



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING**

October 19, 2010

The October 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. During this meeting the fire company members worked hard at the "Annual lick em and stick em (Annual Fund Raising Mailer). Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from last month's meeting, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Paul Benson reports for N. Baker and reports that there were 59 checks written for the month of September. Eleven (11) checks were written for over \$500.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

### **EGFD MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$1,877.77 was paid in full and received by the credit card company on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$3,034.59. There were 5 purchases for over \$200.00 and they were: \$280.00 on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the National Hole in One (EGFD Golf Outing), \$1,123.00 on September 19<sup>th</sup> for Dinosaur BBQ for the Life Members Day, \$357.09 on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Home Depot for the Main Station shed refurbishing/ re-hab of the shed for the generator, \$300.83 for Hannaford Plaza Liquor store for Life Members Day on September 18<sup>th</sup>, and a purchase of \$452.11 on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Price Chopper for Life Members Day. Bob Falls 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 September is \$2,490.00. The total expenses for September were \$38,745.45. Our total assets total \$177,565.08. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports there are 258 calls so far this year. There were 34 calls in September and 20 calls so far in October. Chief Di'Martino read two certificates that were presented to the FD. One was from the Hudson Mohawk Firefighters Association for allowing us to host the Fire Police class, and the second certificate was from OFPC for our participation in the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. This Friday we have been requested for the Goff School Halloween Happening detail. The only truck that has to be serviced is Rescue 11. The Chiefs Office is still waiting to hear back from Toyne regarding the cord reel. All officers need to check their trucks for equipment. Some trucks have been missing or the equipment has been misplaced. Everyone needs to wear their seatbelts while in the apparatus. See Chief Di'Martino if you're interested in attending either of the fire classes on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Car 2- Absent from the meeting due to attending a ropes class.

Car 3- Mikey P reports the next Training Cycle starts soon. This will be the last cycle for the rest of the year. On November 30<sup>th</sup> all trucks the company drill is at the Rensselaer County Training Tower. All trucks are requested to leave their stations at 6:45pm

Car 4- The weekend pub ed programs have been completed.

Captains- Greg Forgea reports that a firefighter in Georgia used his cell to take video and make comments regarding a traffic accident that ended up being a fatal accident. The firefighter in Georgia is currently suspended and may lose his job because the images from his cell phone were posted on the internet. Fire Police Captain Joe Lacivita reports he needs 4 firefighters for the Halloween detail.

Safety Officers-Tom Whittemore briefly discussed the new adapter. He showed how it works and reported that with the next drill cycle each truck will spend a few minutes going over this more in detail.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pizza Night- President Tooker reports the total expenses for the October Pizza Night were \$1,494.00. The total income is \$2,106.50. The total profit minus a \$300.00 start up bag is \$312.50. There is still not a September Pizza Night report on file. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of September is \$2,490.00. The total expenses were \$1,105.25. The total profit for the month of September is \$1,384.75. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall and Pavilion is \$39,693.56. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$5,924.25. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Buildings- Tim Boel reports the budget for the repair work to the North Station roof is not to exceed \$3,000.00. Pinnacle Roofing has secured a quote of \$2,300.00. There will be a work detail Wednesday at 6:15pm to remove some ceiling tiles. Pinnacle Roofing thinks the screw holes and moisture is coming from inside of the building. Each station has a passbook account of approximately \$3,596.00. The soda machine at the North Station is no longer working. The compressor is shot and the refrigeration unit is also shot. Tim Boel contacted Pepsi. They do not sell machines but the representative he spoke with is willing to bring a brand new machine at no charge to us. We would have to buy the product from them. The machine would be delivered here. They (Pepsi) will maintain it. Cost with deposit for bottles is \$19.40. \$1 a soda. This is not a money maker but it's a member benefit. Timmy makes a motion we enter into a contract with Pepsi. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. Mike Memole asks if it would be beneficial to get a soda machine for the Park Station. Mike Memole also mentions that the by-laws once stated under a previous administration that the cost of soda would be 60 cents. After discussion it appears that the soda charge per can is no longer in affect. All members were in favor. The North Station is also seeking a new TV, 42" TV with a mount not to exceed \$500.00. Tim Boel has been seeking prices for a TV. Also the members at the station are

seeking a DVD and Blue Ray player which would cost \$225 and \$318.00 respectively. The entire entertainment system/center is not to \$900.00. Past Chief T. Boel proposed and made a motion for the TV and entertainment center. Ed McCabe seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion is carried.

Nominations Committee- Jeff Tooker reports that Kathy Miller is the chairperson of this committee. Past Chief Pete Lehmann has also offered his assistance. Rick Williams is the representative for the Park Station, Pete Lavin is the representative for the North Station, and Marty Miller is the representative for the Main Station. The goal is to have the nominating committee member forward the list of officer candidates to Kathy Miller before the November meeting so the names can be read by the Recording Secretary at that meeting.

Golf Outing- Co-Chair Tim Boel reports that the total income for the event is \$24,960, and the total expenses were \$14,550.00 The total profit is \$10,410.00. There are still a few checks that need to be completed along with a cash payment. There were 55 members that worked this prestigious event. There were 21 members that worked at the country club and 24 members that worked at the Pavilion. Tim Boel and Mike Benson Sr. thanked all the members for their hard work with this fund raising event.

Constitution and By Law Changes- Chairman Tom Chesser has received two by-law changes. The first proposed by law change focuses on Article 2, Membership, Section 2 Active Members. The proposed change is as follows for paragraph 9: In order to receive any benefit from the budgeted "Fraternal" expense line item, all active members shall be required to have participated in one-third of the recognized fund raising activities from the previous year. This section shall not apply to members with less than one year of service. This by law proposal was submitted (sponsored) by David A. Cook and seconded by Mike Benson Sr. The second proposed by law change focuses on Article 1, Section 1. The current wording reads East Greenbush, New York 12061. The proposal is to change East Greenbush, New York 12061 to Rensselaer, New York 12144. This by-law change was submitted by Chuck Hellmuth and seconded by Jeff Tooker. These two proposed by-law changes are posted at the three fire stations and will be voted on at the November meeting.

Softball Team- Mike Benson Jr. reports the team participated in the Ed Witko Softball Tournament. EGFD beat CHFD in the first game which was an exhibition game, and EGFD lost

to the Immigration and Customs team in tournament play on Saturday. Mike thanked all the players for their commitment to the team. The team has seen improvement this year with 5 wins.

Convention Committee- George Forgea makes a motion the company appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Lake George convention. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Katie Schmidt residing at 24 Paul Street has submitted an application for active membership. Her application will be tabled for a month.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Banquet Hall Manager Mike Stafford reports he has received two quotes for the work (painting) to be completed in the banquet hall. DNS Remodeling has proposed to complete the work for \$4,050.00. MJK Painting & More has a proposal to complete the work for \$1,794.92. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to have the work completed by MJK Painting & More. Elwin Michel seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

There is no new business to report.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chris Lavin briefed the President and the members on this year's fund raising pamphlet. There are approximately 5,400 pamphlets that will be mailed out this year. The major focus in the pamphlet this year is our smoke detector program. There is also a waiver for the home owner to sign which essentially takes the liability away from us. The home owner has to sign the receipt and release form. When a homeowner is in need of a smoke detector, only one smoke detector will be distributed per household. Car 4 will be dealing with the smoke detector distribution. The homeowners/residents have been directed to contact the NFPA webpage for appropriate smoke detector placement. Tom Whittemore also reports he will have the webpage link on our site later this evening or tomorrow. Car 4 also reports that the officer or Chief that is answering the service call should contact communications and have them open a call, that way a history will be established for that residence.

President Tooker read the By-Laws for the position of Chief and he also read the requirements for the Chiefs positions. Chief's letters are due at the November meeting.

Pete Lehmann has Old Timers Day pictures.

Chris Linck briefly discussed the Pancake Breakfast with the Elks Club for the Scholarship.

RP Smith reports that Don Gifford is moving to Princetown (Rotterdam area). RP reports that Donny has 15 years of service and RP makes a motion for the fire company to make Don Gifford a Life Member. David Cook seconds the motion. The motion is carried with opposition from Chuck Hellmuth.

Jeff Tooker read the list of important dates for the EGFD:

November 13<sup>th</sup>-pizza night

December 9<sup>th</sup>- Chiefs Elections

December 10<sup>th</sup>- Annual Dinner

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Pizza Night

December 18<sup>th</sup>- Xmas parties.

December 21<sup>st</sup>- Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

January 15<sup>th</sup>- Installation Dinner, 95<sup>th</sup> year.

The winner of the 50/50 for \$56.00 is Mike Benson Jr. (again). Paul Zirpoli makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Miller seconds the motion. The motion is carried by all members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain

