



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

May Meeting

May 18, 2010

The May 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Vice President Mark Benson. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April. Tim Boel seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Past Chief Clark Roehr announces that he's passing around the seat belt pledge. He urges all members to sign the pledge sheet.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports there were 43 checks written in the month of April, 10 of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report, Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

Vice President Mark Benson reports that the previous balance of \$1,445.32 was paid in full and received by Chase Card services on April 5th. The new balance is \$399.10. There were no purchases over \$200.00 this month. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of April is \$22,824.72. The income this month included the funds from Fish Fry Nights which were \$5,317.16. The total expenses for the month were \$36,624.32. Our current total assets are \$265,581.39. Nancy Baker inquires about a bill for the Times Union for \$585.00 for 3 or 4 ads. Tim Boel reports that it was for Fish Fry Nights. It was for 4 weeks, but it should have only been for 3 weeks per Tim Boel. Tim Boel advises Nancy Baker to get him the bills or other paperwork, and he will contact the Times Union within the next day or two. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report, Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

District Chief Ed Di'Martino handed out training certificates to the following officers for successfully completing their NYS Apparatus Operator/Pump class with Instructor T. Boel. The following officers are: Captains Mike Benson Jr. and Greg Forgea, Lieutenants Mark Becker, Paul Stoddard, Foreman Anthony Prioux, and Foreman Joe Winnicki. Chief Di'Martino met with Ed Robaliski from NYSIF regarding the insurance inspections at the three stations. Chief Di'Martino reports we made out well. The only things that needed to be addressed were the eye wash station and the paint cans by the furnace and hot water heater at the Main Station. These compliances have since been met. Rescue 11 is assigned to the town of EG Memorial Day parade, and the Truck 11 is assigned for the Rensselaer Memorial Day parade. Engine 9 has been assigned to the Hudson Valley parade in Lake George in June. June 13th is the Liza Warner Run, Truck 11 has been requested to attend as they have in years prior. A new K-12 saw has been purchased and is now in service on Truck 11. The old K-12 saw is now on Rescue 11. The Chief reminds the members that there is a general purpose blade which will be left on the new K-12 saw, and when in training or drill mode put on the carbine blade. The total calls year to date is 111, and the department answered 18 calls last month.

Car 2- no report.

Car 3- Assistant Chief M. Prestipino reports that OSHA is finally winding down. If anyone thinks they need make-ups get a hold of Car 3. The foam trailer training class is Saturday, May 22nd at 9:00am. We need cars for extrication, get a hold of Mikey or Chris Lavin. The roof prop will be getting a make-over. June 1st is tentative date to get that set up. Jerry Parris from

Albany County will be conducting a MAYDAY class, June 1st and June 8th. June 1st is classroom lecture and June 8th is the hands-on portion.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports that being that we are in dire need of nozzles the Chiefs Office will be purchasing smooth bore nozzles. There will be 4 new 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ nozzles and 4 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch nozzles. A committee was formed during the past month or so, and evaluated the smooth bore nozzles. There will be a lot of training to follow. Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reminds all members to follow the response procedures as outlined in our SOG's (BOP's). If it's a code response, respond code 2, etc. Get a blue light card if you don't have one. Assistant Chief Lehmann and his PUB ED staff handed out awards to the 28 members that participated in PUB ED this year. Approximately 265 hours was designated to our PUB ED program this year.

BUILDING USE REPORT

Vice President Mark Benson reports the total income for the month of April is \$4,386.52. The total expenses for April were \$823.80. The total profit for the month of April is \$3,562.72. The total revenue year to date for the Banquet Hall and Pavilion is \$13,886.68. The total year to date revenue for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$2,430.25. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Convention Committee- Chairman George Forgea reports that 42 rooms are booked for the EGFD. The caterers and DJ are all set. Food will be provided to the members on Friday and Saturday evenings. All of the money is accounted for and all the beverages have been purchased. The mardi-gras theme is "real heroes wear real masks." Anyone interested in assisting with the mardi-gras parade detail, contact Capt. Greg Forgea.

EGFD Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the team is 0-4 so far this year. A couple of new bats were purchased along with a couple of other helmets that needed to be upgraded. There have been approximately 13-15 showing up for games and practices. M. Benson Jr. also thanks the fire company for their support with the team.

EGFD Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports that he, Mike Benson Sr., and Chuck Hellmut visited Winding Brook Country Club in Valatie a few weeks ago. Winding Brook has offered a 10:00am start time if we change our Golf Outing date to September 26th. We could save approximately

\$600.00-\$800.00 if we have our outing at Winding Brook Country Club. Tim also reports that he has had discussions with Burden Lake, however they do not appear to be leading in our direction. The manager at Burden Lake still is stating that he will allow the Brunswick Elks to continue with their golfing until 12:30pm or 1:00pm the day of our outing. Tim advised the manager at Burden Lake the amount of money our outing contributes to the golf course that day. Burden Lake has until Friday to get back to Tim. In the meantime September 26th has been temporarily blocked off for the golf outing if it is decided that Winding Brook is our new location.

Website- T. Whittemore reports that he is adding links to videos to the website.

Review Committee- Chief Di' Martino reports that some changes are occurring, there will be more to follow soon. The committee also discussed the key fobs of certain members to be deactivated, and the key fobs in the near future to be used for points attendance.

North Station House Committee- George Forgea reports that another contractor is coming on Thursday to evaluate the roof. The decking has rotted away in a few spots. It is getting to a point where the insulation can be touched, and the shingles are in graver condition.

Audit and Finance- Nelson Williams reports that the committee should be meeting soon to review the finances.

Uniforms- If anyone needs anything for their uniforms see Bob Lehmann immediately after the meeting.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Thomas Everett residing at 4 Hallenbeck Hill off of Town Park Road in the Best Luther fire district has applied for active membership with our fire company. Mr. Everett is not gainfully employed in our fire district. Past Chief Dave Cook inquires as to why we are going to be voting on this individual if he doesn't live nor work in our fire district. Past Chief & President Mike Benson Sr. informs Vice President Mark Benson, that the Secretary should draft a letter informing the individual that he does not meet the criteria to join our fire company.

6 MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Firefighter Mark Iorio is up at his 6 month review period. Chief Di'Martino speaks on Mark's behalf informing the members that Mark regularly attends drill, has completed his needed firefighting classes, and continues to attend fire company events. Eddie makes a motion to accept Mark as a fully fledged firefighter, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Matt Wasieleski is also at his 6 month review period. He has not completed the required OSHA training. Clark Roehr advises that he has not seen Matt or the Wasieleski family around in quite some time. Both Matt and his father were voted in, but have not been around since they attended the meeting where they were voted as active members. Clark makes a motion to remove Matt Wasieleski from the active roles. Ed Witko reports that Matt is going into the Coastguard after high school graduation. Ed has spoken with his family. Clark rescinds his motion to table Matt Wasieleski's status in the fire company for another month. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. The Vice President advises that next month the President will advise the company on Matt's status, as President Tooker is employed at the high school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rick Williams reports that he got a quote of \$5,000.00 from the Board of Directors for Eastern Heating and Cooling to do some ventilation work. Ricky says absolutely not. He's spoken with the technicians and they will see what they can do about the ventilation areas for downstairs in some of the rooms such as the company storage room.

NEW BUSINESS

The HVVFA Convention in Lake George is June 18th-June 20th. The EGFD night at the Valleycats game is July 6th. The annual Aquaducks outing is August 13th. Vice President M. Benson advises the members not to toss beer cans overboard the amphibious vessel. Last year there were more than a couple of individuals tossing beers cans overboard and offering ice cold beers to some citizens of Albany.

Clark Roehr reports that one of his co-worker's spouses has terminal brain cancer. Clark makes a motion we donate \$500.00 for this gentleman's fund for his family to go to Disney

World. Tim Boel inquires to the Treasurer about the funds. The Treasurer advises there are enough funds. Tim Boel seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Slingerlands Fire Department is hosting the Hudson Mohawk Convention. There is NO parade this year, just conferences. They are seeking sponsors for their ad book. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion we purchase a half page ad for \$50.00. Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Chris Dick reports that the fire company has been entered into a comedy event through PYX 106, Wakin' Up with the Wolf show.

George Forgea inquires about what's going in by Offshore Pier. T. Boel reports Moe's is slated to be going in there or a Mexican Chipotle restaurant. Burger King in our town and in Schodack is closing and the new Burger King will be opening in North Greenbush.

Tom Chesser reports months ago we looked at a Verizon antennae. He did find a slightly used antanae that would work with other cell phone providers. The cost would be approximately \$800.00, but not to exceed \$1,200.00. Joe Winnicki inquires about mounting the original antennae for GPS. Tom Chesser makes a motion to install the antennae. Tracy Britt seconds the motion. Nelson inquires about what funds that would come out of on the budget line. Many members inquire as to why a member can't go outside to make a phone call. The motion is voted on, and the motion is denied.

Chris Linck reports that over the years our relationship with the ELKS Club has been very rocky to say the least. The Elks Lodge has approached their members to approach the FD about trying reconcile the problems of the past. The Elks is leaning towards doing a Monte Carlo night jointly with the fire company and sharing the money. The previous trustees are no longer in office, and the new trustees are trying to improve relationships. Tim Boel reports that he, Chuck Hellmuth and Mike Benson Sr. will talk to the Elks club, and they will also have to approach them for a Corporate sponsorship for our Golf Outing.

The June meeting will be at the Pavillion. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:19pm.

***** Food next month is the Ladies Auxiliary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain