



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

JULY MEETING

July 19, 2011

The July 2011 meeting was called to order at the Frank Becker Memorial Pavilion at 7:07pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Nancy Baker makes a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports 46 checks were written for the month of June. Seven (7) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the report, Dave Chestnut seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$671.11 was paid in full and received by Chase on June 15th. President Tooker reports the new balance is \$18,699.89. There were 5 purchases for over \$200.00 and they were a \$477.03 purchase at BJ's Wholesale, \$975.04 purchase at Exit 9 Wine and Liquor, Duffy's Tavern for a \$282.50 purchase, the Barnsider Smokehouse Restuarant for a \$1,610.00 purchase, and the Marine Village Resort for a \$14,515.00 purchase. All of these purchases were for fraternal events. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Kennedy 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 June was \$7,471.97. The total expenses for the month of June were \$15,574.00. The total assets total \$219,770.18. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the report. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann reports on the following:

Pub Ed Event: Need a crew for two upcoming Pub Ed Events:

1. Tutor Time- Tour of the Main Station- Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 10:30 AM
2. YMCA- Tues., Wed., or Thurs., - Last week in July. More information to follow.

Construction:

1. **Couse Corners Roundabout:** Construction in full swing. State has awarded the contract. There will be lots of night work. Please use caution in the area of the construction zone. We will receive a one-week notice for any construction requiring a road closures. We will send all information we receive out via text message. Drivers and officers please use due diligence as to your route of travel if there is a road closure. Keep in mind public safety, safety of the first responders and response time- this is for the Main Station responding to the north end of town and the north station responding to the main end of town.

2. **Fed-Ex-** Well underway. Prefab walls are being poured and erected. If there is a call down there, please be careful and listen to the construction works. I am not sure if there are any hydrants on the property and if so, if they are in-service or not. Car 2 will have more information.

3. **Pondview Construction-** Also well underway. Rumor has is that tenants could be moving in as soon as August; however, I can not confirm. Please take a drive through the property and familiarize yourselves with the buildings, hydrant location etc. Officers- good idea on a drill night if you are in the area to drive through. I believe the first apartments to be occupied will be along the east side of the property (First right hand turn of the main entrance after turning into Pondview.

Officer's Meeting- Originally scheduled for this Thursday, July 21 has been rescheduled until next Thursday, July 28.

Valley Stream Parade- Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 6 PM. There has been interest shown and we planning to attend the parade. We have received permission from the Commissioners to take E-9. If you are interested in attending, please see me tonight.

Base Radio- At last meeting, the base radio was going to be installed during the week of July 4th. It did not happen. No expected date for installation of the base radio. I believe there are issues with the tower owners we are working through. We are also working on the no-voice issue with the minitor V pagers.

Annual Truck Maintenance/Pump Testing- Will occur in August. Always looking for volunteers to help transport trucks. We will send text messages and announcements to keep everyone apprised when the trucks are out of service. Please make sure to let Car 2 and your station chief know if any truck maintenance issues that need to be addressed during the annual maintenance and that they are all recorded in the black composition notebook. Officers (Forman specifically), please make sure anything that we can fix ourselves (ex. light bulbs) are fixed BEFORE the trucks go out. We pay way too much money for items we can fix ourselves.

Engine 6- Still for sale. No perspective buyers at this time. We will continue to use the truck as we have been.

Sports Grill Alarm- We are working with the Sports Grill to fix their alarm system to prevent false alarms every time the power trips in the north end of town.

Clean Trucks and Gear- At the last Commissioner's meeting the Chiefs were informed the by the Commission that they have ZERO TOLERANCE for dirty trucks and dirty gear. They have been embarrassed on numerous occasions for the trucks being a mess and in the public's eye. The trucks and gear were purchased by the tax payers and need to be cared for and look presentable when responding to their homes. Gear gets dirty, but should be cleaned regularly and not smell like you just walked out of a burning building.

Budget- The Chief's Office will be putting together our annual budget to present to the Commissioner's. If there are any high dollar items you have seen or would like the District to pursue, please let us know ASAP.

Training- There is a lot of training happening. The Chief's Office will let you know of anything we receive. It is impossible for us to know of all the training happening around. If you see any training that we are unaware of or do not let you know about, but would like to attend please let us know. Send an e-mail or memo to your station chief and Car 3 asking to attend the training and associated cost. We continue to promote training and have money left in the 2011 budget to hopefully meet your training goals and needs.

Drill/Training Cycle (Car 3)- The next training cycle will be next Tuesday. Car 3 will finalize the schedule and post it to the website. If anyone is interested in joining the training committee, please let Car 3 know ASAP.

Engine 9- Thank the crew that helped to clean and put E-9 together for the HVVFA Parade both in East Greenbush and Lake George. Many hours of work went into the truck. Like to thank Frank Jenkins for donating his time and use of his pressure washer to clean all of the hose to like new condition. Although we didn't win a trophy, the truck received a perfect score and that doesn't go unnoticed.

County Box Alarm- The county fire agency box alarms will soon be, if they are not already, on the radio committee's website. You can go on the website and view our surround mutual aid company's box alarms. Just remember, they are only as good and as reliable as the Chief of the department who needs to remember to send them to the radio committee to post on their website and update them as the box alarms are updated. Just to note, this idea generated from the EGFD to Mark Lacivita as a way to increase our efficiency and effectiveness to responding to multiple alarm fires.

Hydration- It is going to be VERY hot the next couple of days. Please remember to keep hydrated and do not over work yourselves. Each truck should have water. I'm requesting all officers to check their trucks tonight or tomorrow to make sure you have an adequate supply of water on each of your apparatus. We had one incident back in May when we had three trucks at a scene and no water. That will not be tolerated. For the firefighters, please hold your officers accountable to make sure the trucks have water because you will be the ones who need it. Also, West Sand Lake now has (I believe an NFPA compliant) rehab unit/team and have offered their services to us. If you are the incident commander of a major incident, please feel free to call them to the scene. Remember firefighter safety- Do what needs to be done to make our jobs easier and safer for us (ex. call an ATV for calls that are not easily accessible).

Great Escape Hero's Week- The Great Escape will hold Hero's week from Monday, 8/8 through Saturday, August 8/13. Any first responder (firefighter, police officer, EMS

personnel) and teachers can get into the Great Escape for free. Guests are \$10. Please check out their website for more details. Disbursed Pub Ed Shirts.

Captains- Mike Benson Jr. reports that the driver's of Engine 7 need to be aware of the low guide lights. Over the past couple of months Foreman Sullivan has had to repair the damaged lights and/or light frames due to them being shattered or severely damaged due to scuffing curbs or brushing against shrubbery or scraping along low pavement.

Ladies Auxiliary- Linda Cook speaks on behalf of the large contingency that are present at this meeting. Linda reports that she and the ladies are on full board with Pizza Night. The ladies report this is still a firehouse function but they have chosen to chair this event. They question whether or not to have Pizza Night on the 3rd Saturday in September in an effort not to interfere with the other departments that do their own pizza night fundraisers. After some minor discussion it was determine to start our Pizza Night on the 2nd Saturday in October. Some members questioned the percentage for Pizza Night that the Ladies Auxiliary will receive. The President urged the Ladies Auxiliary to come back with a full report and percentage proposal at the August meeting. Greg Forgea also inquired about a percentage for the Ladies Auxliary from the Fish Fry nights.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings & Building Use Report- President Jeff Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of June was \$6,006.60. The total expenses were \$1,970.00. The total profit is \$4,036.10. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report, Nick Ramirez seconds the motion and the report is accepted. President Tooker reports to the membership that at the last couple of events at the Pavilion there has been a problem with the beer tapper. Past Chief and Beverage Manager Rick Williams reports now that the lines were kinked. Ricky says its working fine now. Mike Stafford has been doing some research regarding a new system at some point in the near future if problems persist.

Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the team has been playing well lately and thanks the team members for their dedication to the team all spring and summer long.

Scholarship Committee- Pete Lehmann reports the meeting will be in July.

EGFD Golf Outing- Chuck Hellmuth reports the golf outing will be on September 25th. The location is still to be determined. Mike Benson Sr. reports there will be an exact date and location announced at the August meeting.

Membership Report- Kathy Miller is absent from this meeting. Her report will be at the August meeting.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sean Kennedy residing at 24 Clover Avenue has submitted an application for active membership. He has been an active member of Explorer Post 11 for the past several years. With Sean being an Explorer he does not need to be voted in next month. Nick Ramirez makes a motion to vote Sean Kennedy as an active member. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

George Lovely Jr. residing at 4 Corliss Avenue has submitted an application for active membership. He has been in the Marines for the past 3-4 years. He was previously an active member prior to leaving for the Military. George Lovely Jr. joined 10.18.02. Nancy Baker makes a motion to bypass the 30 days due to George already being a fireman and being in the Military. Mike Benson Jr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried by the membership.

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The President informs the membership that he and Board of Directors Chairman met with the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding their rent. The Fire Company is looking for a slight increase. The Commissioners are doing their research and crunching their numbers. We should have an answer by next month.

Elwin Michel makes a motion that the Explorers either eat for free or they can win the 50/50. Chuck Alger seconds the motion and states the Explorers should be entitled to win the 50/50. After a very small discussion the members agreed the Explorers should be entitled to win the 50/50. The motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker reminds the members that the money for Aquaducks is due tonight. The cost is \$20 per person and anyone attending must be 21 or older.

President Tooker thanked Dan White, Bruce Cushine and Chris Dick for mowing the grounds around the Park Station and the Pavilion. Things grounds look good.

50/50 winner of \$67.00 is Todd Cullum, Dude Man.

Food next month is the Explorers. Rich Edberg makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain