



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

December Meeting

December 21, 2010

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were completed. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from November's meeting. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the Chiefs Elections meeting minutes. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports that 48 checks were written for the month of November. Thirteen (13) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann inquired about the check that was written for over \$500.00 to Quick Response. President Tooker reports that it was from clean-up at the Main Station when a toilet overflowed. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Paul Zirpoli seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President J. Tooker reports the previous balance of \$4,739.60 was paid in full and received by Chase on November 10th. The new balance is \$1,231.52. There was only one purchase made that was for over \$200.00 and that was for \$896.00 which was for the North Station entertainment system. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of November is \$23,089.60. The total expenses were \$36,154.84. Our total assets total \$146,709.50. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report, Adam Daniels seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Chief's Report- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports that Bill Smallwood has submitted a letter of resignation. The cord reel on Rescue 11 is back in on line and is in good working order right now. The struts on the cord reel will also be replaced and they have been ordered. There have been approximately 325 calls year to date. The Holmotro tool servicing has been completed. The Chiefs office will be purchasing thermal imaging cameras most likely at the first part of next year. Garrison was the only vendor to bid on the product. The goal is to have each station fitted with a thermal imaging camera. Department physicals will be on *January 18th and January 19th*. The times will be from *4pm-7pm*. The Chief urges and advises each member to fill out the required packet of health questions. The sign-up sheets for the physicals will be posted after this meeting and they will be removed on January 10th. Moe's is now open at the new plaza on Troy Road. Each business in the new plaza has their own KNOX Box. The Chief commends Mike Memole for completing ICS 400.

Car 2- Assistant Chief K. Hitchcock wishes everyone a good holiday season and he thanks everyone for their support.

Car 3- Assistant Chief M. Prespitino thanked all of the facilitators for their dedication throughout the year. The training program has been a huge success. On February 12th there is a Mack Boston fire training class that will focus on firefighter survival. The class is being offered in Clifton Park. Our department has been cleared to drill at Albany International. The first Tuesday in January will be dedicated to drilling at Albany International. Drill is slated to begin at 6pm. The trucks should leave the stations at 5:45pm. There may also be a drill that Thursday and Saturday. The scheduled demolition of the whole building is scheduled for January 10th.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports we have answered 342 calls this year. We are well on the way to answer 350 calls this year. Assistant Chief Lehmann thanked everyone for their support and he has learned a lot in his first year.

Captains- Greg Forgea reports that we will be unable to force the door at Game Stop. There is a significant amount of deadbolts on the door. More than anyone can imagine. If the door has to be forced we should use the cutters.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings- Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of November is \$4,735.06. The total expenses were \$1,082.75. The total profit is \$3,652.31. The year to date Banquet Hall & Pavilion income is \$46,668.62. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$6,656.25. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. The two heaters at the North Station were not working. They have since been repaired by the contractor. If anyone needs to borrow tables and chairs from the North Station they must see George Forgea. George switches hats to Commissioner and thanks everyone for their service this year. He also reports the new qualifications for Chief Officers will be in effect for 2011. In regards to the soda machines, they have been delivered today, they are too big, and a small size is necessary for each station. Tim Boel will be contacted the person at Pepsi and advising them of the situation. Once the smaller sized machines are in, they will all be put in service.

Pizza Night- Jeff Tooker reports the total expenses for the November Pizza night were \$1,462.00. The total income for the November Pizza night is \$2,815.00. The total profit minus a \$300 start up bag is \$1,053.00. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted. President J. Tooker reports that Chairman Tim Tordoff has accepted a new position with his place of employment. Tim does not believe that he will be able to run the Pizza Nights after the January event. If anyone is interested in taking over for Tim please let the President know.

Fund Drive- Chris Lavin reports so far we have an \$8,000 gross profit.

Elks Pancake Breakfast- Chris Linck reports that a sign up list for our members to work the event will go up in January.

Convention Activities- George Forgea reports that he needs the deposit by next company meeting. The second check has been received by the hotel.

Installation Banquet- Vice President Mark Benson has tickets along with the station Chiefs. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Paolo Lombardi will be catering the event, not Teagans!

Review Board- President Tooker reports there will be a Review Board meeting on December 27th at 5pm at HQ. The meeting will be done by 6pm because the Audit and Finance committee will be meeting after the Review Board meeting.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick apologizes to the Pizza Night crew for the failed clean-up detail. Valley Stream had a good time. One of the comedians really enjoyed himself and had a great time. The comedian looks forward to attending next year as a guest.

President's Report- President Tooker reports the tradition of his fire company started 95 years ago on January 7th. All of the service is extremely impressive. The goal of 2011 is to have all members to participate in as many fund raisers as possible. Our organization will come to its fullest in the many years to come including the upcoming year of 2011. Jeff thanked everyone for all of their hard work this year.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jessica Ioreo residing on Ternan Avenue is applying to company as a member for Code 100. She is employed as a guidance counselor in the Pittsfield School district.

Jim Pendolino- residing at 54 Troy Road is applying for active membership. Jim is currently employed at General Electric. He has many EMS certifications.

There were no elections of new members.

Life Members- President Tooker reports that Tom Gullo will be a life member this year, 4/16/2011. Don Gifford will also be a life member as we voted on earlier this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike Memole requests his name be removed from the position of Membership Secretary. President Tooker informs the membership that the only contested race is for the Board of Directors. Chris Linck makes a motion to close the balloting. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. After an election the newly elected Board of Directors are Dave Chesnut and Rick Williams. The other Executive Officers for 2011 are: President- Jeff Tooker, Vice President- Mark Benson, Recording Secretary- Mike Benson Jr., Treasurer- Paul Benson, Financial Secretary- Nancy Baker, and Membership Secretary- Kathy Miller.

President Tooker asks any of the candidates for Captain if they wish to have their name removed from the position of Captain. Tom Chesser acknowledges and wishes to have his name removed from the ballot due to his full-time work commitments. President Tooker advises the membership that this is still a contested race. Adam Daniels makes a motion to close the balloting. Anthony Prioux seconds the motion. The Captains for 2011 are: Mike Benson Jr., Chris Cargain, Chris Dick, Greg Forgea, and Jeff Tooker.

President Tooker advises the membership to remove Greg Forgea from their ballots as Greg Forgea was elected Captain. President Tooker continues to advise that this is a contested race. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to close the balloting. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The balloting is now closed. After tabulating the votes there is an error. There are more ballots than we have members present at this meeting. After some discussion the ballots were off due to Patrick Forgea departing from the meeting and Jeremy Potash now gives his name for attendance. This calls for a re-vote as things are not accurate. Dave Becker makes a motion that the Recording Secretary to complete the roll call once again to make sure that every single member in the meeting is accounted for. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion. After the roll call was completed the total number of members at the meeting is 65. A re-vote is completed and after tabulating the votes, Past Chief Pete Lehmann reports that all the ballots are accurate. The following members were elected to the position of Lieutenant for 2011: Mark Becker, Bruce Cushine, Anthony Prioux, Paul Stoddard, and Ed Wallace.

President Tooker advises the membership that the race for Foreman is uncontested. Chris Linck makes a motion for the Secretary to cast a ballot. Paul Zirpoli seconds the motion.

The following members were elected to the position of Foreman for 2011: Frank Jenkins, Mike Memole, Nick Ramirez, Matt Sullivan, and Joe Winnicki.

President Jeff Tooker informs the membership that the race for Fire Police officers is uncontested. Chuck Alger makes a motion for the Secretary to cast one ballot. Todd Cullum seconds the motion. The following members were elected to the following Fire Police Officer positions: Captain- Joe Lacivita, Lieutenants: Bob Falls Sr., Tom Whittemore, and Nelson Williams.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike Memole thanks Jeanie Mastin for decorating the hall. Tim Boel makes a motion for Chuck Hellmuth to be the delegate for the Hudson Valley Convention. Chris Linck seconds the motion. All members were in favor and Chuck Hellmuth accepts. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion for Tim Boel to be the alternate. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion is carried and Tim Boel accepts. Tim Boel makes a motion for Chris Dick to be the delegate at the Hudson Mohawk Convention. Chris Linck seconds the motion. The motion is carried and Chris Dick accepts. Chris Dick makes a motion for Paul Zirpoli to be the alternate. Greg Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried and Paul Zirpoli accepts. President Tooker seeks candidates for the FASNY convention. He nominates Pete Lavin, however Pete declines. President Tooker nominates Kathy Miller. Vice President Mark Benson seconds the motion. Kathy Miller accepts. All members were in favor.

Queensbury Smoker- Pete Lehmann reports the Queensbury Smoker is December 30th. The dinner starts at 6pm. Transportation will be leaving the North Station at 5pm.

President Tooker reminds the members that the Installation Dinner is January 15th. Cocktails start at 6pm with dinner served by Paolo Lombardi at 7pm.

Past Chief David A. Cook asks for names of Foreman to be read again.

Don Gifford submitted a letter of resignation. The letter is submitted with regret. Jenna Gifford also submitted a letter of resignation with regret. Pete Lehmann acknowledges that these letters are accepted with regret as the President pointed out previously.

Bill Smallwood submitted a letter of resignation. Tim Boel reports the member is in debt to the fire company and he is a member in bad standing. Pete Lavin reports the guy is a loser. This letter is for active membership and social membership. RP Smith states that we should prosecute Bill . He cannot be a member of two departments. Bill is also a member in East Schodack. The concern is about insurance purposes. Chief Di'Martino explains that he is on hold for right now. The resignation letter is not honored until he pays us the money. Jeff Tooker will be submitting a letter to East Schodack. Pete Lavin once again reports the "guy" is a loser.

The 50/50 winner of \$89.00 is Mike Memole. Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Alger seconds the meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain