



## **JANUARY 2009 MONTHLY MEETING**

**JANUARY 20, 2009**

The January 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence, and roll call were completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the December 2008 meeting minutes as posted. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the motion is carried. There was an Executive Board meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the 2009 budget will be presented later on during this meeting. Tom Chesser questions the President on his calling of the Executive Board meeting, therefore stating that what occurred there should be null in void.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Secretary N.Baker reports there were 73 checks written for the last month last year. Nineteen of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the report, Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for December 2008 is \$13,976.31. The total expenses for the month were \$47,147.06. The net income is \$33,170.75. The total current assets as of December 31, 2008 are \$141,131.28. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Lavin reports the previous balance of \$647.66 was paid in full and received by the credit card company on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$3,108.69. The large purchases for this new bill are from the Annual Dinner purchases. Elwin Michel makes a motion to accept the report, Chuck Alger seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Clark Roehr reports all interior firefighters need to be fit tested during this meeting. Tom Whittemore has set up a fit test schedule for those that cannot get fitted in tonight. The department responded to 136 calls in December, and answered 454 calls for the year 2008. Mike Prestipino is the training officer for the department. There are new SOG's which address driving violations, Chief's qualifications, and District Chief's vehicle usage. The SOG's were distributed by Assistant Chief Di'Martino. District physicals will occur on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> at Community Care Physicians at 81 Miller Road in Schodack Center. Any members 40 years old or greater must have a physical completed every year. Any members regardless of age must have a physical every year. Any members less than 40 years old that are not drivers must have a physical completed every other year. The new safety vests are in, and will be distributed soon to the Captains so they can place them on their trucks. Each seat on the apparatus shall have a vest. The Chiefs will be having a meeting with the staff at Branson Manor very soon to address the alarm problem. Kathy Schmidt, David Cook, Ed Wallace, Tom White, Tom Gullo, Bill Sigsby, Bob Falls Sr., Greg Forgea, George Forgea, and Ed DiMartino received their certificates for completing the NYS Fire Police Class.

Car 2- Ed Di'Martino reports on the call at 99 Miller Road which was the Comfort Inn call on Sunday. A sprinkler pipe froze and cracked along with a 7" line elbow that cracked. When the water was turned on again the bathroom pipe broke in room 200. Comfort Inn is partially open now. The damage is estimated at approximately \$300,000.00. Engine 7 and Engine 6 will be going out this week for service to have their new parts installed. These parts had been on back order.

## **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Lavin reports the total revenue for the month of December was \$5,973.00. The total expenses for the month were \$1034.00. The total profit is \$4,939.00. The total profit for the year of 2008 is \$66,515.51. The total profit for the year 2008 is \$9,660.25. President Lavin thanked Mike Stafford and his staff for all their hard work throughout the year. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Membership Secretary Report-Several members had their names read by the President for those members not attaining 50 points through the year 2008. Tom Kennedy accepts the report. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion.

Pizza Night- Dennis Kennedy reports the total income for the December 2008 Pizza night is \$3,026.00. The total expenses for the month were \$1,887.95. The total profit is \$1138.05; however the full profit is \$838.05 due to the less bank of \$300.00. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Jr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Installation Dinner 2009- President Pete Lavin thanks the members for their attendance at the annual extravaganza. Paul Benson, David A Cook, R.P. Smith, Bob Falls Sr., Jim Cartwright, Bill Sigsby, and Don Gifford were sworn in at this meeting being that they did not attend the dinner.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Matt Sullivan submitted his application for active membership. Matt resides at the Greenbush Station Apartments located at 737 Columbia Turnpike. He has submitted his \$10.00.

### **CHANGE IN STATUS & 6 MONTH REVIEW**

Jim Tooker, Steve Carknard, and Dan Farley all wish to become active members once again. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept them as active members, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and all three are back on the active roles.

Joe Winicki is at his 6 month review with this department. Chief Roehr makes a motion to have Joe removed from the 6 month probation status, and Joe is now a fully fledged firefighter. He has completed his necessary training and has been active since he joined. Kathy Miller seconds the Chief's motion. The motion is accepted by the membership.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Lavin reports the key fob system has been completed. George Forgea reports there are 8 rooms left for Lake George. The Red Caps band has been secured along with the food for the events. This could be the last convention as there are no immediate hosts for the upcoming years. Tom Kennedy reports the Explorer's are having a fundraiser. Jay Jonas (FDNY) is the guest speaker at Columbia High School on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Tom Kennedy has flyers. The President inquires to the Chief if the District

will be paying for the members? That's the drill for the night and it should not be a problem as per the Chief.

Clark Roehr reports that at the banquet Ed McCabe was awarded Officer of the Year. Marty Miller and Tim Tordoff were awarded Firefighters of the Year. Tim was did not attend the dinner, but at this meeting his plaque was presented to him at the dinner. Marty Miller and Tim Tordoff conducted CPR and resuscitated their victims. Congratulations to all!

Nelson Williams presented the 2009 budget. Tom Chesser inquires about the Fraternal Line Item for 2009, and the Fraternal other section line item. Mike Memole inquires about the district rent. George Forgea inquires about Station/property improvements. RP Smith inquires about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund, maintenance reserve, tractor, electric and gas(consortium), Dave Cook inquires about property improvements for the stations-Why are they not all the same? David also inquires if the house committees were queried. Tom Chesser inquires about Convention Activity/other. Professional services for attorney fees for the roof if necessary. Mike Benson Sr., fundraising income for pancake breakfast, Kevin Hitchcock inquires as to why the company has not put a match to the Main station monies. The President answered each question and explained why things are aligned the way they are in the budget.

Tim Boel makes a motion to take the money out of maintenance reserve and put it equally to the other houses. Kevin Hitchcock seconds the motion.

Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the 2009 budget. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. Tom Chesser votes in the nay.

Mike Stafford talked to Judy Polsinello for 5 minutes, and the Polsinello was here within 20 minutes to address the heating issue. There should now be heat in the radio room and the radio room soon.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Lavin reports the donation letters will be going out soon to our snow plow operators. President Lavin also reports that the 1099's will be distributed soon. Bob Lehmann only has four winter hats left. Mike Prestipino informs the members that the drill schedules will be posted at the firehouses. Frank Jenkins inquires about the 55 gallon drums in the large truck bay at the Park Station. The Chief informs Frank and the members that it is training foam.

George Forgea makes a motion we sponsor a billboard for \$250 for the East Greenbush Castleton Little League. Mark Benson seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Tim Boel makes a motion we sponsor a half page ad for \$85.00 for the HVFFA. Craig McCabe seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Clark Roehr makes a motion we sponsor a full page ad for the Lake George Fire Convention Ad book. Dave Reed seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Greg Forgea inquires about how long the recruitment banners have to stay up for. Many of them are torn and are in poor condition. The Probationary Review Board is scheduled to meet next month. Food next month will be provided by Truck 11. The 50/50 winner is Jim Cartright. Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn, Pete Lehmann seconds, and all members are in favor. The meeting concluded at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain