



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **AUGUST 2011 MEETING**

**August 16, 2011**

The August meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Vice President Mark Benson. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members and roll call were all completed. Past Chief presented the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship recipients to the department. In attendance of their awards were Mackenzie Edberg, Katie Boel, Jeff Snyder, Kayla Williams, Katie Schmidt, Patrick Forgea, and Thomas (T.J) Gullo III. Congrats to the all the recipients. The Vice President and Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Chairman wish the recipients the best of luck with their future endeavors. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the meeting minutes are accepted by the membership.

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

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports in the month of July there were 40 checks written. Nine (9) of the checks written were for over \$500.00. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the report. Chuck Alger seconds the motion. R.P. Smith inquires about why the credit card bill was so high. Nancy informs R.P. that the bill paid was for a lot of the expenses from the Hudson Valley Convention activities. Dennis Kennedy also inquired about the Pepsi bill. Financial Secretary N. Baker advised him that that two checks were written for two separate bills. This is a busy time of year for us with the Pavilion rented out almost every weekend and plus with our banquet hall. After discussion the motion was carried and the report was accepted by the membership.

## **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

Vice President Mark Benson reports the previous balance of \$18,699.89 was paid in full and received by the Chase Bank on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Vice President Mark Benson reports the new balance is \$1,377.87. The purchases for over \$200.00 were the Penske Truck rental for the convention, the cost was \$782.16 and the other item for over \$200.00 was the food for the July meeting which was \$253.89. Bob Reinke makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo 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 July was \$27,730.13. The total expenses were \$44,442.93. Our total current assets as of this meeting are \$194,447.04. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Reineke seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Car 1- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports the lights at the firehouses need to be shut off if they are not being occupied. Annual truck maintenance will be occurring over the next few weeks. The dispatch center will advise us a week in advance when the roads will be shut down. There is a lot of training coming up see the Chief or Car 3 if you'd be interested in attending.

Car 2- Not in attendance.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports that a walk thru is scheduled for the new housing complex at Pondview. Mikey P reports that we are hurting for active members, this is no secret. We do not have enough new members to backfill our stations. Assistant Chief Prestipino is starting to work on updating our website to streamline our website, so that a new applicant can fill out an application and it will be directly linked to the website. Once the website is streamlined who is going to meet with the new applicant and explain to them what is required as a new member. Mike Benson Jr. volunteers to assist Car 3 with the committee, Bob Lehmann follows, as does Chris Cargain, Matt Sullivan, and Chris Lavin. Tommy Gullo inquires about lowering the age of 16, as other departments are doing. Ricky also states that he can put an announcement up on our electronic sign.

Car 4- Bob Lehmann reports on a couple of brief pub ed details.

Ladies Auxiliary- Linda Cook reports on Pizza night. The Ladies are looking into doing round cut pizzas. The women are still looking to be compensated for the Fish Fry nights. The women propose that they are doing 75% of the work for Pizza Nights. Linda reports that the women are looking to go from 10% profit to 25% profit. Bob Lehmann asks for what was budgeted. He also inquires about what it has cost us. Bob Lehmann just wants to sure make it is going to be a profitable event. Bob asks the Treasurer to check on the numbers. So far we have lost \$300.00? Ricky Williams states we spent several thousands of dollars at the convention and we need to support the Ladies Auxiliary. Past Chief Williams further states they are doing a good job and we need to support them the best we can. Linda Cook states that we are re-vamping the entire Pizza Night. Jeanie Kennedy also states they are itemizing everything. Linda Cook has spent several hours each week going to local restaurants comparing prices on pizzas, wings, etc. Ricky Williams states to the President and Vice President that our heads are in a different direction and we need to focus on fundraising, and this is a fund raiser that should be backed by our members. If we are spending a certain amount of money on a convention then we need to fund raise. Vice President Mark Benson reports the first pizza night is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. Chris Linck makes the motion to accept the ladies report and their proposal of compensation. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. Jim Cartright states we should look at percentage of workers and active members in attendance. Dennis Kennedy states that the majority of the women are life members of this company anyway. Dennis states that it's going to come back to us anyway. Dennis is going to be working closely with them on marketing. Dennis is going to help them with the finances and the marketing. All members were in favor with no opposition after a vote.

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Buildings Report/Building Use Report- Vice President Mark Benson reports..... Motion to accept the report by Nelson Williams. Second by Ricky Williams. All in favor.

Golf Outing- Vice President Mark Benson reports the EGFD Golf Outing is Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Winding Brook Country Club. The cost is \$85.00 per golfer. Many members will be needed to make this event a success once again.

Life Member's Day- Event Chairman Pete Lehmann reports the event will be Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Pete sent out a blast email about this event already. This is more accommodating and cost effective with using less postage.

Website- Tom Whittemore reports there is a link on the website with an updated Rensselaer County fire training list and the NYS OFPC training and/or information. Box alarms will be on the website at the end of the month.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

There were no proposals for membership.

Six month probationary review- Nick Madore has reached his 6 month probation period. Chris Linck makes motion to waive his 6 month probation period and make Nick a full fledged firefighter. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the membership. Nick Madore a fully fledged member and firefighter.

Six month probationary review- Charlene Schimmerhorn. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to approve. Jeanie Mastin seconds the motion and states that Charlene is very active with the Ladies Auxliary and Code 100 members. She has taken an active role with the Pizza Nights.

Unfinished Business- There was no unfinished business to report.

New Business- Recording Secretary Mike Benson Jr. read the letter and list of qualifications sent to the Fire Company from District Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Williams. This letter was regarding the eligibility of Chief Officers and the qualifications that have been set forth by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Secretary Benson Jr.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Tooker continued with administering the meeting. President Tooker advises the members about his email for a building monitor for a sweet 16 party. Anyone interested in working the sweet 16 party should let Ricky Williams know.

Ed Di'Martino makes a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Mac Boston Ladder 18 truck. This truck is usually at firefighter's funeral services. This agency survives by donations. Tom

Gullo inquires about our current funds for donations. Ed Di'Martino's motion is seconded by Matt Sullivan. Motion carried.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion the fire company sponsor a half page ad for \$25.00 for the Past Presidents Dinner ad book. Vinny Galvin is the outgoing President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Vice President Mark Benson submitted a letter of resignation. President Jeff Tooker read Mark Benson's resignation letter. Mark Benson is re-locating downstate in the tri-state area for a full time teaching position at the Bronx Charter School. He will be residing in Tarrytown, NY. This resignation takes effect immediately. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to give Mark \$100.00 for the remainder of his term. Tom Gullo seconds the motion. President Tooker informs Mark Benson and the membership that we regretfully accept this letter. With this resignation taking effect immediately President Tooker informs the membership that if anyone is interested in being the Vice President they need to submit a letter to the President. The position will pay \$200.00 for the remainder of the year. An election will need to take place if there is more than one interested candidate. President Tooker further advises that the Vice President is responsible for fundraising and orchestrating the 2012 Installation Dinner.

Dennis Kennedy thanked the fire company for their support and the gift.

R.P. Smith inquires about the air conditioning system and the roof. Past Chief Rick Williams reports there was no water penetrating through the roof with all the heavy rains that we had. Ricky Williams also reports that the contract with Eastern Heating and Cooling has been working excellent. We did have a problem with an air conditioner belt, but that was no cost to us due to the contract that was established.

Review Board- There will be a meeting date prior to the September meeting.

President Tooker reports that within the next week or two he is hoping to sign the contract with the district regarding their rent covering the years 2012 thru 2016.

Ed Di'Martino reports that he has been receiving a lot of interest regarding the potential sales of Engine 6, Utility 11, and especially for Car 2's current vehicle which is the Jeep Grand Cherokee. The Jeep has been stripped of everything except the lights.

Tom Gullo was the winner of \$62.00 from the 50/50 raffle. Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Alger seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain