



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

September 21, 2010

The September 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from last month. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried. President Tooker thanks the Commissioners, Chiefs, Chris Dick, and Ed Wallace for the Steak Dinner. Chris Linck (Chairman of Board of Fire Commissioners) thanks all the members for all the time they put in for training, fund raising, and responding to all of the many fire calls that we have throughout the year.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 42 checks written for the month of August. Thirteen (13) checks were written for over \$500.00. Four of the checks written for over \$500.00 were for the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship recipients. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Tim Boel seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President J. Tooker reports the previous balance of \$11,757.27 was paid in full and received by the credit card company on August 11th. The new balance is \$1,877.77. There were four purchases made for over \$200.00 and they were: \$549.00 purchase at Rensselaer Appliance for the air conditioner at the Main Station, \$438.44 purchase at the Home Depot for wiring supplies and other maintenance supplies for the Main Station, \$319.73 at Paesans Pizza for the Aquaducks, and \$352.17 at Price Chopper for the Aquaducks. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of August is \$7,547.38. The total expenses for the month of August were \$40,508.43. Our total assets through August 31st totals \$200,034.21. Mark Becker makes a motion to accept the report, Chuch Hellmuth seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief E. Di'Martino reports there 22 calls in August. The call total for the year is 224. The Chiefs thanked everyone for all the support at all the fires. The drill cycle is in its 4th stage. October 15th and 16th is the Line Officer Leadership conference in Saratoga Springs. There is also a similar leadership conference on December 3rd and 4th in White Plains. See the Chief immediately if you are interested in attending. Every member should have their new safety vests. The Foreman really need to run the trucks. There have been a lot of problems with the primers on the trucks that have gone in for maintenance. Engine 6 has safety inspection only on it. Engine 7 needs to have all preventive maintenance completed. Engine 8 is done and needs to go to Watkins Spring. Engine 9 still needs a few things for preventative maintenance. The cord reel on Rescue 11 appears to be a design flaw. It may have to go back to Toyne. The lap top computer on Rescue 11 is up and running. Thanks to Bill Sigsby and Tom Whittemore for installing the computer and setting up the programs. Truck 11 was at Atlantic Detroit Diesel for 4 weeks to get the air conditioning worked on. Once KME got it back, the compressor was pretty much fried. The aerial preventative maintenance was done at KME. We are waiting on the controllers for the bucket. The low range and high range were not working, hopefully by Thursday and Friday it will be done. Ed McCabe and Eddie D will be taking the truck to Haggerty's for new tires. Once the trucks get back then the hose testing will get done. Tim Boel and Eddie D, Chuck Hellmuth and Kevin Hitchcock were invited to Valley Stream for a conference. Fire Officer 1 class starts on September 29th.

Car 2- Assistant Chief K. Hitchcock reports the EG Library has set up a wooden shed for books. The mini-mall in front of Target is well under way.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports the drill cycle is in its 4th stage. November 30th drill will be at the Rensselaer County training tower and training house. We should have at least 1 or 2 new thermal imaging cameras before the end of the year.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports that Fire Prevention will be starting soon. The first full week in October starts our PUB ED details. The implementation of the smooth bore nozzles has been completed. On September 11th 21 members marched in the Greene County Parade. EGFD won a 1st place trophy for out of county and a 2nd place trophy for the color guard. On November 8th last year there was a head on accident on Luther Road, and the victim of the accident has thanked the emergency services several times for their assistance. The woman involved has written various articles regarding her experience in the accident.

Captains- Ed McCabe reports the CDL class for this Thursday is cancelled. The class has been re-scheduled for Thursday, September 30th.

Board of Directors- Tom Chesser reports that the property along and around the Park Station is not of great value to us. The property is 6.9 acres and the property was listed at \$85,000.00. Tim Boel makes a motion that we send a letter to Ms. Hilton. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Bids have been received for the roof at the North Station. The bids received were between \$31,000-\$34,000. The Board of Directors recommends the roof be repaired for the winter. Make a motion to repair the roof for the winter, reasonable amount of money for year 2010. Tim Boel makes a motion to have the roof repaired with a reasonable amount of money allotted. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. There are no problems with the structural integrity. Tim Boel elaborates further about the roof at the North Station reporting no money has really been put into the North Station, it's a 50 year old roof. Keeping the integrity of the North Station and all of our buildings is of the most importance. Budgeting the repairs is essential. Tom Chesser and Tim Boel report that it's not a structural issue. Tom Gullo is concerned about the roof's structural concerns. Dave Cook asks Tim Boel to amend his motion to \$3,000.00. Tim Boel agrees to amend his motion. Bob Reineke agrees to amend the motion as he seconded the motion. Tim Boel reports there is money in the budget line for building improvements. All members were in favor of the motion with the exception of Greg Forgea who opposes the motion.

BUILDING USE REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of August was \$6,089.00. The total expenses for the month were \$449.50. The total profit for the month of August is \$5,639.50 The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall and Pavilion is

\$37,203.56. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall bar is \$5,924.25. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to accept the report. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports that he has no report as the result of Jeff Tooker's sarcasm. Mike Benson Sr. reports everything is ready to go. There are 35 golf teams for Sunday. Tee off is at 10:00am at Winding Brook in Valatie. The crew going to the Country Club should meet at the North Station at 6:30am. We already have \$10,000.00 in the bank. We are turning sponsors away because we have enough. We are looking to make at least \$4,000.00 at the Country Club with the raffles and other holes. The crew at the Park Station should expect to see golfers shortly after 4:00pm.

Life Members Day- Pete Lehmann reports this past Sunday 67 life members showed up for a great day. A presentation was done by FASNY regarding Hubie Ashley's 51 years of service. Pete thanked all of his committee members for all of their hard work organizing the event.

Pizza Night- President Tooker reports Chairman T. Tordoff is working on the P& L report. No report available for this meeting. If anyone is available at 8:00pm please show up and help clean-up. It does not take a lot if there are enough members to pick-up tables and mop.

Fund Drive- Chirs Lavin reports there will be a smoke detector awareness campaign this year. This smoke detector fund drive is very important and the smoke detectors, or lack there of can be directly correlated to the fire in Fort Edward a few months ago. Part of the campaign would be for elderly and disabled members to contact the fire station during daytime hours, and the fire department will pay a visit to assist them with the smoke detectors. Negotiations are still in the works with Country True Value for ample supply of batteries and smoke detectors. Chris Lavin makes a motion to adopt this smoke detector awareness campaign into the annual publication fund drive. Tim Hedgepath seconds the motion. Greg Forgea inquires as to who is funding the campaign, the fire company or fire district. Mike Forgea is all for the program, but one thing we have to look at is the liability issue. Chris does not feel there is any other liability than what we already do now. Tim Boel asks if \$1,500.00 is enough. We don't know how many people are going to say, "Can you fix my smoke alarm?" Are we opening up "Pandoras Box?"

Chris Lavin amends his motion if the District will join us in this venture as a financial partner if the fire company would be willing to make these visits during drill nights. The cost is not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the fire company. Motion has been amended, and \$1,000.00 from the district. Tim Boel seconds the motion. We sent out 5,200 mailings last year. There may be a few more this year. We do not know who is going to actually call us to take care of the smoke detector. David Cook asks who is running the program. Chris Lavin reports that he is along with a slate of other Line Officers. All members were in favor with no opposition.

EGFD Softball Team- Team Manager M. Benson Jr. reports the team finished the season with a record 5-9. M. Benson Jr. reports in a few weeks on October 1st and October 2nd the Girls Softball League is hosting a softball tournament for the Ed Witko family. There have been 24 teams entered into the tournament. EGFD will be competing in the tournament. M. Benson Jr. The softball league is asking for use of our Pavillion for festivities on Friday and Saturday evening after the games. M. Benson Jr. makes a motion that the fire company allow the pavilion to be used free of charge for the tournament. This will be our donation to the tournament. Eric Cullum seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Nominations Committee- The members assigned to this committee shall see President Tooker after the October meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws- Any proposals are due at the October meeting.

** There were no proposals for membership, no election of new members, and there were no members eligible for 6 month probationary review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Past Chief/Past President Mike Benson Sr. asks President Tooker about how much money is spent for the Aquaducks cruise and the Valleycats game. M. Benson Sr. expresses his thoughts on the Pizza Nights. It seems like for each Pizza Night it is constantly the same 20-25 guys working the Pizza Night. Mike states something has to be done. He asks President Tooker how many new members we have had join the fire company within the past year to 6 months. Mike asks if the by-laws state that each new member must be assigned to a committee by the President. Mike states that we can't continue to spend the money on our fraternal events. We need to watch our funds and that these newer members don't seem to be seen at the large

fund raising events such as Pizza Night and the Fish Fry Nights. M. Benson Sr. states in the form of a motion that in order to partake in the fraternal events, a member must go to one of the fund raising events. We cannot continue to spend the money the way that we are. David Cook seconds the motion. He also wants to add to it. We make \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00. We can't do it all. These events should be earmarked, and the by-laws need to be followed. Tim Boel doesn't want to discourage the events. Rules are in place and they need to be followed. President Tooker states that our bills of course do need to be paid. David wants to make it clear, that this does not include the Ladies Auxiliary. David Cook requests that we withdraw our motion and orchestrate a by-law change. Other members state we can't have 2 events at the same time (Pizza Night and Greene County Parade). The point is that it's a situation that will not go away if it's not addressed soon. David and Mike will be coming back to the October meeting with a proposed by law change. October 9th is the next Pizza Night. Greg Forgea reminds us all that it's a holiday weekend (Columbus Day).

Building Manager Mike Stafford would like to have the Banquet Hall re-painted. The cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. \$3.42 has been spent this year. Ricky Williams seconds the motion. Tim Boel asks for us to have real money bids. The motion is carried.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick inquires about Annual Dinner entertainment. There are probably a couple of members coming up from Valley Stream. There were no suggestions from the floor besides strippers, but that will not be occurring. Chris Dick will continue to try and secure comedians.

** There is no new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker advises any members that are not going away for the holiday weekend to please work the Pizza Night. President Tooker advises that "we need to work hard to play hard."

Greg Forgea requests that the Secretary send a letter to New Baltimore to thank them for the hospitality after the parade on September 11th in Greene County.

Mike Stafford reports that it's the 3rd month that females are down here at the Pavilion running. They were being charged a light fee. Mike Stafford proposes \$50 per day because they

need to go indoors with cold weather approaching. Creig Cullum seconds the motion. Members ask who is going to be letting them in? Is this going to ruining our floors, states Marty Miller. Tim Boel states the cost should \$150 a week. He then changes the cost to \$180.00 after Mike Stafford elaborated on clean-up. Greg Forgea seconded the motion. Chuck Hellmuth recommends we charge them per day. The motion is carried.

The 50/50 winner of \$84.00 is Capt. Mike Benson Jr.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 8:47pm.

*** Food next month will be provided by the Main Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary