



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

July Meeting

July 21, 2009

The July meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were completed. Clark Roehr makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from last month. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the minutes are accepted. President Lavin informs the members that the Review Board meeting had to be re-scheduled, and a report will follow next month.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary Nancy Baker reports there 67 checks written during the month of June. Twelve of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Lavin reports the previous balance of \$2,573.23 was paid in full. The new balance is \$3,645.77. Many of the purchases made with the company card were for the HVVFA parade. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Paul Benson was absent from this meeting. President Lavin reports the total income for the month of June is \$28,064.38. The total expenses for the month were \$51,259.93. Our total

assets are \$241,212.99. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Clark Roehr reports there were 36 calls for the month of June. The total calls year to date are 172. There will be an EMT original and recertification class On August 26th at the Schodack Town Hall. There will also be an EMT original course on August 31st at RPI. Engine 9 is back from body repairs. The knox box issue with Engine 8 appears to be rectified. The problem appears to be the new base at the Main Station. Wells was called and the base has been repaired. The hose bed covers for Engine 7 and Engine 9 have been installed. The annual flow test for the air packs has been rescheduled for August due to an issue with the regulators. There may be a siren at the North Station. Michels Contracting has advised the Chief that they can place the siren on the pole once the pole is erected. They have also offered to set the pole in the ground. The new Chevy Tahoes were placed in service on July 1st. The 2000 Expedition is a utility vehicle for right now. Do not use the vehicle without permission. Chief Roehr thanked Captains M. Benson Jr., B. Lehmann, and T. Chesser for assisting while Cars 3 and 4 were away on vacation. Chief Roehr also commended Captain M. Benson Jr. for an excellent job at the YMCA call. Chief Roehr commended all the members for a great job at the HVVFA parade in Lake George, and also for a job well done at the Hudson Mohawk parade in Mechanicville. The Chief also thanked George Forgea, his family, and the committee members for an excellent job at another unbelievable convention.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Dick and David A Cook are going to be working with Branson Manor in regards to all of the Signal 10's. There have been 28 calls at Branson Manor in a 7 month period. Only one of the calls has been a signal 20. Assistant Chief Dick is looking for one other member to assist him and David. Captain Bob Lehmann has volunteered.

Safety Officers- Tom Whittemore informs the members about the annual flow test and about the air pack regulator changes. When doing the inspections or testing the packs, make sure the regulator is out of the holder when doing the testing.

Ladies Auxiliary- The Auxiliary will be providing food after next month's meeting.

Rescue 11 Report- David A. Cook reports the new truck is in Clifton Park at VRS. The new truck should be at our station next week.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Lavin reports the total revenue for the month of June is \$6,315.28. The total expenses for the month were \$2,134.00. The total profit for the month of June is \$4,181.28. The year to date revenue is \$24,322.28. The total profit year to date for the Banquet Hall bar is \$4,572.00. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report, Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Membership Secretary- There are several members that owe their dues. See the President or contact Nancy Fitzgerald via email.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Grants- The Recruitment/Retention banners are in.

Buildings> North Station- George Forgea reports the roof is still leaking, the paint is still falling off of the building. The beer has not been stolen in the past few weeks. Park Station- The fire alarm system apparently has not been in order since the lightening strike that destroyed our entire phone system. However, as of this meeting the President confirms the fire alarm system is in working order. There was also another problem with the roof. The problem appears to have been from the rain. There was a significant amount of saturation of water in the drip pan. The water then flowed into the air vents, and subsequently rolled into the banquet hall. There is also now a damaged wall. One quote was received to repair the wall. The price is \$1,400.00. There was discussion about how to possibly take care of the damaged wall in the banquet room. Tim Boel makes a motion not to exceed \$1500.00 for the President to get the wall fixed. There are two breaks in the wall, \$700.00 per break. The other issue at the Park Station is one of the compressors. Three days after our company meeting last month another compressor failed. President Lavin makes a motion that the \$3,200.00 for the compressor be taken out of maintenance reserve. The compressor was ordered at the end of last week. The ice machine is fixed it needed a new part which cost \$200.00. T. Boel reports the new company sign will be up before the end of the summer, hopefully within the next three weeks.

Convention Activities-George Forgea reports that the HVVFA convention was a huge success. The staff at the hotel was very satisfied with our behavior. They are looking forward to us being there again in 2010. George has reserved 44 rooms for next year. He should be receiving the contract in the next few weeks. The Hudson Mohawk parade was attended by approximately 15 members. A light gathering occurred after the parade at Stafford's. At the HVVFA the fire company received a 4th place trophy in the dress parade, a first place trophy in the mardi-gras parade, and another trophy was received at the mardi-gras parade for most in line (approximately 70 people).

Website- Several pictures have been added to the website. Many of our members have facebook accounts, so it makes it easier to add them onto our website. Keep all the pictures coming!

Annual Dinner- The annual event will be December 11th. Chris Dick is looking into the entertainment.

Life Member's Day- The date is September 20th. All the food and gifts are taken care of. Pete Lehmann is hoping to have another prestigious crowd of life members.

Golf Outing- The date is September 13th. Tim Boel reports that nine teams are already registered. Our profit last year was \$11,501.00. Tim Boel and Mike Benson Sr. are hoping to exceed that amount this year. An email address has been set up for this event, which should make things easier for Mike Benson Sr. The email address should be golfouting@egfd.com

Explorer Post 11- Explorer Post 11 has or is reaching maximum capacity. They also need to start having their own meetings.

Scholarships- The documents will be reviewed on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00pm.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Robert Sterling submitted an application for active membership back a few months ago. President Lavin called the provided phone number for Mr. Sterling and the President was informed that this subject no longer lives there. The President also contacted his alleged employer, and President Lavin was informed that Robert Sterling no longer works at the

Country True Value. Tom Gullo makes a motion that we still table his application again for another month. All the members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Pete Lehmann mentions that the \$3000.00 per year that we pay the Red Caps to march apparently right now is not enough. It was brought to the Past Chief's attention during our HVVFA parade. The band had to tap into their own funds. Pete Lehmann makes a motion that we forward them an extra \$500.00 for the event. Tim Boel seconds the motion. PC Lehmann also points out that the contract we entered into with the Red Caps was a 5 year contract. This contract currently has expired. President Lavin immediately authorizes Pete Lehmann to extend the contract with the Red Caps for another 5 years.

Rally for the Cure (Breast Cancer Awareness) is looking for a donation for the Breast Cancer golf tournament that they had July 17th at Burden Lake Country Club. Tim Boel makes a motion we forward them a \$100.00 donation. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

East Greenbush PBA is having their upcoming golf outing. In the past years for our golf outing they have sponsored a flag. Tim Boel makes a motion that we send a \$125.00 donation for a flag, or whatever we have done in the past. Bob Reineke seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Valleycats game on July 28th is the drill for the evening. See Vice President Jeff Tooker for tickets.

Bob Crain presented a plaque to the President for our sponsorship in the recent Columbia High School Wrestling Golf Outing.

Chris Dick proposes to the President about forming a softball field committee. The President is in favor of a softball field, HOWEVER the only concern that we all need to be aware of is the business aspect. What happens when the softball team has a home game on a Friday

night, and the Pavilion is also rented out? Chris Dick will chair the committee. Chris Cargain and Tom Kennedy are also on the committee.

David Cook advises that the County Hazmat/Decon Team took notice of Captain Craig McCabe's expertise and awareness of the chemicals and hazmat situation at the recent Hazmat call at the YMCA. Good job Craig.

Joe Winicki thanks Kathy Schmidt for the food at the YMCA incident.

On June 25th a pornographic movie was ordered for \$11.95 at the North Station. The name of the movie was "Ten Blue." President advises not to order this material again, and most likely this will be blocked out on our cable package.

Ed Wallace wins the 50/50. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chuck Alger seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain