



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **MARCH MEETING**

March 16, 2010

President Tooker called the March 2010 meeting to order at 7:06pm. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Dan Speed makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from February. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Mike Memole inquires about the Board of Elections, if that issue has been resolved. President Tooker advises Mike and the membership that he has made continuous phone calls, however there has been no feedback. The President and Past Chief/President Boel are also looking at what other organizations are charging the Board of Elections. The motion is carried to approve the February meeting minutes.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$2,304.23 was paid in full. The new balance for March is \$374.83. There were no purchases made for over \$200.00. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 47 checks written for the month of February. Sixteen (16) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Mike Forgea makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of February is \$225,658.20. A significant amount of money was from the District Income, which totaled \$214,779.97. The net income for the month is \$177,568.83. The total assets of the Fire Co. are \$305,493.68. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary M. Benson Jr. reports the company received a gracious thank you card from Hannaford for our work with their structure fire, a letter from Chatham Fire regarding endorsing a member for a position within the Hudson Mohawk organization. The company also received a letter from the HVVFA parade promoter regarding prices for an ad book page, and about purchasing parade merchandise.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports that several members have attended training classes within the past couple of months. Chief Di'Martino presented certificates to Captains Mike Benson Jr. and Greg Forgea for completing two, 3 hour classes which were Conducting Live Fire Training Evolutions, and Live Fire Training Safety. Captain Tom Chesser also received a certificate for the second class. He has previously taken the first class. Chief Di'Martino presented certificates to the following members for completing the Introduction of Fire Officer Class which was 27 hours: Foreman Matt Sullivan, Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann, Lieutenant Mark Becker, Firefighter Chris Lavin, Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino, Firefighter Chris Dick, Captain Jeff Tooker, Captain Greg Forgea, Captain Mike Benson Jr., and Captain Tom Chesser. Chief Di'Martino continued with the presentation of training certificates to the following members for taking the 8 hour Mack Boston class, which consisted 4 hours of forcible entry, and calling the MAYDAY: Firefighters Mark Benson, Paul Zirpoli, Lieutenant Mark Becker, Foreman Matt Sullivan, and Captains Mike Benson Jr., and Greg Forgea.

Chief Di'Martino reports that Engine 7 and Engine 8 will be receiving new tires by Wednesday. Both trucks will be going to Terry Haggerty. Truck 11 will be receiving new tires in the fall. Safety Vest will be ordered soon, please see the Chief if you need a vest. The Training

Committee has purchased a "Smart Dummy", which can be used for auto extrication and live fire training. The dummy was purchased for \$2,495.00. The dummy weighs approximately 115lbs. The next Line Officer meeting is Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Drill on March 30<sup>th</sup> is a mutual aid Schodack Plaza drill. The focal point of the drill is to try and evaluate that box alarm, and determine if it's still necessary with all of the hydrants within the plaza and off Columbia Turnpike. The Chief advises that he has formed a Review Board. One member from each station has been asked to actively partake on the committee. The members are Ed McCabe, Joe Lacivita, and Ed Wallace. Eddie has also put together an insurance committee. The committee will evaluate insurance coverage on both the company and district side. The Chief reminds members that attend meetings during the week @ HQ to start bringing their gear to the station to alleviate wearing member's gear that may be responding to the station. CPR cards are being handed out by Car 3.

Car 2- no report.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Prestipino reports that OSHA is complete. Make-up lists/attendance sheets are at the stations. See Mike if you need to make up a class. Turning Stone Live Fire Training, Seminars and Chiefs Show is June 9<sup>th</sup>- June 12<sup>th</sup>. See Mikey if you are interested in attending a live fire class or seminar. Hoags Corners is conducting a hands on forcible entry class in June. The class is 8 hours. The new drill rotation starts next week. Cars are always needed for extrication. If you are going to do hydrant work, Thompson Hill Road is a good spot.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports there have been 80 calls so far this year. Young drivers have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to get qualified. Next Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> a Pump Ops class starts. The class begins at 7pm in Clinton Heights with Instructor T. Boel.

Firefighters- Mark Benson reports the Bridegroom family at 10 Waters Road is very gracious for our efforts with their house fire over the summer last year. They will be moving back into their home in April, and the construction on the home is almost completed.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Building Use Report- Present Tooker reports the total revenue for February 2010 is \$3,177.60. The total expenses were \$1,060.75. The total profit for the month is \$2,116.85. The

year to date revenue is \$6,157.60. The total funds for the Banquet Hall bar are \$315.25. President Tooker reminds any members that are interested in booking the Pavilion for an event there are only two dates available. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Pizza Night- President Tooker reports for Chairman Tim Tordoff that the total expenses for the February Pizza night were \$1,485.12. The total income for the event is \$2,354.00. The total amount is \$868.00 minus the \$300.00 start up bag, and our net profit with \$100.00 petty cash is \$668.88. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Constitution and By Laws- Tom Chesser has not received any changes.

Convention Activities- George Forgea reports the tent, DJ, and refrigeration truck have been secured. President Tooker and George agree the May meeting is when the money is due for people that are staying for 3 nights.

House Committees- George Forgea reports the roof at North Station is still leaking. Lighting at North Station is also being worked on. George has been evaluating the lighting along with Coyne Electric. Coyne Electric will be getting back to George with some better, cost saving, energy saving lighting solutions. Rick Williams reports Eastern Heating and Cooling has been here today doing their inspections. They have found some small issues with the air conditioners, and they are being worked on. There have been no complaints with them, and their service has been very good.

Fish Fry- March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The past Fish Fry night was extremely busy.

Hudson Mohawk Convention- Pete Lehmann reports there is no parade this year. Maybe next year, maybe 2012. We still have the budgeted money with the band for 3 parades. We have an option to use them for the parade in SW Pitts. We have them for Hudson Valley, Hudson Mohawk, and Greene County. Pete Lehmann makes a motion we use the Red Caps for the Memorial Day Parade in town. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Pete Lehmann also has in his hand the contract for the Greene County Parade. September 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Greene County parade. Chris Linck makes motion and Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Softball Team- Bob Lehmann reports there is a league meeting this week. He reminds the softball players to check their emails for further info within the next couple of weeks.

Uniforms- Bob Lehmann reports that he has received some uniforms from other past members, and the sizes may be suitable for our newer members.

Pancake Breakfast- Clark Roehr reports that the original date of April 25<sup>th</sup> is not good. The Banquet Hall is rented out all three days of that weekend. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the other date that is available. The company decides that date is suitable, and the Pancake Breakfast will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Grants- Nancy Fitzgerald reports that there is a Live Fire Vehicle grant. Everything is very slow. No news is good news.

Golf Tournament- Co-Chairman Mike Benson Sr. reports the date of the outing is September 12<sup>th</sup>. The location is still to be determined. Mike Benson Sr., Tim Boel, and Chuck Hellmuth will be taking a ride out to Winding Brook Country Club in Valatie to see what they have to offer. Winding Brook has temporarily mentioned that they would shut down their whole golf course for our golf outing.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Meghan Di'Martino applied last month for active membership. Bob Reineke makes a motion to elect her as a member of the company. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Ed Di'Martino jokingly opposes the motion.

President Tooker advises that he has received an application for the Explorer's. Alec Forezzi residing on Isabella Court in Schodack Center has applied to join Explorer Post 11.

There is no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clark Roehr reports that on April 10<sup>th</sup> Tom Kennedy and Hinda Chu from the Albany PD will be performing a couple of comedy skits at Teagans.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Pete Lehmann makes a motion to endorse Wilson McKay of the Chatham Fire Department for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Endorsement letter will be drafted by the Recording Secretary.

Hudson Valley Ad Book- Pete Lehmann makes a motion to sponsor a half page ad @ \$150.00. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

President Tooker reports if the thermostat is way up in the firehouses, in particular at the North Station, turn it down. Joe Winnicki mentions that there are programmable thermostats that may work for the station.

Bob Lehmann reports Job Shirt order forms are up at the three stations. The order forms will be collected on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tom Kennedy reports Best Luther used a private hydrant and poured anti-freeze in the frozen hydrant.

Mike Benson Sr. discusses May 22<sup>nd</sup> as a possible Spaghetti Dinner. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. This is not Memorial Day weekend. After a brief discussion Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to conduct a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser. Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

The 50/50 winner of \$90.50 is Mike Forgea. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm.

**\*\*Rescue 11 has food in April. Truck 11 has food in May.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary