



East Greenbush Fire Company

March Meeting, March 17, 2009

The March 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Dan Speed seconds the motion, and the minutes are accepted as posted. Mark Benson opposes the minutes.

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

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 53 checks written in the month of February. Eleven of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Tracy Britt makes a motion to accept the report, Clark Roehr seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

#### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Lavin reports the previous balance of \$2,010.58 was paid in full. The new balance is \$422.81. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams 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 February is \$225,525.07. The total expenses for the month of February were \$32,857.93. The net income for the month is \$192,667.14. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Kennedy seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Clark Roehr reports the total calls for the month of February were 29. The total calls year to date is 66. On February 18<sup>th</sup> the Chief's met with the alarm company for Branson Manor, and they also met with management from the facility. The Chief's also met with the residents for a Q&A session. The alarms are a work in progress, and the amount of alarm activations have slowed down. The wireless Fire Comm system is currently on Engine 8 for two weeks, and then the wireless system will be on Engine 7. Each truck will utilize the wireless system for two weeks. This is for testing purposes only at this time. The Jay Jonas guest speaker fund-raiser was a success for our Explorer Post. There were 70 of our members in attendance. There is a Fire Police Convention and Seminar in Syracuse from April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>. NYS Fire Chief's Association Annual Conference and Expo is June 11<sup>th</sup>-June 13<sup>th</sup> @ Turning Stone Resort in Verona. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the NYS Fire Chief's Association will be hosting an Electrical Services seminar at our station. Representatives from the Bruen Rescue Squad and Castleton Ambulance were present at the last Commissioners meeting. Both agencies expressed "what a pleasure it is working with the East Greenbush Fire Department." Chief Roehr commends the membership for their great work. Any members that would be interested in working on a committee that would give the Chief's Office a recommendation for rehabbing (corrosion issues), or replacing Truck 11 is urged to let the Chief know within the next few weeks. The Chief received an email that was passed onto the membership regarding a new way for subjects to commit suicide. The Chief informed the members of the CDL Memo that basically states if there is a CDL driver available to drive the truck for a call, that member should drive the truck. Chief Roehr read the SOG's regarding seatbelts in District vehicles. Bob Falls Sr. will be having triple heart by-pass surgery. Clark read the SOG's on seatbelts in district vehicles. Chief Roehr read a summary of Eddie's incident back in February, and gave a current update to the fire company. Clark thanks the members for their incredible support with Eddy and his family. The Comedy Night fundraiser was a huge success.

Lieutenants- meet with Bruce Cushine after this meeting. Greg Forgea advises the members not to be surprised if you see a portable extrication tool on a Bruen ambulance. Mikey P. informs the members that single company drill in April will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Captains drill will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Lavin reports the total revenue for the month of February was \$2,648.80. The total expenses for were \$1,132.75. The total profit for the month of February is \$1,516.05. The Banquet Hall bar profit is \$393.50. Rick Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Dave Reed seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pizza Night- P. Lavin reports the total expenses for the event were \$1,789.28. The total income for the evening is \$3,210.20. The total profit for the event was \$1420.92. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Comedy Night- Chris Dick commented on the great job that was completed by the members that assisted in the Eddie D fund-raiser. Ricky Williams commented and commended Clark, Chris Dick, and his wife for a great job of organizing the event The Eddie D fund-raiser was established in only about a week and a half. The comedians were paid by funds through the Chief's account. The Chief's account was then reimbursed. Ricky Williams makes a motion we donate the \$1,200.00 that's back in the account, back to Eddie and his family. Clark Roehr seconds the motion, and the motion was carried.

Park Station-The roof at HQ- The roofing company that came and repaired the roof originally did not take photos and submit them to Genflex. They will be back to take photos and submit them. No further leaks and the ceiling tiles have been picked up from Lowe's by the President. It does not sound as though litigation is necessary at this time. The goal is to get a new roof is because it's under warranty through 2012. Ricky Williams reports that he met with Polsinello and a couple of belts were messed up, they fixed those and things are all set. Per this meeting the heat is okay and sufficient. Bruce inquires about a pitched roof or different form of a roof (tin roof, shingle pitched roof) as opposed to what we have now. Nancy Fitzgerald reports that part of the economic stimulus program is new construction, and renovation of firehouses. Nancy Fitzgerald has been in contact with Chuck Schumer's senior staffer. Ricky also reports that one of the urinals is broken, and out of service. The urinal was leaking down into the President/Chief's office.

Convention Committee- George Forgea reports there are still 10 rooms left. George is trying to eliminate the 3 night minimum with the hotel. The Mardi-Gras parade theme this year will be changed to Christmas in June. If anyone wants to get on the committee see George or the President.

Workout Room- Bruce spent 6 hours cleaning up the weight room on a Saturday, it looks great.

Softball Team- There is a League meeting Thursday night. Bob inquires about having 15 players. Pete Lavin informs the membership that we will be fielding a team.

Website- There are several photos on there from the past couple of events. Any questionable photos will be on the member's only section of the website under the What's New portion.

Explorer Post 11- Tom Kennedy reports that 70 of our own members attended. A report was submitted to the President. Elwin Michel makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Gullo seconds the motion.

Membership- Glen Cook is up for his 6 month review. Clark reports Glen is doing fine, and he has completed his training. George Forgea makes motion to accept, Joe Winicki seconds the motion.

Membership dues- dues are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chief is inquiring about hosting a Boater Safety class on either May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 30<sup>th</sup>, which is a Saturday. Clark makes motion to have it at the Main Station. Dan Speed seconds the motion.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

St. Patrick's Day parade was a great time. We have already been invited for the 2010 parade. A donation was received for \$25.00 from a downstate firefighter whom passed away. He has family that resides on Thompson Hill Road, and he wanted to donate the money to a local fire department near his family. Tom Kennedy makes motion to file the American Legion

Rider's Club donation, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion to throw out the publication. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to allow Stephanie Hay to put a boot at our Fish Fry Nights, and if \$100 is raised, we get a sign at the Relay for Life walk. Dan White seconds the motion. Clark Roehr makes a motion that we give Rob Yeates his life membership status. Dan Farley seconds. Rob Yeates is newest member. For those that don't know Rob and his family are moving to California due to work reasons. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion not to sponsor a flag for the Holy Spirit golf outing. Holy Spirit has stiffed us before at our own outing. Rick Williams seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Food for the April meeting is Engine 7.

50/50 winner is Dan Speed.

Tom Gullo makes a motion to adjourn, Bob Lehmann seconds the motion. The meeting is terminated at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain