



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

September Company Meeting

September 15, 2009

The September meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Pete Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Past Chief/President Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion we set aside a page for Past Life Member/Past Ladies Auxiliary President Barb Lehmann. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried. President Lavin thanks the Commissioners and Chiefs for a great steak and clam dinner. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept meeting minutes from the prior meeting, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the meeting minutes from August are accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports that 42 checks were written during the month of August. Eleven (11) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. A couple checks of note were written for the Scholarship recipients, and for our licensing fees for the liquor license, and the Hudson Valley convention. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President P. Lavin reports that the new balance for the credit card is \$429.77. The previous balance of \$13,705.47 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on August 4th. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, David Reed seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports that the total income for the month of August was \$7,388.84. The total expenses for the month of August were \$40,278.36. Our total company assets are \$218,176.65. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the motion is carried by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

The District Chief was absent from this meeting due to sickness.

Car 4- Chris Dick reports that new gas meters have been ordered. They are MSA gas meters. If your gear is dirty get it cleaned in the washing machine and gear dryer.

Car 5- Bob Lehmann reports that the new Engine Company run reports have been finalized and approved. The reports are being printed off and will be on the apparatus this weekend. Assistant Chief Lehmann reminds the members that PUB ED season is around the corner. A schedule will be out soon for all of the upcoming events.

Lieutenants- LT Greg Forgea reports that the pack holders on Rescue 11 are different from the current ones that are on the other trucks. Make sure the packs are locked in correctly and safely. LT Mike Prestipino reports that on Saturday, October 17th, there will be a Mask Confidence Class offered for our own members most likely at the Park Station. T. Boel will be in the house instructor. Mike informs the members he is going to re-structure the training program. He would like to try and use two facilitators for the drills along with the particular Station Chief. Mikey is looking for no active officers, only past Chiefs, past officers, or firefighters with many years of experience to be on the drill/training committee.

Foreman- Ed McCabe reports that the next CDL class will be 6:00pm, September 29th at HQ.

Safety Officers- T. Whittemore reports that the air pack repair vendor, MES, will be here next week to inspect the air packs.

Firefighters- Firefighter Mark Benson thanks LT Mike Prestipino and the officers for doing a great job with all the drills this year. He looks forward to going to drills. Mike Benson Sr. informs the membership that this is one of the first times he can remember that Fire District#3

has paid cash for a new truck. Rescue 11 was paid in cash. This is the first Rescue Truck in the company's history. He credits a great deal of great savings over the years due to the other staffs of Commissioners over the past several years. "Put the truck to work."

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Lavin reports the total income for all buildings for the month of August is \$4,524.80. The total expenses for the month were \$1,744.75. The total profit is \$2,780.05. The total income year to date is \$34,174.52. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$4,859.00. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Tim Tordoff seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Liquor Committee Report- Tim Boel reports the NYS Liquor Authority contacted us on our club license (re-newal.). They wanted fingerprints completed, a copy of our by-laws, and a list of our Executive Officers. We are going to a hearing with the Liquor Authority. This is only a hearing; there are no accusations against us. Our re-newed licenses have been issued and are posted at the proper locations at our bars.

Pizza Night- No report as of right now, but a rough net of about \$400.00.

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports 2009 was another profitable year. Wal-Mart did not donate anything to assist us this year, they stiffed us. There were 16 corporate sponsors this year. There were 42 members that worked this event. Hole 3 made \$445.00. Mark Benson and Greg Forgea were on this hole, not only did they manage to make \$445.00, but they drank a 36 pack of Coors Light. Hole 7 was where Rick Williams and Jim Morgan were. They made \$380.00. Many of the players advised that the Chairman that Ricky and Jimmy made some of the best screw drivers they have had in a longtime. Hole 17 was Chuck Hellmuth and his apprentice Joe Winnicki, they made approximately \$350.00. The 50/50> winner was paid \$433.00. That team consisted of Mrs. Tooker and her sidekick Aimee Favereau. The Raffle Team comprised of Mike Benson Jr., Jeff Tooker and Bob Lehmann made \$1434.00. Our total profit this year is just over \$9,300.00. It cost us \$102.00 to put a golfer on the course this year. Mike Benson Sr. reiterated that golfers told him the "two guys at Hole 7 were pouring excellent Screwdrivers. Timmy and Mike Benson Sr. also wanted to point out that there were "rookies" on Hole 3 beating people up for money (Mark Benson, Greg Forgea). CO-Chairs Mike Benson Sr.

and Tim Boel thanked all the members for their great work. The golfers left the Pavilion at 8:10pm.

Fundraising- President Lavin informs members to forward pictures from fires and fraternal events to Chris Lavin for the annual fund-raising publication that will be mailed after the October meeting.

EGFD Scholarship- Glen Cook was a recipient of the Scholarship and he was presented with his scholarship from Chairman Pete Lehmann. President Lavin reports that the money is coming in fast and furious for the Barb Lehmann memorial. Assistant Chief Chris Dick makes a motion we change the name of the scholarship to the Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship. Pete Lehmann appreciates that and seconds the motion. He informs all the members that his life has changed tremendously with the loss of his wife. Past Chief Lehmann remembers how Barb's heart and soul was into this fire company. Pete says everything is un-describable. Between all the members of the fire department, ladies aux, and school district he is so appreciative for all the great people and their incredible support. Past Chief Lehmann, Bob Lehmann, and Meghan Lehmann are so proud for all of the support from this fire company.

Softball Field Committee- Chris Dick has two calls into AFSCO fence. The next call will be J. Witbeck regarding his property. Dave Chesnut also reminds the committee about the possibility of having to contact the gas company also.

Headquarters Sign- Tim Boel wants to have the sign erected before the snow drops.

North Station- The President reminds the members that the roof will not make it through the winter. Money is in the budget for repairs. At least \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 is available. George Forgea received quotes to replace the roof. The cost for a new roof is approximately \$20,000.00. Tim Tordoff inquires about how much money is in the Maintenance Reserve budget line. Timmy feels we can move money around. Tim Boel makes a motion that we make the repairs as necessary now. Don't cut off our nose in spite of our face. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. T. Tordoff also states that is it worth it to repair the roof now, and then put a new roof on next year, why not just take the money out of maintenance reserve and be done with the whole project. Mike Forgea inquires if the President has received quotes for a truss roof. Tom Chesser informs us that whichever roof we go with, we want a 20 year warranty regardless of other circumstances. Tim Boel mentions also in his motion to allow the Executive Board to

decide the amount of money that is needed to make it through the year. A hand count was conducted. 26 for the proposal, 16 opposed. Motion carried to get the roof repaired this year.

Tim Boel reports that the North Station stove has seen its better days. There is a new stove that was donated by John Donnelly and Albany International. T. Boel also reports that a new refrigerator is a necessity. The refrigerator will not exceed \$500.00 and Tim makes a motion not to exceed that amount. Tim has received two quotes, one from Home Depot and Rensselaer Appliance. Most likely the fridge will be purchased at Rensselaer Appliance. Craig Cullum seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Life Members Day- This coming Sunday, September 20th. 65 Life Members have RSVP'd so far. The group picture will be at 3:00pm.

Membership Changes- Dan Farley submits a request from active to social. RP Smith makes motion to accept, Chris Linck seconds the motion. Steve Rudolph requests the same. Pete Lehmann makes the motion, seconded by Matt Sullivan, and the motion is carried. Bob Falls Sr. requests for his son Bob Falls Jr. stating that his son no longer wishes to be a member. His father returned his key fob for him, and the gear has been forwarded to his father. Mike Benson Sr. makes motion we accept, motion carried.

Review Board- The committee met recently. There are three members who have not met their dues or points. It's the recommendation of the Review Board to remove them from the roles- Justin Edberg, Andrew Donnelly, and Eric Wallace. Tim Hedgepath makes a motion to accept, RP Smith seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Lap Top Project- The switch to the lap top computers for the Executive Officers has not been completed yet due to some issues with Windows Vista and the QuickBooks program.

Scott Earing- reports that Robert Guynup was a victim of a shooting in the city of Troy. Scott and the family are looking to have a fundraiser and they are looking to use the hall as a possible donation from the fire company. Friday, October 16th is the event. Scott makes a motion to rent the hall and then send back the proceeds to the family. Tim Boel seconds the motion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike Stafford wants to take care of handling the licensing for the liquor licenses, bar packages, applications, etc. Pete Lavin makes a motion that Mike Stafford receives a credit card for those purposes, and also one for the Vice President. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion, Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. The President informs the members this will all be on the same account, just itemized billing. All purchases are reported just like the company card, and they are expected to follow the company guidelines. Dennis Kennedy had an issue with his card at Sams Club. That problem will be rectified within the next week.

Nominating Committee for 2010: North- Sara Schmidt, Main-Glen Cook, Park Station-Mark Benson.

Chuck Alger requests that a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners comment on the changes to the LOSAP. At age 65, full accrument of LOSAP benefits will be available. 100% when the members are 65 years old.

Chiefs Letters due at the November meeting.

Greg Forgea and his family thanked the members for their support with the passing of his grandmother.

Mike Benson Sr. reports the siren at Hepinstalls will be moved to the North Station. The siren will be shielded so it does not blow out the neighbors. The siren will be set on a pole and not on the roof of the firehouse. This will be done at no cost by Michels Power Company. The only thing that will be needed from a company standpoint is electric for that siren.

50/50-winner- Greg Forgea \$59.00.

Food Next month is Rescue 11. Motion to adjourn by Elwin Michel, and seconded by Chuck Alger. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain

This page is set aside for departed Life Member Barbara J. Lehmann.