

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

June 2011 Meeting

June 21, 2011

President Jeff Tooker called the June 2011 meeting to order at 7:09pm. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Nancy Baker seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Chris Lavin reports special guest, Rich Hendrick (Past Assistant Chief of CHFD) is in attendance for the upcoming election of our applicant, Rich Hendricks Jr.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports a total of 41 checks were written during the month of May. Ten of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report. Dave Chesnut seconds the motion. George Forgea asks for clarification on the Verizon check that was written, \$5,000.00 or \$500.00. Nancy Baker reports the full amount of the check that was written is \$553.97. Not \$5,000.00 as previously stated. The report is then accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President J. Tooker reports the previous balance of \$4,702.85 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on May 13th. The new balance for this month is \$671.11. There was only one purchase for over \$200.00 which was on May 7 at True Value for \$275.00 for the Frank Becker Pavilion. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of May is \$19,414.34. The total expenses for the month were \$46,303.19. Our current total assets total \$228,484.74. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Lavin seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports the Valley Stream Fire Department Parade is Saturday, August 6th. We were invited to this parade back in December when they were here for our annual dinner. There will be a one day boot camp training class on July 30th. The class is "The Accident Scene." The Chief presented certificates to Mike Prestipino, Lavin, Bob Lehmann, Jim Pendolino, and Greg Forgea for taking the Truck Operations class. Mark Becker, Chris Lavin and Mike Prestipino also attended classes at Turning Stone and they were presented with certificates for the classes that they completed. The department was very quiet for calls during the month of May. For the month of June so far we have been extremely busy. Just a reminder that for zone calls such as fire alarms, the first truck (zone engine) is code 3. If there is a second truck that responds the response level should be code 2 unless circumstances dictate otherwise. The Recruitment and Retention grant monies have been used. 7,000 brochures were published. The Chief thanked all the members for attending training, answering calls for service and for attending the parade in Lake George. Before leaving fire scenes make sure we pick up our equipment. The next scheduled officers meeting will be June 30th.

Car 2- K. Hitchcock reports there is a proposed strip mall behind Mavis Tire. The site plans will be posted on the back wall in the training room.

Car 3- M. Prestipino reports the next drill cycle starts next week. The gas key for Engine 9 is missing, whoever used the key please let the Chief or Captain know where the key is.

Car 4- B. Lehmann thanked all the members for their hard work with the several parade details and for participating in the parade. If anyone ordered a 9-11 shirt that didn't receive one and did not attend the convention please let Bob know ASAP so he can distribute the shirt to you.

Safety Officers- Tom Whittemore reports that when working at a wires down call the safety zone is 10 feet. Don't ever assume the wire is not live unless the National Grid employee tells you.

Firefighters- EG DPW Water Foreman Tom Kennedy reports there is on-going construction at Couse Corners in regards to the round about that is well under way. Any re-routing of traffic, road shut downs, or water being shut off will be sent via a blast text message through the communications center, and there are electronic signs near Troy Rd that discusses the road work that will be occurring.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin inquires about funds from Fish Fry and Pizza Nights. Jeanie also reports the Ladies Aux is very interested in continuing the Pizza Nights. The Ladies Aux feels the Pizza Nights are good public relations. The Ladies Aux is looking to work cohesively with some help from the members of the fire company. There have been some members that have expressed severe interest.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Convention Committee- President Tooker recognizes Greg Forgea and George Forgea for all their hard work with the convention activities. We'll discuss in August what our plans are for next year. Greg reports the event came in under budget. Mike Memole makes motion we purchase a gift certificate for Greg and George for all their hard work. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of May totaled \$5,501.68. The total expenses were \$1,445.00. The total profit is \$4,056.68. The total year to date income for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$16,323.44. The total year to date income for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$2,513.50. Adam Daniels makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship- Chairman Pete Lehmann reports the deadline submission date for applications is June 30th. The Committee will convene on July 25th.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Kenneth McKenzie residing at 18B Phillips Road and Christopher Lebrect residing at 24 Electric Avenue have both elected to withdraw their names for candidacy at this time. ***Sean Kennedy will be 17 years old next month. He is currently an active member of Explorer Post 11, and he will be voted on next month when he is 17 and with his transfer of membership from Explorer to active fireman. There is no waiting period as established during a previous administration a few years ago.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rich Hendrick Jr. residing on Barber Drive is currently employed at True Value. He is allowed to leave for calls. Mike Prestipino reports that since Rich Hendrick Jr. has submitted his application last month he has been at every drill and he is very eager to be a member of our department. A couple of members at the Park Station advise that Rich Jr. has already been given a nickname. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to elect Rich Hendrick Jr. as our newest member. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Jim Pendolino is up for his sixth month review. Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann speaks on his behalf stating that Jim Pendolino is very active attending drills, going to calls, and he just completed the recent ladder class. Bob Lehmann makes a motion for Jim Pendolino to be a fully fledged member, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President J. Tooker elaborates on the station cleaning that has been discussed over the course of the past two to three months. The following was established by President Tooker and his staff: The Park Station will be cleaned every week at \$50.00 per cleaning for the worker, the Main Station and North Station will be cleaned every other week at \$30.00 for the worker. A checklist has been established and that checklist needs to be followed during every single cleaning. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the station cleaning proposal. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker reports the annual EGFD Aquaducks cruise will be on Friday, August 5th. Everyone on the cruise vessel must be 21 years or older to attend. The vessel will leave the Park Station promptly at 5:45pm. The vessel will be stopping at a couple of taverns that only accept cash, so please remember to bring extra money.

Goff School as of today was looking for a fire truck to assist with the dunking booths for the last day of school. Tom Kennedy, Joe Winnicki and Josh Witko state that they will take care of the detail.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Any members interested in attending the parade in Valley Stream need to let Car 1 know ASAP so rooms can be reserved.

Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion for the fire company to donate \$100 to the Rally for the Cure golf outing for a flag sponsorship. We did this last year. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept, the motion is carried.

Mike Benson Sr. has agreed to assist the Ladies Aux for Pizza Night. Ricky Williams has also agreed to assist to re-vamp the Pizza Night with the Ladies Auxiliary. Jean Mastin will be the Chairperson for the Pizza Nights.

Chris Linck reports the PA system at the Frank Becker Pavilion is up and running.

Past Chief Hellmuth just came home today at 6pm. His bed is downstairs at his residence. He will be down and out for a while due to a severe operation. The membership authorizes a card to be sent.

50/50 winner of \$75.00 is an Explorer however it doesn't count because he's not a member. Joe Lacivita wins the 50/50.

Bob Reineke makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. Food next month will be provided by the Main Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain