



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

APRIL MEETING

April 20, 2010

Vice President Mark Benson called the April 2010 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. Nick Ramirez makes a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried. There were no special meeting minutes.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were a total of 50 checks writing during the month of March. Nine of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. Nelson Williams inquires about the Verizon phone bill. Paul Benson and Nancy Baker report that the bill for \$528.42 was for all our phones and the DSL line. After the brief discussion the report is accepted.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

Vice President Mark Benson reports the previous balance of \$374.83 was paid in full and received by the creditor on March 1st. The new balance is \$1,445.32. There were two purchases over \$200.00. The two purchases were made at Lusco Paper for \$300.09 and the Home Depot for \$314.94 for the Banquet Hall and bar. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of March was \$17,267.35. The total expenses for March were \$30,983.47. The total monies in the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Fund are \$10,379.17. Our total assets are \$286,148.55. Bob Reineke makes a

motion to accept the report, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports there were 26 calls for the month of March. Total calls year to date is 93. The Chief thanked all the members for responding to all of the recent calls, helping and learning the new way of doing business. New tires are on Engine 7 & Engine 8. The generator for Engine 8 needs new parts. A new hydrant wrench will also be on Engine 8 soon. Engine 3 has not been sold yet and Truck 11 will have a new wheel chock. There is a new pole at the Park Station for the siren. Fifty safety vests have been ordered. The Chiefs have new portable radios; their old radios will be distributed among the apparatus. The Bruen Rescue Squad is now operating on channel 12-9 on the 800mhz radio. This should alleviate the other issues with multiple agencies on the same channel. The Rensselaer County foam trailer is at the North Station. There are other departments interested in storing it; there will be more to follow with that. Eddie thanked Car 3 for having the 7 barrels removed from the Park Station apparatus bay. The station generators have all been serviced. The Chief thanked President Tooker for cleaning the Park Station. The Little League and Girls Softball parade is Saturday, April 24th. Rescue 11 and Engine 9 are assigned to handle the detail.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Prestipino reports the following members need to make up one or more OSHA classes: John Donnelly, David A. Cook, Bill Sigsby, Anthony Prioux, David P. Cook, Ed Witko, Adam Daniels, Pete Lavin, Mike Memole, Jenna Gifford, Dan Speed, Nelson Williams, Tom Kennedy, Steve Carknard, Bob Crain, Clark Roehr, Dave Smith, Josh Witko, Jim Morgan, Chris Cook, Nancy Baker, Bob Falls Sr., Bill Smallwood, Dennis Kennedy, and Kathy Schmidt. See Assistant Chief Prestipino if you need to make up OSHA classes. The make-up class for OSHA #4 will be 6pm on Thursday, April 22nd. Gear has already been pulled due to certain members that have not had a physical. Car 1 reminds the members that if gear has been pulled, it was removed by a Chief due to lack of obtaining a physical.

Captains- Ed McCabe advises the members that are still interested in obtaining a CDL license please see him.

Firefighters- Dennis Kennedy reports Bill Smallwood owes the fire company \$100 for a cell phone bill. Dennis informs the Vice President that he would Bill should be paying this bill

himself. This has been going on for way too long. He should not be allowed to complete his OSHA or be involved with any other functions until he pays this bill. Dennis further advises the Vice President, that the phone bill should be sent to Mr. Smallwood's residence and he should pay this bill immediately. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

BUILDING USE REPORT

Vice President Mark Benson reports the total revenue for the month of March was \$3,343.16. The total expenses were \$469.25. The total profit is \$2,873.91. The year to date revenue is \$9,500.17. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall bar is \$1,561.25. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Dan Speed seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Vice President Mark Benson reports for Chairman Tordoff the total income for the March Pizza night is \$2,224.00. The total expenses were \$1,106.55. The total profit after a \$300.00 start up bag is \$817.45. During the five months Past Chief Tordoff has been Chairman of Pizza Night the fire company has profited \$4,394.21.

Vice President Benson also reports that so far the fire company has received \$945.00 from the business appeal.

Fish Fry Night- Tom Chesser reports the total income for the three Fish Fry nights is \$9,933.72. The total expenses for the three Fish Fry nights were \$4,457.95. The total net profit for the three nights is \$5,475.77.

Pavilion- May, June and July are booked so far. There are only a few dates left in August. May 15th is the first rental.

Pancake Breakfast- Mike Stafford reports that the church appears to be little irritated due to them not having church at our facility for the past couple of weeks due to other allowed rentals and our upcoming Pancake Breakfast. Mike Stafford reminds the members that the church is a main source of our rental income each year, and they have been very good to us. Chief Di'Martiino reports that he has previously spoken with Chairman Clark Roehr and he would like to move the Pancake Breakfast to the fall. A possible date in early October would be

suitable. After a hand count, 24 members were in favor of moving the Pancake Breakfast to another date in the fall. Four members were in opposition.

Hudson Valley Convention- Members that still owe money for their 3 nights, the funds should be submitted to President Tooker or Chairman George Forgea by the May meeting.

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Committee- Pete Lehmann reports the date of submission for the scholarships is June 30th. The scholarships will be reviewed a few days after the submission date. The recipients will be asked to attend our August company meeting as they have in years past to receive their award.

EGFD Softball Team- Mike Benson Jr. reports the team has had 4 practices since the beginning of this month. There have been approximately 12 members at each practice. Mike Benson Jr. reports that this year he is the Manager; Assistant Coaches are Greg Forgea and Chris Cargain. The base coaches are Past Chiefs Tim Boel and Pete Lehmann. Assistant Chief Lehmann has posted the schedule on the company website. Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion for \$500.00 to be allocated to the softball team for the upgrade of newer equipment such as helmets and bats. Many of the bats and helmets are the originals from when Steve Camburn re-started the program. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. The first game is April 23rd against Troy Fire Department at their home field. Our first home game is April 30th against Defreestville.

Buildings- Rick Williams met with Eastern Heating and Cooling today and there is a problem with the ventilation. Rick also noticed some cuts in the roof when he was up on the roof with Eastern Heating and Cooling. Tom Chesser has received a quote from Eastern heating and Cooling for approximately \$5,000.00 regarding ventilation for the company storage room. Tim Boel makes motion we buy a room air conditioner for \$600.00. Tim Boel reminds us that we budgeted \$20,000.00 and if this is approved we will be \$1,000.00 over budget already here on April 20th. Members inquire about ventilation with the door, putting in a separate thermostat in that room. Members inquire if this can wait? Tom Chesser does not feel that it can wait. Tom then takes his motion off the floor. Mike Forgea inquires if we should be getting more bids for this possible project.

EGFD Golf Outing- Mike Benson Sr., Tim Boel, and Chuck Hellmuth have a meeting on Friday with Winding Brook Country Club in Columbia County. Tim Boel reports that in

preliminary discussions with Winding Brook we would be the only golfers on the course the day of our outing. In Burden Lake during the past few years there has been a clandestine group golfing before us (Brunswick Elks). Tim further advises that Burden Lake can take the Brunswick Elks \$1,100.00 for that day or our \$9,000.00 that day. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion for he and his committee members to enter into a contract with Winding Brook this Friday if necessary, and if all the requirements are met in a sufficient manner. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Thomas Everett has submitted an application for active membership in the Fire Company. He resides at 4 Hallenbeck Hill in the Hallenbeck Hills Estates off of Town Park Road in the Best Luther Fire District. He works a majority of the time from his residence. His application will be tabled for a month and voted on next month.

6 MONTH REVIEW

Josh Witko has completed six months of service in the fire company. Chief Di'Martino reports that Josh has completed his Firefighter 1 class and is very active at the North Station. Chief Di'Martino makes a motion for Josh to continue as a fully fledged firefighter. Tim Boel seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The delegates for the FASNY convention are Nancy Fitzgerald and Kathy Miller. There has been no action from the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. A letter was sent to them a few months ago from President Tooker; however they have not responded at all. Their money from last year has been received. Jim Cartwright inquires about his motion regarding for Code 100. Ladies Auxiliary members that are Code 100 have to be members of our company for insurance purposes in order for them to operate on the fire-ground. We would most likely have to initiate a by- law change. Chris Linck also discusses the LOSAP program.

NEW BUSINESS

The annual EGFD Valleycats outing will be Tuesday, July 17th. The annual EGFD Aqua Ducks cruise will be Friday, August 13th. Tim Boel reports the E.G. Girls Softball League has been sending correspondence to his residence regarding a sponsorship from the fire department as in years past. Tim informed them his residence is not the mailing address for the Fire Company. The company should be receiving the letter soon when it is mailed to the correct location. Tim makes a motion that we sponsor a team for \$450.00 as we have in years past. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Tim also inquires about Little League moving our sign to a visible location on Gilligan Road. Eddie D reports that he will look into it being that his son is playing Little League this year.

Tom Chesser would like to set dates for the Fish Fry Nights in 2011. Tom is proposing start March 18th- April 22nd. This would be 6 Fish Fry nights. Tom makes a motion that we go forward with 6 fish fry nights which would include the Good Friday. Tim Boel makes a motion to second the motion. A great deal of discussion was made regarding the spring break for the school district which is April 18th- 22nd. Many of our members may not be around for the fish fry night of Good Friday. We have made about \$1,800.00 per fish fry night. The motion is carried to go forward with 6 fish fry nights.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chris Linck makes a motion that we send an endorsement letter in support of Vinny Galvin for the position of President of the HVVFA. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion is carried and the Vice President advises the Recording Secretary to send the endorsement letter. Tim Boel makes motion we sponsor a half page ad for \$50.00 for the Greene County convention that we are attending on September 11th. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The annual Red Vest outing is June 17th. Pete Lavin would like to know who the animal is that stole 8 pounds of hamburger meat from the North Station. Pete would like that person to come forward so he can aid that person in finding a part time job. The original 8 pounds of hamburger meat was going to be utilized by Pete so he could complete his food detail at the North Station a few months ago. Dennis Kennedy emphasizes that food is not just being stolen from the North Station. Dennis states that this happens at the other stations and it's just ridiculous. Dennis makes a motion for the Fire Co to sponsor a page ad for the Hendrick

Hudson male choir. The cost is \$40.00. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Dennis Kennedy was forwarded Alfred Fox's Sherwood Park Fire Company member's card. Dennis would like this to be added into the trophy case with the other Sherwood Park Fire Company memorabilia. The 50/50 winner of \$79.00 is Joe Lacivita. Tracy Britt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:08pm. **** Food next month is Truck 11.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary