



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **JULY MEETING**

**July 20, 2010**

The July 2010 meeting of the East Greenbush Fire Company was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Tooker. A pledge to the flag was led by our Sargeant-At-Arms Mike Memole, and a moment of silence was held for our departed members. President Tooker called the membership rolls, with 50 members in attendance at the meeting. A motion was made by Mike Memole to accept the June 2010 meeting minutes. Matt Sullivans seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquires the amount donated to the Komen Golf Tournament. He states that the amount in the minutes is \$1,000, whereas the company moved to donate \$100. President Tooker assures Mike Memole that only \$100 was donated and that the June minutes will be corrected. The motion to accept the June 2010 meeting minutes passes.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANICAL SECRETARY**

The Financial Secretary reported that \$23,914.09 worth of checks were written during June of 2010. Of these, 14 were over \$500. A motion was made by Kyle Keenan and seconded by Tom Gullo to accept this report. The motion passes.

## **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

The Visa Card report was presented. A balance, as of 6/21/10, was \$4,442.66. Of this, there were 5 charges over \$200. All charges have been accounted for with receipts. A motion was made by Bob Reineke, and a seconded by Nancy Fitzgerald to accept this report. The motion passes.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The Treasurer's report was presented. Our net income for June 2010 was \$31,983.97, and our net expenses were \$35,949.96, leaving us with a net loss of \$3,965.99. There is currently \$219,860.98 in our savings/checking. A motion was made by Bob Falls, Sr. and seconded by Mike Memole to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike Memole asked Treasurer Benson if we were "in line" from previous years. Treasurer Benson replied in the affirmative. The motion passes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

A request for a donation from the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams at Columbia High School was read by President Tooker under Communications and Bills. It will be addressed later under Good of the Order.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports there is a boater safety class being offered at the Park Station, which starts on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:00pm. The Chief congratulated Glen Cook on completing his EMT-B certification. He also congratulated Foreman Matt Sullivan, Foreman Chris Cargain, and Firefighter Nick Ramirez on completing the "hands on" training forcible entry class in Hoags Corners back in June.

We now have an additional low-band radio per apparatus, bringing the number of low-band radios up to 3 per truck. The S.W. Pitts parade is on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Engine 7 & Engine 8 will appear in the parade. There were 36 calls last month, and the total calls years to date is 180. Chief DiMartino thanked the members for coming out at all hours of the day and night for calls. Engine 8 has a brake problem, but the brakes are still working. Truck 11 finally has a new back up camera. Rescue 11 has new door magnets. The light tower "issues" on Rescue 11 are "human error generated". The cord reel will be repaired in August. All trucks are going out in August for their annual testing. There is an EMT Original and Re-cert class starting in August. Information will be posted at the firehouses soon. Concrete slabs and barriers need to be erected at the Park Station for insurance purposes. Chief DiMartino is continuing to investigate this. Chief DiMartino now has 121 signatures for the Seat Belt Pledge. It is ready to go to Baltimore.

Car 2- Absent due to vacation.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Prestipino reports that the Training House (Old HQ) has been cleaned up and that there is to be no more breeching of walls inside the building. He reports that there is spare sheetrock in the old Chief's office and near the front entrance. Please sign out the key when using the house and please clean up after yourselves! He also thanks Chris Dick and the others who have worked with the Explorers this year. He will be assigning the Explorers to report to different firehouses to join different companies on drill.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Lehmann reports that there is a Pub Ed Detail on Saturday at the Love Lutheran Church. See him if you can assist. See him if you have any District points questions, not the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fire District.

## **BUILDING USE REPORT**

President Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of June was \$4, 959.56 with 5 hall rentals and 13 pavilion rentals. The hall bar took in \$463.00, with the contractor pay out of \$1,455.00. The total profit for June was \$3,261.81. A motion was made by Rick Williams and seconded by Joe Winnicki to accept this report. The motion passes.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pavillion- President Tooker advised the membership to avoid using the ice machine in the Pavilion especially if we have a rental.

North Station House Committee- George Forgea reports that the quotes are in for the roof. It looks like \$30,000 to \$35,000 to repair the roof. All quotes and related information that George had has been turned over to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Tom Chesser.

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship- Pete Lehmann reports that the recipients of the Scholarship awards will be presented their monetary fund at the August meeting. minutes were recorded by Chairman/Past Chief Pete Lehmann. Barbara J. Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Committee

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 13, 2010

The annual meeting of the East Greenbush Fire Company's Scholarship Committee was conducted at Fire Company Headquarters on the above date. In attendance were Timothy Boel, George Forgea, David Smith, David Chesnut, Christopher Cargain, Jeffrey Tooker, Kathy Miller, Michael Benson, Sr. and Chairman Peter Lehmann. The meeting was called to order at 19:12 hours.

The 2010 Scholarship campaign yielded 4 applicants. Each of the applications was reviewed by the Committee to ensure that each met the requirement of a postmark on or before June 30, 2010. Each application was then numbered (proposal 1, proposal 2, etc.) and distributed to the committee members. Each application was reviewed independently by each judge and scored accordingly; as appropriate, one judge recused himself from the respective review of the applications submitted by family members. The scoring sheet from each judge for each application was compiled and reviewed at the conclusion of the review process.

At the conclusion of the judge's deliberations, four successful applications were identified.

The committee agreed that each of the candidates would receive a scholarship of \$500.00. Chairman Lehmann would advise each successful candidate in writing of their acceptance and each would be invited to the August Fire Company meeting to accept their award and receive the acknowledgment from the Company. The Scholarship awardees for 2010: Catheryne Boel, Jenna Gifford, Kayla Williams and Mackenzie Edberg.

To address a situation regarding application reference letters and the timeliness of the letters of recommendation, the committee voted to amend the requirements regarding letters of recommendations. For 2011, the Required Material for Consideration section will be amended to read:

- Two signed and dated written letters of recommendation from the applicant's references; the letters must be from the references listed on the application and dated within 60 days of the date of the application.

Chairman Lehmann thanked all for their participation in this process and thus concluded this annual meeting at 19:58 hours.

Review Board- The Membership Secretary read the names of the members who were under 50 points for the first half of 2010. President Tooker prefaced this report by mentioning that we are aware that there are life members, college-bound members, medically excused members, and armed-service members on this list. Each of these lists is available in the firehouses. A motion was made by Joe Winnicki and seconded by Kyle Keenan to accept this report. The motion passes.

EGFD Softball Team- Chris Cargain reports the softball team is 4-9 so far this year. Playoff are this upcoming weekend.

### **Election of Members/Proposals for Membership**

Brianna Flagg's application was tabled from June 2010. Chief DiMartino mentioned that she is motivated and ready to serve the EGFD. A motion was made by Chris Linck and seconded by Mike Memole that Brianna Flagg becomes the newest Probationary member of the East Greenbush Fire Company. The motion passes.

Jack W. Berry submitted an application to join the Fire Police squad. Mr. Berry resides at 2 Highland View Drive (in the CHFD district) and doesn't work in the EGFD district, and is therefore ineligible to join our company. The President will send him a letter.

Jeremy Potash submitted an application to join. He resides at 1507 Windsor Crossing and works at 30 Tech Valley Drive. He comes to us from the Scotia FD with a plethora of training. As is customary, his application will be tabled until the August meeting. David A. Cook questioned the location of Windsor Crossing. President Tooker informed him that Windsor Crossing is located in the CHFD District, but 30 Tech Valley Drive is located in our Fire District.

Bill Smallwood has been elected to membership in the East Schodack Fire Company. We had tabled Mr. Smallwood's request to move from Active to Social membership at the June meeting. President Tooker points out that we need to make a decision as to what to do with Mr. Smallwood. At this point, a motion was made and seconded to remove Mr. Smallwood from the East Greenbush Fire Company altogether. Mike Memole reminds us that he still owes us \$100, and that we should bring him up on petit larceny charges. Bob Lehmann states that the \$100 should be a wash and that we should simply remove him. Per the by-laws, a 2/3 vote was needed to remove him. The vote was 29-16 to remove Mr. Smallwood. Therefore, he is still a member of the East Greenbush Fire Company. A letter will be transmitted to the East Schodack President by President Tooker informing them that Mr. Smallwood is now a member of two fire companies and in violation of Town Law.

Ed Witko's 6-month probationary period has ended. A motion was made by Bob Lehmann and seconded by Greg Forgea to extend Ed's probation by another 6 months (until 1/19/11). The motion passes.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chris Linck reports that the Elks Lodge believes that it is a great idea to do joint fundraising activities. President Tooker asked for a written summary of the duties and responsibilities of each organization. Chris Linck states that he will have that once they are drafted.

R.P. Smith makes a motion to get a new Air Conditioner, not to exceed \$500.00, for the Main Station. It is seconded by Chris Linck, and the motion is approved.

R.P. Smith also makes a motion to complete work on the garage at the Main Station not to exceed \$200.00. This was seconded by Matt Sullivan. The motion passes.

President Tooker reminded the members that sign ups are still going on for the Aqua Ducks on August 13<sup>th</sup>. He reminded members that you and your guest were guaranteed seats, and if you have extended family or friends that plan on joining us... they may not get seats.

President Tooker advises the body that Chuck Hellmuth was recognized as the newest Life Member of the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Tom Gullo makes a motion to give George and Diane Forgea a gift certificate to a local restaurant, not to exceed \$100.00, for their hard work and dedication at the convention. The motion is seconded by Chuck Alger, and the motion passes. Tom Gullo will take care of obtaining the gift certificate.

Chief Di'Martino advises us that the Greene County Parade will take place on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and that we have the band for that day. Bob Lehmann requests that we utilize the unused HMVFA parade money to get a bus to transport members.

Pete Lehmann reminds us that September 19<sup>th</sup> is Life Members Day. He will be sending out a mass email to conserve on stamps and paper.

Chief DiMartino advises us to discard any outdated points sheets.

Chris Linck inquires if we would be interested in pursuing a FREE audio system from the Amateur Radio System. President Tooker gave him the green light to do so.

Chief DiMartino reminded us that the 2011 Hudson Mohawk parade will be in Hudson.

There was a letter of thank you from Sara Schmidt for the flowers and card from her recent surgery.

The Columbia Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are looking for a donation for their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Run. Both teams have qualified for the Great American Run in Cary, NC. Motion made by Bob Lehmann and seconded by Mark Benson to donate \$100. The motion passed. Food next month is the North Station. The 50/50 winner of \$67.00 was Joe Hallenbeck who is an Explorer. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn, the motion is seconded by Elwin Michael, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:04pm as all members are in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

President Jeff Tooker

Vice President Mark Benson



Jeff Tooker & Mark Benson (it was a team effort)

