



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

June Meeting

June 15, 2010

The June 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Chuck Helmuth seconds the motion and the motion is carried. George Forgea discusses items for the Hudson Valley Convention. Pete Lehmann commends George Forgea for his efforts with the convention.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Secretary N. Baker reports 52 checks were written during the month of May. Thirteen of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$399.10 was paid in full. The new balance is \$2,317.30. There were three purchases made for over \$200.00 and they were: Teagan's Restaurant for \$1,000.00 on May 1st which was for the Pizza Night Worker's party, \$449.00 on May 5th at Rensselaer Appliance for the Main Station refrigerator, and \$484.78 at the New Hampshire Liquor store on May 9th for the fire convention activities. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Pete Lavin seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for month of May is \$8,391.97. The total expenses were \$46,064.35. Our total current assets are \$223,818.81. Greg Forgea makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports that several members attended the fire training and conferences in Verona during the second weekend of June. The following members received certificates for their training classes: Bob Lehmann, Greg Forgea, Tom Chesser, Mark Becker, Jeff Tooker, Chris Lavin, and Mike Prestipino. While at the Chiefs show the Chiefs office purchased a clip mate (for filling SCBA bottles). Engine 7 will be getting a forestry hose bag, and all the trucks will be receiving one radio holder and harness. The lap top computer for Rescue 11 will be installed sometime this week. There were 32 calls for service answered during the month of May, and there are 143 calls year to date. The generator on Engine 8 is now back in service. The Rensselaer County foam trailer that is at the North Station is not be moved. A couple of members have been trained on how to use it. Chief Di'Martino is working on having 46.16 as our dispatch channel, and also working on some other firehouse software additions. Please make sure we check to make sure the doors are closed at the firehouses, and that the lights are turned off a the firehouses. Chief Di'Martino thanked all the members that attended the PUB ED details we've had, and the mock DWI crash at the high school.

Car 2- Assistant Chief K. Hitchcock reports that there are 2 homes that have been deemed unsafe and uninhabitable by the building department/code enforcement: 1 Jacob Street and 10 Smith Lane. There are site plans for future projects in the town posted on the back wall of our training room downstairs. Car 2 also reports that construction has already started for Moe's.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports that the Training Committee has been very busy re-designing and re-building the roof prop. There are 2 designated cutting areas on the roof prop. The handful of members that were working on the roof prop have put in some real long hours, and worked until mid-night on a few occasions.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann thanked the members that participated in the Tutor Time PUB ED detail. Car 4 also thanked Chris Dick, Mark Ioreo, and Dave Chesnut for completing the E.G. soccer field detail. Do not wear extrication gloves for fire calls. The

wireless headsets are suppose to worn around the truck to enable the truck/pump operator to assist with getting equipment and doing things near the fire truck. The truck operator with the wireless headset should not be wandering all over the fire scene. Assistant Chief Lehmann advises for the truck operators/pump operators to stay by the truck and near the truck compartments to assist personnel as needed. Car 4's focus for second half of the year is on accountability. Bob heard a motivational speaker from the Buffalo City Fire Department. We all need to know who's on our apparatus, who is going inside of the fire, and who is out of the fire. We need to police ourselves. The officers of the trucks should be collecting tags from their firefighters. When responding to the fire scene please call in route with the crew status, interior personnel, and for traffic accidents please advise of the number of EMT's. The Explorer's do not count as your actual crew. Branson Manor has done everything that was asked of them earlier in the year. Please use caution when responding on North end of the town due to the night construction, and paving of Route 4. A thank you letter was received from the East Greenbush School District's Districtwide Safety Coordinator Jeff Tooker thanking our members for their assistance with the mock DWI crash on June 4th.

Captains- Greg Forgea reports all the equipment is labeled with tape for each particular truck. We need to make sure the equipment returns to the truck that it was removed from.

Firefighters- Kathy Miller reports that she watched the MAYDAY training, and all of our members did a great job, and it appeared to be a great class.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of May for all buildings is \$4,375.00. The total expenses were \$986.75. The total profit for the month of May is \$3,388.25. The year to date revenue for the Banquet Hall & Pavillion is \$18,261.25. The year to date income for the banquet hall bar is \$3,146.25. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to accept the report, Nancy Baker seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

EGFD Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the team has 3 wins and the team record is 3 and 5. The team is playing hard, there are some newer players that were

added this year, and the team has been very competitive. This is the first time we have had more than 1 win in the past two or three years.

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Committee- Pete Lehmann reports that his committee will meet July 13th at HQ at 7pm to review the paperwork. Applications must be postmarked by June 30th.

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports the golf outing this year is Sunday, September 26th at the Winding Brook Country Club in Valatie. Burden Lake could not meet our demands. Winding Brook is wide open for our activities. The tournament will begin at 10:00am with a shotgun start. Registration is at 9am with coffee and donuts. Beer, wine and soda is provided by Winding Brook. Lunch will be served on the turn on the course. The menu will be hamburgers and hot dogs. The goal is to be back at the Pavillion by 4 or 4:30pm. People who supply us with money first will play. We will not be having last minute players and payments.

Convention- Tim Boel reports there will be a couple of members playing 9 holes of golf on Thursday at Top of the World. The Red Vest outing is at 4pm, taxis will be arriving at the hotel at 3:15pm. The tee times for Friday will be at 8:00am, 8:08am, 8:16am, and 8:24am. The cost will be \$40.00 for 18 holes of golf and a golf cart. George Forgea has already covered everything else. After the parade on Saturday beers will cost \$1.00 at the parade grounds. Bob Lehmann needs a hand count of the guys going up for the day on Saturday. Bruce Cushine will be driving the Utility vehicle, and he will be leaving the North Station at 8:00am

Old Timers Day- Pete Lehmann reports the event is September 19th, 2pm at the Frank Becker Pavillion. He and his clandestine crew will be meeting soon to discuss the menu and other items for the prestigious event.

Grant Committee- Chris Cargain reports the Live Burn trailer grant was denied, however the grant is being re-submitted.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Brianna Flagg has submitted an application for active membership. She resides at 1337 Ray Road in Schodack Center and is currently a student at Columbia High School. She has been a member of Schodack Valley.

Jack Berry has submitted an application for active membership. He resides on Highlandview Avenue.

Matt Wasielski is entering the Air Force per President Jeff Tooker. Matt is leaving at the end of the month.

Bill Smallwood submitted a letter to have his status changed from active to social member. The letter has no valid address. Bill still owes the fire company money for a cell phone. Chief Di'Martino does have his valid cell phone number. The members elect to have this tabled until his debt to the fire company has been paid. Capt. Mike Benson Jr. reports that Bill Smallwood was recently known to reside at the Curtis Trailer Park off of Route 150 in East Schodack. Mike also reports that Bill has applied for active membership with the East Schodack Fire Company. Mike advised the President of the East Schodack Fire Company to hold off on any action with Bill Smallwood until he pays the money he owes the East Greenbush Fire Company.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Valleycats game is July 6th. Sign up sheets are at the fire stations. The annual Aqua Ducks event is August 13th. Please sign up by August 1st. There are 84 seats available (2 boats). Tim Boel reports that he spoke to the Times Union regarding the \$146.25 that was charged to our account. They have agreed to now credit our account. They ran the ad when we didn't have an event.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Di'Martino is looking to have WI-FI set up in the banquet hall. He is looking for a motion not to exceed \$800.00 for the WI-FI project. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion, all members were in favor, and the motion is carried.

Tim Boel reports the Chief has organized an Insurance Committee. The proposed increases are in two areas of the benefits. The areas are disability and Workers' Comp. The difference of \$20,000 upped to \$50,000. The other area is the weekly benefit> benefit of \$300.00 increased to \$500.00 per week. The cost to enact this would be \$242.00. We may re-evaluate this. This is not a life insurance plan. Tim Boel makes a motion. Pete Lehmann seconds

this. The motion carried. Chris Linck reports the District approved of this last night at the Commissioners meeting.

Bruce Cushine has been appointed Chairman of the Truck 11 Evaluation Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chris Dick reports the girls softball team that the fire company is sponsoring is in 1st place. Chris Linck reports that Elks Club is still working on getting together with us. Chris reports he spoke with the Elks and proposed that the EGFD and Elks Club possibly get together for the Scholarship, or something else such as a Monte Carlo night. Chris Linck is putting in a form of motion that we do something with them. Tim Boel makes recommendation we get committee to work with them, and have events such as a Pancake Breakfast. The committee is Tim Boel, Chris Linck, Chuck Hellmuth, and Mike Benson Sr. Chuck Hellmuth wants to be removed from the committee. Chris Linck will not do anything else without the committee. Chuck Hellmuth and Chris Linck briefly discuss the Elks Club. Excuse me all to hell says Chris Linck after his discussion with Chuck Hellmuth. All members are in favor and the motion is carried. Bob Lehmann asks the membership who is in charge of the kitchen equipment. The computer guys are working on the equipment and there are miscellaneous kitchen supplies and equipment all over the place in the company storage room. Tim Boel reports he, Tom Chesser and Dennis Kennedy will take care of it. Pete Lehmann makes a motion the fire company sponsor a hole for \$1,000.00 for the Rally for the Cure golf tournament at Burden Lake. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Tim Boel makes a motion the fire company allocate \$100.00 for a hole sponsorship for the Elks club sponsorship. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The 50/50 winner of \$94 is Tim Boel. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn, Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:22pm. *** Food for the July meeting is the Explorers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain