



NOVEMBER MEETING

November 17, 2009

The November meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by 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 a motion to accept the minutes as posted, Tim Boel seconds the motion to accept the meeting minutes, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 50 checks written for the month of October. Fourteen checks were written for over \$500.00. A couple of the checks written for over \$500.00 were for the Life Member's Day, the company visa card payment, and pizza night food supplies. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the report, Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

The new balance for the VISA card is \$4,068.84. The previous balance of \$4,559.77 was paid in full. An essential large purchase was made over \$1,000.00 with this card and it was \$2,105.92 at Home Depot (wiring and other essentials for the electric project at the Main Station). Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Ed Wallace seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for October is \$15,650.78. The total expenses for the month were \$24,657.73. Our total current assets are \$197,468.09. The total money in our general savings account right now is \$36,665.12 The Treasurer notes that last year our general savings was \$68,668.17, and in 2007 we had \$49,753.68. There is approximately \$7,981.00 in the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Fund. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. Nelson Williams asks the Treasurer to re-read the capital reserve fund, and activity reserve fund. Bob Lehmann asks to re-read the income from last year to this year. Treasurer mentions that there may be some overspending this year, more than anticipated.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chief's Report- District Chief Clark Roehr Jr. reports the department answered **36** calls for the month of October. Total calls year to date are **306**. The EVOC class is starting this evening in Best Luther, however our members that are attending the class will be starting next week November 24th. The Intro to Fire Officer Class should be starting next month, if not next month than it will be after the first of the year. The NYSAFC Company Line Officers Leadership Training (COLT) will be December 4th and 5th in White Plains. This class is limited to 10 members, line officers first and then firefighters. If any member has not had their picture taken for the new ID tags, please see Tom Whittemore. The new MSA gas meters have arrived. The chargers have been mounted in the apparatus. Any members that have had steering issues with driving Rescue 11 should see the Chief. There will be a representative from Toyne to discuss this matter. The Chief thanked Elwin Michael for mounting the bell from Engine 6 onto a wooden plaque with the Truck Committee members from when the truck was purchased several years ago. December 7th is the town of Schodack Past Chiefs dinner. Any Past Chief should see the Chief if you are interested in attending. On December 12th there is a Toys for Tots Dodge Ball tournament. Town of EG Emergency Services vs Teachers. Tom Whittemore inquires about SWINE FLU vaccination. Tom states CHFD guys have their shots, and the Chief mentions that he will look into that matter.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Di'Martino reports Truck 11 was inspected by Herman Viola. KME was here last week and a high pressure gauge was replaced on the stairs on the tower. The generator for Engine 7 has been repaired. A ground wire was replaced.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Hitchcock reports Schodack Chiefs have donated money to the Barbara Lehmann scholarship fund. The topics at the Schodack Chiefs meeting were Suicide by gas poisoning, and CDTA hybrid buses. Kevin also reports 23 Michigan Avenue is going to be torn down this week or next week. Ladies Aux looking for help with holiday decorations.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Dick reports that we should keep the trucks clean, wash the trucks when getting back from calls, and drain the pumps on the trucks with the cold weather approaching. Lieutenants should note and investigate any electrical issues with the air packs. So far this year 9 sound boards have been replaced on the air packs.

Captains- David Cook reports the issue with Rescue 11's steering is due to lower RPMs.

Lieutenants- Greg Forgea reports that he spent 1 ½ hours wiping off foot prints off of the roll up doors inside of the cab of Rescue 11. LT Mikey P inquires about membership that may be at drill the next few weeks. After a hand count the drill next week for November 24th will be single company, and the drill on December 8th he will plan.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Constitution and By-Law Committee- T. Chesser reports that he is looking for two separate votes for the bylaw change. The first vote will be for the Chairman of Operations position and then the Board of Directors duty with the ABC laws. Tim Boel elaborates on the Chairman of Operations position. Pete Lavin was forced to resign as President due to the liquor authority. He still had expressed interest in the position. This person (COO) would be an eye on the day to day budget. Tom Kennedy makes the motion to accept, Chris Cargain seconds the motion. Dave Becker inquires what the duty of the Audit and Finance Committee is? Dave inquires how this committee is different than adding this position. David Becker states this sounds like a duplication of services between Audit and Finance and Chairman of Operations position. Dave inquires if this position would be voted on, what happens when they don't want to do the job anymore. Tim Tordoff echoes Dave Becker's concerns. Is this an Executive Board position? This position could be a duplication of services. Why not really increase the Audit and

Finance Committee's duty/duties. Mike Benson Sr. states that the President has an obligation to appoint a liaison to assist him. Dave Becker states Mike Stafford's position was a necessity. This does not seem to be a necessity. Kathy Miller states who gives the committee the authority to spend/overspend the money? After a vote, there were 7 members in favor of this by-law, and 33 opposed to this by-law proposal. This by-law change is defeated, motion failed. 2-Chairman of Board Directors will have complete control and responsibilities for the ABC licensing. Motion to accept by Dan Speed, and seconded by Greg Forgea. Tim Boel elaborates on this by-law change. David Cook inquires what Ricky's title is, what his license is on. Tim Boel also clarifies the difference between the licenses at our different buildings. After a thorough explanation 41 members were in favor of this by-law. Motion carried.

Buildings Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for October for all buildings is \$3,470.00. The total expenses were \$172.00. The total profit for the month is October is \$3,298.00. The total revenue for the year is \$40,950.28. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall cash car is \$7,643.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Pizza Night Report- T. Tordoff reports the total income for the November Pizza Night is \$3,106.50. The total expenses were \$1,484.31. The total profit after a \$300.00 start up bank is \$1,322.19. Tim Tordoff also advises all members that it's now policy anyone who works in the kitchen to wear gloves. Chris Dick makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Nomination Committee- President Tooker thanks the 3 members appointed to the nominations committee for this year. The following is a list of the positions and the members that are running for either Executive Officer, Line Officer , or both. President- Tim Boel; Vice President-Jeff Tooker; Recording Secretary-Mike Benson Jr.; Treasurer-Paul Benson; Financial Secretary-Nancy Baker; Membership Secretary- opportunity to ballot; Sergeant at Arms- opportunity to ballot; Board of Directors- Dan Speed; Captain- Bob Lehmann, Ed McCabe, Jeff Tooker, Mike Benson Jr., David A. Cook, Greg Forgea, Tom Chesser; Lieutenant- Jeff Tooker, Ed McCabe, Chris Cargain, Bruce Cushine, Greg Forgea, Ed Wallace; Foreman- Chris Cargain, Dan Speed, William Sigsby; Fire Police Captain-Joe Lacivita; Fire Police Lieutenants- Robert Falls Sr., Tom Whittemore. After this meeting there will be a ballot box at the Park Station until December 8th . On December 8th the ballot box will be removed. President Tooker reminds the

members that anyone submitting a letter into the ballot box must have the position listed they are seeking, their signature, and a second signature. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept, Greg Forgea seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Elections Committee- President Tooker appointed the following members to the Elections Committee: Pete Lehmann (chairman), Dave Chesnut and Mike Forgea.

Installation Banquet- January 16th. Tickets will go on sale soon. Teagans will be catering the event, and Sound Control DJ's will provide the music.

Conventions- \$2,500.00 is the amount of money needed to reserve the rooms at the Marine Village in Lake George. If this money is not submitted, we will be entered into a lottery, and there is absolutely NO guarantee on a room or a hotel. President Tooker reminded the members that we voted last month to attend the Hudson Valley Convention. No members were in opposition and the President advises the Financial Secretary and Treasurer to have the check sent to the Marine Village Motel, or forward the check to George Forgea so he can reserve the rooms directly with the staff at the Marine Village.

Grant Committee- Chris Cargain reports no word yet on a grant we submitted for a search and rescue trailer.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick reports that the food has been ordered, entertainment should be finalized in the next two days. The date of the Annual Dinner is December 11th.

Softball Field- Chris Dick reports this project is progressing nicely. He has had very positive conversations with the gas company and other utility companies that this field would affect. They have even offered to use a couple of excavators if necessary to level out our field.

Banquet Hall-Nelson Williams reports the tables have been ordered at \$354.00, and \$334.00 Tables will be coming here soon. These tables were ordered under budget, and he also states we need to get some new chairs for next year.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mark Oreio residing at 26 Ternan Avenue has applied for active membership. Nelson Williams makes motion to accept, Dave Chesnut seconds the motion, motion carried.

Matt Wasilieski residing at 2648 Brookview Road has applied for active membership. He was an Explorer. President Tooker apologizes for any errors from last month regarding this applicant. Clark Roehr makes a motion to accept, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Chris Harrison residing at 1 Michigan Avenue has submitted an application for active membership.

Edward Witko- residing at 1 Olcott Lane has submitted an application for active membership.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGE OF STATUS

Jeff Wasieslki has submitted a letter to return to active membership. He has been a social member for the past couple of years. His travel for work has diminished and he can now put the time in. Clark Roehr makes a motion for Jeff Wasielski to be moved to the active roles, Tom Chesser seconds the motion. Jeff Wasieleski is now an active member responding out of the Main Station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

December 3rd at 7:00pm is the Chiefs Elections. The location will be in the Park Station truck bay. Food and beverages will be served downstairs in the members lounge after the election. Our Banquet Hall is unavailable due to a rental for a holiday party. December 11th is the Annual Dinner, and the next day is our Pizza Night. December 19th is our holiday party, EGPBA also attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Roehr revealed a newspaper from July 22, 1932 with an article regarding our fire company. This newspaper was forwarded to him from Mike Cristo when he was doing a building demolition in the city of Albany.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chiefs Letters of Intent: The following members have submitted their name for consideration for District Chief (Car 1): Clark Roehr Jr., Ed Di'Martino, and David A Cook. The following members have submitted their name for consideration for 1st Assistant Chief (Car 2): Thomas Chessser, Chris Dick, Kevin Hitchcock, David A. Cook, and Ed Di'Martino. The following members have submitted their name for consideration for 2nd Assistant Chief (Car 3): David A. Cook, Thomas Chessser, Chris Dick, Kevin Hitchcock, Mike Prestipino, and Bob Lehmann. The following members have submitted their name for consideration for 3rd Assistant Chief (Car 4): Bob Lehmann, Chris Dick, Tom Chessser, and David A. Cook.

President Tooker reports that \$1,300 has been donated to our Barb Lehmann Scholarship Fund.

Joe Winnicki inquires if our lawn mower has been located. President Tooker reports that the police report is on file, Past President Pete Lavin will keep us apprized.

J. Cartwright inquires about the status of the North Station roof. The roof has been repaired.

Tom Chessser makes a motion that we forward the letter from the Greenbush Reformed Church to our Board of Directors. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. This letter essentially was address to the company to determine if we have any interest in buying the couple of church structures located near our training house on the turnpike. Clark Roehr also advised the members that he will work with the Board of Directors.

T. Kennedy makes motion we donate \$100.00 to Columbia High School Graplers (wrestling team).

50/50 winner- Mike Benson Sr. wins \$47.00. (First time he's won in 32 years)

Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. The November meeting adjourned at 8:39pm. An apparatus has not been assigned to food yet, President Tooker will advise in a few weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain