



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

August Meeting

August 17, 2010

The August 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. The members continued with an extended moment of silence for Firefighter Edward L. Witko whom passed away the afternoon of Sunday August 15th as the result of a motorcycle accident. Past Chief Pete Lehmann requests/makes a motion that a page in the meeting minutes be set aside for Firefighter Edward Witko. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

President Tooker discussed the Ed Witko wake and funeral details. Wake is from 4pm-8pm, the funeral is at 10am on Friday. Meet in parking lot at 6:15pm. At 6:30pm we will be going entering the funeral home. Most of us will have to park across the street in K-Mart or Big Lots. Full dress uniform is the dress code. On Friday there will be a group leaving the North Station with Engine 8. It's obviously a very stressful time, something many of us have never had to deal have. Bob Lehmann will have the mourning bands for our badges. The wake detail should be about a half hour at St. Mary's Church. The church is the location due to the outpouring of people that will be attending the parade between family members, community members, and police departments around the Capital Region and even NYS.

Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from July. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

**** This page of the meeting minutes is set aside for our fallen brother, comrade, and Firefighter, Edward L. Witko.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports during the month of July there were 44 checks written, 8 of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$4,442.66 was paid in full and received by the credit card company on July 16th. The new balance is \$11,582.27. The only purchase over \$200.00 was for the Marine Village Hotel. The amount paid to Marine Village Hotel in Lake George is for \$11,616.00. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of July is \$43,313.31. The total expenses were \$30,729.88. Our total current assets equal \$232,304.52. Dave Chesnut makes a motion to accept the report, Pete Lavin seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- Absent from meeting due to vacation.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports the department has answered 23 calls in the month of July. Our total calls so far is approximately 202. Kevin thanked all the members that have been responding to the recent calls including the recent working structure fires. We need to make sure the tools go back on the trucks that they came off of. Thanks to Mikey P and his very small crew that attended the SW Pitts ceremonial parade in Latham. The rumors about Truck 11 getting replaced very soon are not accurate. Bruce Cushine is the Chairman of the Truck 11 Committee. He and his staff are still evaluating things with the truck and he reports to Car 1. Rescue 11's cord reel will be fixed soon. There may be a design flaw with that truck's cord reel. The last drill in August will be on the new smooth bore nozzles that were recently purchased by the Chiefs office.

Car 3- Mike Prestipino reports that the updated drill schedule will be posted at the stations soon. There is still hose in the large truck bay at HQ that needs to be rolled up. Most of the hose is from the working fire in Stuyvesant.

Car 4- No report. Absent from the meeting.

Captains- Ed McCabe reports that September 8th and September 15th will be the CDL inspections for the members that are continuing with the CDL. September 17th is the driving test. Greg Forgea discussed the details about the September 11th parade in Greene County.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Tooker reports that the total revenue for the month of July is \$7,893.75. The total expenses are \$2,554. The total profit is \$5,339.75. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall is \$31,114.56, and the total year to date income for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$3,908.25. R.P. Smith makes a motion to accept the report. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Golf Outing- M. Benson Sr. reports the golf outing is September 26th with a tee off time of 10:00am.

Life Members Day- Pete Lehmann reports the date is September 19th with festivities starting at 2pm. He reports that emails will be sent out soon.

Pizza Night- Tim Tordoff is the Chairperson, The 1st pizza night is scheduled for September 11th. This is the same day as the parade in Greene County. Mike Benson Sr. reports Ricky had preliminary discussions, and leading not toward doing it. The problem is with the clean-up after the Pizza Night. Tim Tordoff is on the phone and states he will do it, and President Tooker will have the students that need community service to do the cleanups.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy Hotash residing on Windsor Crossing in Forest Pointe has submitted an application for active membership. He works at 30 Tech Valley Drive off of Upper Mannix Road in the Tech Park. President Tooker asks Car 3 to comment on Jeremy's behalf. Mikey P reports

that Jeremy has been at every drill, he will be an asset with his firefighting background from Scotia FD. He works in our fire district. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept Jeremy as the newest member of the fire company. Greg Forgea seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

****Mary Ramirez submitted a letter of resignation.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

North Station roof report- Tom Chesser tables the report for another month. He is still waiting on other quotes from other roofing contractors.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Kennedy sent a letter to the President requesting use of the fire hall for primary day and Election Day. Jeff is going to ask them to take out the trash and clean up after themselves when they use the hall. President Tooker has sent the Rensselaer County Board of Elections 3 letters and he has not received a response yet.

President Tooker received correspondence from Loraine Hilton Van Zandt from Coldwell Banker regarding the property near the Park Station. The property that is detailed on the map has been assessed at \$85,000.00. The information will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Greg Forgea discusses doing t-shirts in memory of Ed Witko. The cost would \$5.00 per shirt. We are going to sell them for \$15.00 per shirt. We are looking at starting with possibly 200 shirts. This is a joint effort with us and the Police Department. Making a motion for the FD to front the money, we will get the money back. Katy Schmidt makes the motion, Nick Ramirez seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Police Captain Joe Lacivita advises that he needs 8 additional members for the Fire Police detail for Ed's funeral.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nelson Williams reports that he keeps hearing a rumor that the Church is looking for a new place to hold their events on Sundays. President Tooker is unaware of any such rumor. Nelson asks if we can get in contact with Mike Stafford regarding them about their possible

actions. They are signed through September of this year. Ricky says if the church leaves they would have to give us 90 days notice. They are not looking anywhere else, just a problem with attendance for their services.

50/50 winner of \$80.00 is an Explorer, again.

Elwin Michael makes a motion adjourn the meeting. Chuck Alger seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

** Food next month is provided by the Commissioners and the Chiefs. The annual Steak Bake. Food will be served starting at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain