The total expenses for the month were \$1,282.00. The total profit for the month is \$1,938.40. The total profit year to date for the banquet hall is \$49,293.63. The total year to date for the banquet hall bar is \$5,622.17. The President was advised by Banquet Hall manager Mike Stafford that there are events already being booked for the summer of 2009. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Jr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pizza Night- Chairman Dennis Kennedy reports the total income for the October Pizza Night is \$3000.00. The total expenses for the event were \$2,284.72. The total profit for the Pizza Night is \$415.28. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

Executive Board- Special Meeting Minutes were discussed by President Lavin. The meeting was held to address the key fob system. Everyone will have access to the kitchen, day room, banquet hall. These are member privileges. Fobs will be distributed before November 3rd. The system is planned to be activated on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the keys will be obsolete. There will be 2 “oh crap” or “uh oh” keys. President and Chief will have the oh crap keys. The system has every member’s name. This is basically a tracking system. Use it wisely. Tom Chesser is the company liason. Tom is the go to guy with the key fobs. The letter was read from David P. Cook that was addressed to the President. Basically the letter was asking the President if the company would pay for \$1,400.00 which is the cost of 1 door to be fobbed. They added the two doors, so they had to add an additional power supply. The power supply is already there to fob our other doors downstairs. The Exec Board voted on the request to pay. There was an issue in the design but its being addressed now. There was some confusion but things have been worked out nicely now. Nelson Willams makes a motion to accept and pay the \$1,400.00. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The President will come back with a quote

next month about fobbing the other doors. All members were in favor and the motion is carried. Craig McCabe inquires about the points system being tied into the key fobs. President Lavin says we will cross that path when we get there.

Membership- Pay your dues. Members must be in good standing to vote during the upcoming company elections.

Constitution and By Laws-no changes, no report.

Red Vest- November 2<sup>nd</sup> we are hosting the Red Vest meeting. The meeting is at 2:00pm.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion for \$500.00 which would be monies for the festivities.

Craig McCabe seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Past Chief Lehmann advises the membership that we have the largest amount of Red Vest members. There are about 18 or 19 members in our department that are Red Vests. We have a young core of Red Vest members which include Bob Lehmann, Greg Forgea, Craig McCabe, Pete Lavin, and Mike Benson Jr.

Nominating Committee- President P. Lavin appointed three chairmen Chris Lavin-Main, North-Pete Lehmann, Park-Dave Chesnut.

North Station- blacktop has been completed. George Forgea thanks company for the flowers. 18 rooms left for Lake George Convention.

Pavilion- closed for the season.

Bell Jar-M. Benson Sr. wishes to discontinue. Jeff Tooker appointed chairman by President Lavin.

Explorers- Tom Kennedy reports that the group of kids are great, very eager to learn and help the department in any way. Currently at this meeting they are downstairs having an organizational meeting. The Explorers have new shirts and they are looking professional.

Ways and Means-Comedy Night- late February or first weekend in March.

Fund Drive-5,416 pieces of mail will be outgoing to the EG Post Office reports Chris Lavin.

Grants-Solar Energy Grant-outfit one or more buildings with solar energy.

Pancake Breakfast- looking to push it back again. More to follow per Kevin Hitchcock.

## **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

David Reed Jr.-23 Clover Ave. Fire Police. Employed by Century 21. Pete Lehmann makes motion to accept, Craig McCabe seconds the motion. Tom Kennedy inquires about disability. Craig McCabe comments on his disability. David was a member of James Hill Hook and Ladder. He has the capacity to perform his duties and has done a successful job in Rensselaer. All members were in favor, David was voted in and he will be joining the Fire Police Squad.

Membership change in status regarding Richard Coleman. He has resigned. Motion by Chris Cargain to accept the resignation. Craig McCabe seconds the motion and the resignation of Richard Coleman is effective immediately.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The blacktop project was completed yesterday. Weeds were dug out by the President, Mike Stafford, and Dave Chesnut. The stone was provided by the town. Mike Memole inquires about the TV at the member's lounge bar downstairs. The tv is still at Lake Electronics. Target was going to give a donation toward a new tv. There will be more to follow next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Lavin advises the Committee Chairmen to see him after the meeting if you still have money in your budgets.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Check the Events Calendar-November 3<sup>rd</sup>-key fobs, December 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party, January 17<sup>th</sup> is the Installation Dinner. Chiefs letters are due at the November meeting.

The Kubota tractor has been paid off and paid in full. The President commends Paul Benson and Nancy Baker for a great job with making the payments in a timely and efficient manner.

Kristina Jenkins-donation for her college bowling team-Craig McCabe makes a motion we donate \$50.00. Ed Wallace suggests \$200.00, the motion is seconded by Bob Crain, and Craig McCabe amends his motion. The motion is carried with an opposition from Dennis Kennedy.

St. David's Church is looking to erect a sign on 9&20 for their Church on Brookview Road. The sign would be 30"x24" on a metal pole. They would have to check about codes in the town regarding that sign. R.P. Smith fills in the members about the history of the sign. After a hand count 20-10 the motion is denied.

The Emanuel Church is looking to erect an aluminum chloroplast sign, v-shaped sign 4 feet by 24"x36". The sign would be on the north side of the Park Station. \$17,280.00 we receive in income from them for rental of our banquet hall. Motion to accept from Craig McCabe, Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. Pete Lehmann points out that we are a non-profit organization. There is a separation with church and state. Mike Benson Sr. echoes similar thoughts. The motion is denied. All members were in favor. Chris Linck makes a motion to put a temporary sign on the Saturday before their Sunday service. The motion is carried.

Mike Memole inquires about the weight-room universal system, possibly updating the one that we currently have.

Chris Linck reports the new portable 800mhz radios should be received soon from Rensselaer County 911.

Tom Kennedy discusses about a company fund-raiser by having James Johanas speak. He is a 9/11 fireman for Ladder 6.

Tom Kennedy conducted a presentation on fire hydrants via his laptop. Global Information Systems on fire hydrants. This could lead to future technology in Chiefs vehicles and fire trucks. Much of this could/can be done through future engineering projects. Ed Di'Martino comments that we are moving in the right direction for the future.

Food Next month is Engine 7.

50/50 winner is Brian Morgan.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn. Craig McCabe seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.