



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

OCTOBER MEETING

October 20, 2009

The October meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Vice President (acting President) Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Pete Lehmann makes motion to accept last month's meeting minutes, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the minutes are accepted. Past Chief Pete Lehmann also commends Captain/Secretary M. Benson Jr. for doing a great job with the meeting minutes. There was one special meeting that was conducted on October 13th. This special Executive meeting was held in regards to President Lavin's resignation letter. Due to the NYS Liquor Authority President Pete Lavin can no longer serve as President due to his full time position and the stipulations with the NYS Liquor Laws. President Tooker read the special meeting minutes. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the special meeting minutes, Mark Becker seconds the motion, and the special meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 60 checks were written during the past month. Twelve (12) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. A couple of the checks written for over \$500.00 were for our Golf Outing and Life Member's Day. 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 Jeff Tooker reports that the new balance is \$4,559.77. The previous balance of \$429.77 was paid in full. Many of the purchases with the credit card for the new bill were for the Golf Outing, and minor Pizza Night supplies. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Lehmann seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of September was \$26,562.85. The total expenses for the month were \$39,124.23. Our total assets are \$206,141.74. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Fire Company received a thank you card from the family of Floyd Smith thanking the department for a great time that Floyd had at life member's day. A thank you card was received from the Lehmann family.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chief's Report- District Chief Clark Roehr was absent from the meeting due to a work obligation. Assistant Chief Chris Dick reports the department answered 25 calls in the month of September. Our total calls year to date is 270. New York State did release training hours Rensselaer County. All firefighters interested in attending classes must pre-register. If a member does not register they will be turned away from the class. The Intro to Fire Officer class was postponed from September, and tentatively scheduled for sometime hopefully in January 2010. December 4th and 5th is the NYSAFC Officers Leadership training in White Plains. This seminar is limited to 10 firefighters. Assistant Chief Dick reminds all members that after attending a NYS training seminar class the firefighter must submit a report to the Chief. This report should summarize the training, and what the member learned from the class to convey to the membership. Tom Whittemore has completely almost all of the new picture ID tags (interior/exterior tags). If a member has not had their picture taken, let Tom Whittemore know and he will take care of it when he returns from his vacation. The Knox Box systems have been installed at all three fire stations. The flammable storage cabinets have been delivered to each station. Portable

generators have been ordered and are now on all the majority of the apparatus. The new MSA gas meters have arrived. The Line Officers were trained on how to operate the detectors. Engine 3 is for sale and that apparatus is not to be moved from the truck bay. Pub ED is in full swing. Bob Lehmann and Greg Forgea have a done great job.

Car 2- The new gas meters have been mounted in all the apparatus. This was completed today.

Car 5- B. Lehmann appreciates everyone for coming to the calls and assisting him at the various calls. He also thanks the members for their support while he has been Car 5. There are still a couple of Pub ED events for the rest of this week.

Captains- Captain M. Benson Jr. reports himself and Paul Stoddard are now qualified drivers for Engine 7 & Engine 8.

Fire Police Captain- Joe Lacivita reports there is a Fire Police class in November. See Joe is interested in attending the class.

Foreman- Ed McCabe reports the next CDL class is Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30pm at the Park Station.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the total revenue for September is \$3,305.76. The total expenses were 1,134.00. The total profit for the month is \$2,171.76. The total income year to date is \$37,480.28. The total income year to date for the banquet hall bar is \$5,153.00. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Dennis Kennedy reports the total profit for the September 12th Pizza Night is \$308.70. The total profit for the October 10th Pizza Night is \$439.72. The next Pizza Night is November 14th. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Nominating Committee- Mark Benson is the nomination representative for the Park Station, Glen Cook for the Main Station, and Sara Schmidt for the North Station.

Constitution and By-Laws- Chairman Tom Chesser reports there is a proposal for a By-Law for a Chairman of Operations. Tim Boel and Bob Lehmann are proposing this By-Law change. Essentially the C.O.O. would oversee the administrative operations of the organization with the company by-laws. It will be the duty of the C.O.O. to develop and manage the company budget along with the finance committee as outlined in the by-laws. The CEO will work closely with the fire company president to administer the operations of the company. The board of directors through its chairman will have complete control and responsibility for the company's Alcohol Beverage Licensing. The company ABC officer and the property manager will work closely with the Board Chairman to ensure there is compliance with the NYS ABC law. This by-law change will be posted at the three fire stations, and this change will be voted on at the November meeting.

North Station- Tim Boel and George Forgea met with 5 roof vendors. From a budget standpoint, the prices range from 16,000 to 23,000.00 to put a new roof on the North Station. There are three leaks in the roof. It should be less than \$2,000.00 to repair that, and it should not exceed \$2,500.00. All 5 vendors recommended we go with a white roof instead of a black roof due to the heat. There is a 15 year warranty on a new roof. It would cost \$38,000 to \$47,000.00 for a pitched roof. Tim Boel makes a motion not to exceed 2,500 dollars to have the roof repaired by either Weather Guard or Pinnacle Roofing. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion is carried. George Forgea reminds the members that if anyone borrows equipment from the North Station, write it down on the board. The missing tables have now been located.

Park Station- Nelson Williams reports that if we look up directly at the center of the ceiling there is a leak coming from the roof again. Mike Stafford reports the floors will be waxed very soon.

Kitchen- Dennis Kennedy reminds the members to keep the doors closed. We have key fobs now. November 6th is the Worker's Party for the Pizza Night and Fish Fry Nights.

Annual Dinner- The date is Friday, December 11th.

Convention Committee- Chairman George Forgea reports that 44 rooms have been reserved. The hotel needs a \$5,000.00 deposit. This is a for a two night minimum. The hotel is dropping the 3 night minimum. Tim Boel makes a motion we attend the 2010 Hudson Valley Convention in Lake George. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. Nelson Williams recommends

that we stay within budget, and we have to stay within budget of this convention because we need a new roof at the North Station. The motion is carried that we attend the convention. Nelson Williams opposes the motion. Tim Boel recommends and makes a motion that any life member or active member that has 25 points for half the year in 2010 up to the convention will have one of their nights paid by the fire company. Jim Cartwright seconds the motion. The motion is carried with no opposition.

Publicity- Pete Lehmann reports there are nice articles published in the HVVFA and Hudson Mohawk publications regarding our department activities.

Fund Drive- President Tooker commends Chris Lavin and his committee for another good job with the fund drive. Chris Lavin thanks Marty Miller, Tom Whittemore, and Tom Kennedy for their photos.

Life Members Day- Pete Lehmann reports that this was one of the best attended events. All the life members had a great time and a nice picture was taken. Any Life Member that did not receive a photo from that event, see Past Chief P. Lehmann.

Softball Field- Chris Dick is waiting to meet up with Tennessee Gas and Pipeline and the electric Company. Chris received one price for fencing which would cost approximately \$12,000.00. Chris is looking for general consensus if he should continue with his work and activity. True Value is also working on a contract for a bulldozer and a small excavator. After some minor discussion Chris is advised to continue with his work.

Workout Room- Bruce Cushine reports there are 3 sets of dumb bells missing.

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports the total profit for the 2009 Golf Outing is \$8,964.00. There are still 2 outstanding checks. Timmy reminds the members that this year we were \$2,500.00 short due to a lack of funds from Albany RV and Wal-Mart.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mark Orio residing at 26 Ternan Avenue submitted an application for active membership.

Matt Wasilieski residing at 2648 Brookview Road in Schodack Center is looking to be voted in as an active member. Matt is currently with our Explorer Post.

Tom Kennedy also reports that Josh Witko is 17 years old and he also is looking to be an active firefighter. Josh is currently working. He works in the district. Tom Kennedy makes a motion that we vote on Josh Witko and Matt Wasilieski. Kathy Miller makes a motion we accept Matt Wasilieski as an active member. Mark Becker seconds the motion. Chris Linck makes a motion we accept Josh Witko as an active member. Chris Dick seconds the motion.

Matt Urban has submitted a letter of resignation that was addressed to Bob Lehmann. President Tooker read the letter. Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann met with Matt Urban's mommy and got the gear back. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the letter of resignation, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Benson Sr. inquires about the stolen riding mower. Pete Lavin already has report on file. Tim Boel also reports the propane simulator was also stolen. Mike Benson inquires as to why the key was left in the lawn mower ignition? Joe Winnicki inquires if we have looked over the embankment here at the Park Station to see if the mower has been dumped.

Tim Boel advises the members that the sign will be erected very soon.

Pete Lavin's letter of resignation was read by President Tooker. The resignation was accepted at the Executive Board meeting. Pete Lehmann makes a motion with deep regret that we accept the Pete's letter, Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Chris Linck. Pete Lehmann commended Pete Lavin for a great job that he did as our company President.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker makes a motion that we allow District use of the hall for Chiefs Election December 3rd. The Chiefs elections are on a Thursday evening at 7pm.

Pete Lavin and Mike Stafford have been working on improving Verizon Cell service at the station. Pete Lavin makes a motion that we purchase a router for \$249.00. The router would be located downstairs. This is only a one-time fee. Dan Speed seconds the motion. Pete Lavin will take care of getting the router installed.

Tom Chesser reports that 4 tables are needed: 2 6' tables, and 2 8' tables. Tom makes a motion to purchase the tables not to exceed \$1,000.00 which also includes a cart. Tim Boel seconds the motion. Matt Sullivan is in opposition to the motion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker informs the members of upcoming events: November 14th is Pizza Night, December 19th Adult Christmas Party, January 16th is the Installation Dinner. Tickets will be \$15.00 for a member and their immediate guest. The cost will be \$25.00 for anyone else that is not an immediate guest of the member.

Chiefs letters are due at the November meeting.

Bob Lehmann will be selling winter coats. An order form will be at the three stations.

Mike Benson Sr. reports that the new ID badges are district equipment. Mike Benson Sr. recommends that the company provide photo ID's to all active members. This should be done ASAP. The accountability tags have already been done, they came out great, so we should proceed with photo ID's for our members. The paper cards that we currently have for ID purposes are ridiculous. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Food next month is again Rescue 11. Lou Roher wins 50/50 for \$50.00. Dan Speed makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pete Lehmann second the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain