



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

December Meeting (Annual Meeting), Election of Officers

December 15, 2009

President Tooker called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:03pm. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the November meeting minutes, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the Chiefs Elections meeting minutes, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were forty five (45) checks written for the month of November. Eight checks were written for over \$500.00. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report, Dan Speed seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of November is \$11,696.87. The total expenses for the month of November were \$29,769.35. The total amount of money in the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Fund through this meeting is \$8,083.20. Our totals assets are \$166,519.31. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$4,068.84 was paid in full. The new balance for this month is \$991.35. Our new point balance for the credit card is 86,344. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chiefs Report- District Chief Clark Roehr reports the total calls for the month of November were 31. The total calls year to date is 337. Chief Roehr reports that several members recently completed the NYS EVOG class which was held in Best Luther at the beginning of this month. Chief Roehr also reports that 10 firefighters attended the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs Leadership training conference in White Plains. The members that attended were: Chief Roehr, Past Chief Boel, CAPT's Chesser, Lehmann, Benson Jr., LT's Tooker, Forgea, Wallace, and firefighters M. Becker, and Winnicki. Rescue 11 has been out of service for the past two weeks. There was a complaint of ongoing issues with steering and possibly a shifting issue. The factory representative has changed out the steering pump for a second time since delivery of the truck in August. This once again did not rectify that issue. VRS has been waiting for a piece of testing equipment for the steering pistons. In the meantime Rescue 11 was taken to Watkins Spring for a steering alignment, and then dropped off to Atlantic Detroit Diesel for possible shifting issues. As of yesterday (Monday, December 14th) the transmission is being removed, due to chunks of metal throughout. VRS does not have a projected time for completion. The siren at the North Station is still a work in progress, however Stilsing Electric from Rensselaer has committed to setting the pole. Their projected time frame is by the end of next week. There are two fire companies interested in Engine 3. A fire department in California is interested, and a fire department in Waterford. Rensselaer County has been awarded monies to purchase a foam trailer for the Port of Rensselaer. In a cooperative effort with Rensselaer Fire Department and the County Hazmat Team, Chief Roehr has given verbal confirmation that we will have storage available until the construction of the power generation plant is completed. The city of Rensselaer Fire Department is having a dedication ceremony for their new firehouse on Saturday, December 19th at 12:15pm in full dress uniform. Truck 11 will be attending; all members are to be in full dress uniform. Chief Roehr thanked his three Assistant Chiefs for all their support the past two years while he has been Chief. The Chief also thanked all the members for their help and support over the past

two years. He stated that without all of you we wouldn't be able to do everything we do. Our pride and dedication is what makes EGFD what we are, The Best!!

Car 2- Ed Di'Martino handed out numerous training certificates for classes ranging from Firefighter 2 to training in Cooperstown, and White Plains. Department physicals will be January 19th and January 20th. The times are from 4pm-8pm. Bring your mask if you are an interior firefighter. Complete all forms fully. The medical facility is not accepting DOT physicals. Those physicals are not the same as firefighter physicals. All interior firefighters and all drivers need physicals, and also anyone that is over the age of 40.

Car 3- Kevin Hitchcock thanked all the members for their hard work the past year.

Car 4- Chris Dick thanked everyone for their hard work and support the past two years.

Lieutenants- Mike Prestipino reports the Training Bureau has been working hard. OSHA class# 1 is January 5th. February is Blood Borne Pathogens on February 2nd. The point sheets will be at the drill for the OSHA class. Mikey P also points out that the points sheets will be at the drill sites from now on. There is no class for OSHA make-ups. A disk will be given to the member, and then that member will be given a test on what they learned off of the disk.

Board of Directors- Dennis Kennedy reports that the Directors will meet about the church property after the 1st of the year.

President Report- The following report is President Jeff Tooker's address to the company: December 2009 – President's Report

The holidays are upon us, and we have just completed the first decade of the 21st century. Time Magazine, in a headline story last week, labeled this decade, quote, "The Worst Ever." I, however, beg to differ. The East Greenbush Fire Company has come leaps and bounds into the 21st century and will continue to grow into the '10s (what are we supposed to call them?).

I realize, like most of you, that this economy that we are in...in a word... stinks. The economy has taken somewhat of a toll on our rentals and other fund raisers, but in the grand scheme of things, I think we have weathered the worst of it and will rise up this coming year.

We have a transition in the wings with new chiefs, assistant chiefs, and perhaps some new officers in the wings tonight. We have a growing and evolving firefighting field and a bunch of young guys who are willing to carry on a proud tradition here in East Greenbush.

We will continue our membership “perks” – Valley Cats, Aqua Ducks, and the ever-popular convention. I don’t know about you, but I enjoy coming to our houses on Tuesday night and other nights to spend an evening with our large, extended family.

This report wouldn’t be complete without thanking the man who assisted me during the last 2 years... Past President Pete Lavin. He’s not currently doing the job because of some asinine rule that the NYS Liquor Authority passed down recently. I do want to thank him (again) for the service since January 2008.

Folks, don’t forget, we represent the lifeblood of the East Greenbush/Schodack Center Community. We are the very fabric in which this community rests on, and relies upon. I get the comments all the time regarding... “Why do you get up in the middle of the night to help a total stranger?” Well, if we don’t do it, who will? We, collectively, as a group, make this community proud.

Let’s do it large in 2010. EGFD!

Fire Police Report- tabled to next month.

Membership Secretary- Nancy Fitzgerald reported on delinquent members. To this date there are 107 members on our attendance rolls. There are 11 unpaid members, or members with missing information. If any member believes they are unpaid on dues for the year, see Secretary Fitzgerald.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Tooker reports the total revenue for November is \$2,150.00. The total expenses were \$866.25. The total profit for the month of November is \$1,283.75. The year to date revenue is \$43,100.28. The year to date revenue for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$7,643.00. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Tim Tordoff reports the total income for the December 12th Pizza Night is \$2,672.65. The total expenses for the event were \$1,696.74. The total profit minus a \$300.00 start up bank is \$675.91. There were 87 pizzas sold, 85 orders of wings, 26 orders of mozzarella sticks, and 37 salads. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Installation Banquet Committee- Per President Tooker all of the tickets have been printed off. The four incoming Chiefs for 2010 will have the tickets for sale. The price is \$20.00

per ticket. Teagans is the caterer; Sound Control DJ's will provide the entertainment. Checks are the preferred payment method. President Tooker notes that Teagans is once again the caterer as they provide the most affordable price for our event. The next closest caterer was several thousands of dollars of where we need to be for the event.

Convention 2010- George Forgea talked to the hotel and she has received our check for the rooms. The sign up lists are at the firehouses. George must receive the money by February 1st. Checks are once again the best payment method.

Annual Dinner- President Tooker thanks Chris Dick for all of his hard work. Chris thanked Mike Forgea and his other assistants in the kitchen for having a successful evening for all of our members.

Grants- Nancy and her committee members are still waiting to hear back on the grants that were previously submitted. If there are any other grants available for our department, the committee will evaluate and submit accordingly.

Life Membership- Dan Speed and George Forgea will be receiving their Life Membership status at this year's upcoming Installation Dinner on January 16th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The EGFD kids holiday party will be December 19th, Adult party that same evening downstairs at the Park Station. 3:30pm for the kids, and 7:30pm for the adult party.

Tim Boel reported on the sign for company headquarters. The sign that we could be obtaining originally retails for approximately \$40,000.00. This sign is the sign that was previously at the Grease Monkey business on Route 4 next door to Friendly's. Mike Kellog has the sign at his shop and he will sell it to us for \$7,000.00. Mike Stafford has a good working relationship with Mike Kellog, which has helped to possibly obtain the sign for a great price. The Fire District will provide \$3,500.00 toward the sign. Tim makes a motion we go forward with this sign. Dave Smith seconds the motion. The sign has ample space for messages from both the Fire Company and the Fire District. Mike Kellog actually called today before the meeting and he is willing to drill the holes, and he is also going to supply the steel. Sign will be 2 ½ feet from the existing sign and 12 feet from the right of way from the pipeline. All members are in favor and the motion is carried. Mike Kellog will be notified about the sign.

NEW BUSINESS

North Station- George Forgea reports the heater unit in Truck 11's bay is no longer in operable condition. The heating unit is 20 years old and it can't be repaired. Currently the heating unit is believed to be emitting carbon monoxide. George Forgea received 3 quotes. The quotes were from Williams Mechanical from Robin Lane, \$2,075. 120,00 BTU unit. Polsinello's price is \$2,110, and Eastern Heating and Cooling sent a quote at \$2,260. George recommends Williams Mechanical. Tim Boel seconds the motion. Clark inquires if the other one in that same truck bay is still in good operating condition. Williams Mechanical promised 3-4 days to have the unit installed. Dave Becker calls for a vote. Motion carried. Todd Cullum opposed (John Ray).

Park Station- Ricky Williams elaborates on the service contractors. Dwight Heating and Plumbing started when the building was erected, they were then canned. Polsinello now is our HVAC company. Ricky recommends we look at Eastern Heating and Cooling, whom were recommended by Past Chief/President M. Benson Sr. as they are responsible for 11 of his stores for CR Wireless including the two large malls of Colonie Center and Crossgates. Eastern Heating and Cooling was at the station a couple of times, and stated that there is a problem with the heating circulators. M. Benson Jr. also mentions that we have spent \$11,000.00 with Polsinello. Polsinello is just overwhelmed with this building. There have also been problems with the cooking ovens, ice machine. Tim Boel also mentions that Polsinello has been overwhelmed with this building. Tim Boel makes a motion that Rick Williams continue with the relations with Eastern and Cooling. Mike Benson Sr. also advised the President that almost at all times the same mechanic that works on our building, will be the same technician that is always here for service work. All members were in favor of continuing with Eastern Heating and Cooling.

Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock requests that we increase the 50/50 to \$4.00 opposed to the current \$2.00. Chuck Alger seconds the motion. Tim Boel inquires about how many members are here. There are over 65 members present at this meeting. Only 50 members paid for a ticket tonight. Tim Boel changes motion to \$3.00. Chuck Alger not in favor. Tim Boel wants to know who the welchers are?!!!! Chuck Alger will not amend his motion to now reflect Timmy's \$3.00 for a 50/50 ticket. Motion fails. Dave Becker recalls that in years past the members had to have the ticket in order to eat. Member can't eat without ticket. After a brief vote the motion is carried. Chuck Alger and Ed Di'Martino opposed to the 50/50.

Jim Cartright looks to make a resolution for the 50 points to attend the fire company sponsored events. He would like to drop the 50 point requirement for fire company fraternal events such as the Hudson Valley Convention (the company picking up one night of the room) Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. Chuck Hellmuth says what about Life Members? Changing motion now to Life Members are exempt. Membership Secretary reports that the Social Members need to go to work at 2 fundraising events. April Speed inquires about how this affects Code 100 members? Clark Roehr makes motion that we table this until the January meeting. Jim Cartwright and Bob Falls Sr. agree.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Tooker read the Fire Company By-Laws, and requirements for the positions of Executive Officer and Line Officer. The 2010 Chiefs are the tellers for the elections. President Tooker read all of the candidates running for the position of Executive Office. Mike Memole wishes to remove his name from Membership Secretary position. Tim Boel does the same for the position of President. Jeff does the same Vice President. Chris Linck makes a motion the Secretary cast one ballot. David Smith seconds the motion as this is an uncontested race. The motion is carried. The Executive Officers for 2010 are: President Jeff Tooker; Vice President Mark Benson; Recording Secretary Mike Benson Jr.; Financial Secretary Nancy Baker; Treasurer Paul Benson, Membership Secretary Nancy Fitzgerald; Sergeant at Arms Mike Memole; Board of Directors are Dan Speed and Dennis Kennedy.

Line Officers- Captains-President Tooker scratches Bob Lehmann's name off the list as he is Car 4 in 2010. Chris Dick regretfully requests that his name be removed from the ballot of Captain. David A. Cook also requests that his name be removed from the Captain ballot. Mike Memole makes a motion to have the Secretary cast one ballot as this is an uncontested race. Mark Benson seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. The Captains for 2010 are: Mike Benson Jr., Tom Chessier, Greg Forgea, Ed McCabe, and Jeff Tooker.

Lieutenants- President Tooker removes his name and Greg Forgea's name from Lieutenant ballot as they were just elected Captains. Chris Cargain also requests his name be removed from the ballot. Clark Roehr Jr. makes a motion to cast one ballot. Chris Lavin seconds the motion. The motion is carried. The Lieutenants for 2010 are: Mark Becker, Bruce Cushine, Bill Sigsby, Paul Stoddard, and Ed Wallace.

Foreman- Mark Becker, Bill Sigsby, Paul Stoddard names were removed from the list by President as they are now Lieutenants. Dan Speed requests to take his name off the list of foreman. President Tooker reports there are now only 4 candidates for the position of Foreman. Per our by-laws nominations may now be open to the floor. Clark Roehr, Pete Lehmann, Tim Hedgepath, and Nick Ramirez all decline the position as they were nominated by various members. Tim Tordoff makes motion to continue, however no other members were nominated. President Tooker advises the members as there are no candidates the one position will be open. The following members were elected to the position of Foreman for 2010: Chris Cargain, Mike Memole, Matt Sullivan, and Joe Winnicki.

Fire Police- Mike Memole requests the secretary cast one ballot for Fire Police. The officers are Fire Captain Joe Lacivita, Lieutenants are Nelson Williams and Bob Falls Sr., Tom Whittemore.

Per By-Laws the Board of Directors need to appointment a Chairman of the Board.

Chuck Hellmuth-Hudson Valley Convention is the delegate. He then nominates Tim Boel as the alternate.

Greg Forgea is the delegate for the Hudson Mohawk Convention. Jeff Tooker is the alternate.

FASNY- Nancy Fitzgerald is the delegate, Kathy Miller is the alternate.

Tim Tordoff, Mikey P, and Eddie D planning a spaghetti and meatball dinner fundraiser for possibly sometime in March.

RP Smith states that the dumpster at the Main Station has numerous non house hold trash. Please stop filling the dumpster with that type of debris.

Craig McCabe submitted a letter of resignation due to his full time employment with the city of Albany Fire Department. He would still like to remain on the social list. Mike Memole makes a motion we grant his request with regrets, seconded by Matt Sullivan. Mark Benson states that Craig better show up at the convention!

Tim Boel makes motion we forward the Reformed Church the \$1,000.00 for snow plowing. Motion carried.

Tim Boel makes motion we send \$50.00 to the fireman's home which is opposed to the \$500.00 they were asking. Motion carried.

Clark Roehr Jr. inquires if we are interested in doing the pancake breakfast. There is interest from the members. Clark Roehr will chair the event.

Food next month is Engine 7.

The 50/50 winner is Chris Linck. He takes home \$57.00. Dan Speed makes a motion to adjourn, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain