



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

JANUARY MEETING

January 19, 2010

The January 2010 meeting was called to order at 8:20pm by President Jeff Tooker due to the structure fire at Branson Manor in Apartment 116. 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 meeting minutes from the previous month. Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. There was one special meeting which was an Executive Board meeting on January 13th. President Tooker summarized the meeting minutes for the members. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the special meeting minutes, Dave Smith seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Tooker reports the new balance for the Visa bill is \$2,037.05. The previous balance was paid in full and received November 30th. Many of the purchases made with the credit card were for the x-mas parties and the Annual Dinner. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Nick Ramirez seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 41 checks written for the month of December. Eight of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of December is \$15,724.84. The total expenses for December '09 were \$26,907.71. Our total assets are \$156,432.85. Motion to accept by Nelson Williams, Tom Whittemore. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Ed Di'Martino commended all the members for their good work at the Branson Manor fire call a few hours ago. A quick stop was made by Engine 8's crew to knock the fire down along with Car 4. The other apparatus also did a good job with the evacuation process. Castleton Fire is hosting a bus rescue class, and Clinton Heights is hosting a pump operators class. The new classes for 2010 will begin in March. Eddie handed out certificates to the following members for their completing of the NYS EVOC class taught by Instructor Tim Boel: Matt Sullivan, Chris Dick, Bob Falls Sr., Greg Forgea, M. Benson Jr., Chris Cargain, Mark Becker, Joe Winnicki, Tom Chesser, Bob Lehmann. Chief Di'Martino also received a certificate. Eddie also announced that there is no Quarter Master position this year. If any member needs anything let your respective Station Chief know. See station Chief if you need anything. There will be a Line Officers meeting on January 27th at 7pm at HQ.

Car 2- K. Hitchcock will be trying to obtain any new building plans for development within our fire district. There are also some plans for a possible senior living center on Elliot Road.

Car 3- Mike Prestipino reports the large chemical barrels in the large truck bay at the Park Station will be removed soon. He has a vendor that is interested in removing the barrels. Mikey also reports there is a Mack Boston class, Mask Confidence class, on February 20th. See Mikey P tonight if your interested in going to the class. Mikey P is doing a drill schedule utilizing the current Chiefs and Past Chiefs. Chris Lavin is the administrator for the key fob management system.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports the guys did an excellent job at the fire.

Safety Officers- Tom Whittemore reports the fit test will take place at the days of the physicals. Tom also reports the members do not need to bring their masks.

Board of Directors- Tom Chesser reports the Board is still investigating the possible purchasing of the adjacent properties on the Turnpike near our old headquarters.

Ladies Auxilary- Kathy Schmidt reports the Auxilary will be hosting a Defensive Driving class on Saturday, January 30th. The class is from 9am-3pm at HQ. Checks can be made payable to the Ladies Aux.

Firefighters- George Forgea reports that his neighbor at 15 Kitty Lane appreciated our work at her residence for the smoke condition call on a Friday afternoon.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Tooker reports the total revenue for December 2009 was \$2,540.00. The total profit for the month was \$1,864.75. The total expenses were \$675.25. The total income for the Banquet Hall & Pavillion for 2009 is \$45,640.28. The total income for the Banquet Hall Cash Bar is \$8,293.00. Mike Memole makes a second by Tracy Britt.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Jeff Tooker reports for Chairman Tordoff that the total expenses for the January 10th Pizza Night was \$1,882.97. The total income for the event was \$3,192.75. The total profit is \$1,009.78 minus the expenses and the \$300.00 start up bag. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Adam Daniels seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Installation Banquet- President Tooker reports there were 178 people in attendance. Money is still being counted. Chris Lavin wants the record to show the committee did a great job. Great Job!!

HVFFA Convention- George Forgea reports that Rachael at the hotel is looking for more cash. The deadline for checks to George is February 2nd.

Uniforms- Assistant Chief Lehmann reports that if anyone needs a new uniform please advise him or his committee members.

Constitution and By Laws- Changes are due at the March meeting.

Fish Fry Nights The Fish Fry Nights for 2010 will be March 19th, 26th, and April 2nd.

Pancake Breakfast- The tentative dates are April 25th, or May 9th. April 25th is the date selected by the membership.

Business Appeal- Committee is continuously working.

Membership Report- The following members have not met their required points: Dave Becker, R. Edberg, JD, Scott Earing, Mark Orieo, Ron Yeates, Todd Cullum, Anthony Prioux, David Reed, Robert Cook, Mark Siegal, Steve Bakerian, David Smith, Jeff Wasielski, Josh Witko, Nancy Fitzgerald, Tracy Britt, Chris Cook, Mark Benson.

Fund Drive- Chris Lavin reports 5500 appeals were sent out to commercial establishments and the residents. Returns are running about the same as previous years. Smaller amounts in monetary donations. Some of the donations are the same each year such as J Craig Alexander, \$500.00 donation and Curtis Printing, \$400.00. This year we got over 100 handwritten notes. Many of the notes were from residents in town thanking us for great service that we provide.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ed Witko residing on Olcott Lane, gainfully employed as a member of the East Greenbush Police Department has submitted an application for active membership. His money was received last month. George Forgea makes a motion to accept Ed Witko as a new member. Josh Witko seconds the motion, Ed is the newest member to the EGFD.

Paul Benson, Mike Memole, Nancy Baker, RP Smith, Ed Wallace, Bill Sigsby and Tom Whittemore were all sworn in as they were absent from the Installation Dinner.

George Forgea was presented with Life Membership. Dan Speed received Life Membership. George thanks the department for all their support over the past 20 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Past Chief/President Tim Boel reported on the electronic sign needing a fiber optic line. This line would run directly into the radio room. If this is set it will be working within a week. Tim Boel is seeking \$1,000.00 to go wireless. The control box will be locked, and only a few key people will have access to the control box. Tim Boel makes the motion for the above mentioned information, Bob Reineke seconds the motion. Jim Cartwright inquires if this district should

meet us halfway with this \$1,000.00 proposal. The motion is carried by the members to go wireless with this new electronic sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Nelson Williams presented the company budget for 2010 (Resolution 1). Chris Lavin makes a motion to accept the 2010 budget. Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Dennis Kennedy also mentions for us as members to keep this budget information within our membership. There is no need to discuss how much money this fire company has with non-EGFD members.

Lou Roehr makes a motion to accept Resolution 2 which are the goals and objectives for the year 2010. The goals and objectives were broken down by 30 day goals, 90 days, 6 months, and 1 year. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Greg Forgea makes a motion to accept Resolution #3 which is Member Incentives. These events include the Aquaducks, HVVFA Convention, Members only golf outing, Life Members Day, etc. Jim Morgan seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept Resolution #4 which is the 2010 Committee assignments. President Tooker went through the active roster and assigned members to the various committees. If anyone would like to be on a different committee, or if anyone was not assigned to a committee please let the President know. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to accept Resolution #5, which is the EGFD Visa Card Policy. President Tooker informed the members that with this resolution there will be 4 cardholders: The President, Vice President, Chairman of Board of Directors, and Banquet Hall Manager. Any members making a purchase with the company card must obtain a receipt. The member must write on the receipt what the purchase was made for. The card must be returned with the receipt to the cardholder. The receipts must be in the President mailbox within 3 days of the purchase. Mike Memole seconds the motion, and Resolution #5 is adopted by the members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker reports the snow plow operators were given their donations. Next Tuesday at 6pm Past Chiefs David Cook and Tim Boel will be re-arranging the trophy cabinets in the foyer. Bob Lehmann reports that anyone who ordered a jacket please see him after the meeting. We may have to decide on a different type of jacket. Chris Linck reports there will be an EG Radio Tech Class March 6th and 7th. See C. Linck if you're interested. Tim Boel makes a motion that the Main Station project be buttoned up by the next company meeting in February. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the meeting. Motion carried after some brief discussion. Delbe Speth from the Wallkill Fire Department is seeking the position of 1st Vice President of the Hudson Valley Firefighters Association. We received a letter from her. Tim Boel makes a motion to endorse her, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. President Tooker advises the Secretary to draft a letter. Tim Boel makes a motion that we sponsor a sign for the EG Castleton Little League. He also requests that we sponsor a team as we have for the past several years. The only stipulation is that they have the sign back on Gilligan Road so that our sign is visible from Gilligan Road. If they don't follow through then we would like our money back. Adam Daniels seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion is carried. Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion we attend the Greene County Firemans Association in Cocksackie on September 11th. Greg Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried. SW Pitts (Latham FD) is celebrating 100 years this year. We have been invited to participate in their non competitive parade. Tim Boel makes a motion to attend, Mark Becker seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. The date of the parade is August 14th (Saturday). Tim Boel makes motion we draft a letter to the Queensbury Fire Department thanking them for our invite to their annual "smoker." Chris Lavin makes a motion we send Officer Ed Miano a fruit basket. Ed Witko makes a motion to send a fruit basket at the appropriate time, we may want to hold off at this time. President Tooker advises that we will wait until next month.

Food next month is Engine 8. The 50/50 winner of \$95.00 is Life Member Chris Lavin. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Becker seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

