



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING
September 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Jeff Tooker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by tonight's Acting Sergeant-At-Arms, Chris Cargain, and a moment of silence was held for our departed members.

President Tooker then called the roll. 57 members were present.

President Tooker thanked the Chiefs, Commissioners, Ed Wallace, and the rest of the crew that cooked tonight for the annual Chiefs and Commissioners Steak Bake.

President Tooker sought a motion for the approval of the August 2011 meeting minutes. They were distributed via email. Greg Forgea makes a motion, seconded by Nick Madore. The motion passes.

Nancy Baker gave the Financial Secretary's report. 14 checks were written over \$500.00, and 7 of those checks were for the annual Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship awards. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, and seconded by Tom Gullo, to accept the report. The motion passes.

President Tooker read the Visa Card report. There was one charge over \$200.00, and that was for the FASNY Convention that Kathy Miller attended. A motion was made by Bob Reineke and seconded by Tom Chessser to accept the Visa Card report. The motion passes.

Paul Benson gave the Treasurer's report. There was \$41,699.97 in District income, which came from the Schodack Center Fire District. Food and Beverage income was at \$1,365.60, and the total station rental income was \$3,556.63. Our total expenses for August 2011 were \$29,562.77. We have \$66,705.04 in savings, and our total current assets are at \$213,241.53. A motion was made by Ed McCabe and seconded by Frank Jenkins to accept the report. The motion passes.

Communications & Bills

President Tooker read a bevy of Communications. There were numerous thank you cards from members, scholarship winners, and one from the Hogles for a pump out during Tropical Storm Irene. In addition, there is a letter for an endorsement for HVVFA, a letter about a Toy Drive from the Red Knights, and a donation request from the Columbia Grapplers (Wrestling) Club.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Ed DiMartino) gave his report. He discussed the roundabout at Couse Corners and how they will be pausing the construction until springtime. Truck 11 will be having work done on it during the first week in October. Engine 7's Plymovent system has been repaired. The generator at the Main Station has been repaired. The scanner for Rescue 11 has been ordered. The website has been updated with training for 2012. There will also be local fire classes and Public Education on the website calendar. Car 1 also requests that we check for supplies in our own station (flares, speedy dry, etc) before we request it from a chief.

Car 2 has no report.

Car 3 states that the first single company in October will be a Bus Fire drill in the Port, at Toby's scrap yard. All stations and crews are invited. These are the CDTA busses from the drill back in the spring. On October 7, there is a training class at Turning Stone that deals with Leadership. On October 8 and 9, there are firematic classes being offered at Turning Stone. See Car 3 for details. Car 3 would like to add an application section on the website. He states that Nerd and a Geek charges \$25.00 an hour for services, and places a motion on the floor to spend an amount not to exceed \$400.00 to make this happen. The motion is seconded by Frank Jenkins, and a discussion ensues about the following items:

- a) the quality of work by Nerd and a Geek
- b) the website itself
- c) having Christie Tooker redesign the website

Bob Lehmann asks if we could amend the motion to have any vendor do the work for that price. Car 3 and Frank Jenkins are in favor. Car 1 asks how much we pay per year for our website. Paul Benson states \$100.00. Greg Forgea states that the website needs a redesign badly. President Tooker states that the budget committee will see if there is any money in the 2012 budget to redesign the website and closes discussion on the issue, and calls for a vote on the motion. The motion passes.

Car 3 also requests that a committee be established to mentor our new members through the application and probationary process. President Tooker states that the Membership committee will be assigned that task, along with Car 3. Also, Car 3 states that helmets and other gear was stolen from the Park Station and a police report was filed. He warns members not to steal gear.

Car 4 states the Pub Ed calendar is being finalized and will be available shortly. Day crews are needed for this, and to see him or Captain Forgea with questions. Utility 11 is being used by the Fire Police to respond Code 2 to incidents to assist with traffic control. If it is used for training, please make sure you put the fire police equipment back into the truck.

Captain Forgea discussed Fire Prevention and also noted that items are being taken out of pockets at the North Station. He requests people to stop stealing things, as the fobs are being monitored.

Report of the Committees

Linda Cook makes a report on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. She gives the Pizza Night P&L statement. The total expenses were \$2,456.94, and the total income was \$2,889.25, for a net profit of \$592.91. A motion was made by Kathy Schmidt and seconded by Tom Kennedy to accept the report, and the motion passes.

The building use report for August 2011 was read. August revenue was \$4,361.48 and our total profit was \$2,967.48. YTD Hall/Pavilion revenue is \$32,733.02 and Banquet Bar is \$3,410.00. A motion was made by Kathy Miller and seconded by Nelson Williams to accept the report. The motion passes.

Mike Benson Sr. reported on the Golf Outing, scheduled for Sunday 9/25. He states that \$11,190.00 was deposited tonight from sponsorships. Albany RV donated \$1200.00 to sponsor the dinner. Registration begins at 9:00 am and a shotgun start will be at 10:00 am. He is requesting that members meet at the North Station at 7:00 am on Sunday for eyeopeners, coffee, and donuts, as they will be departing to Winding Brook at 7:30 am. Ed Wallace asks those who are assisting with the dinner to report to the Pavilion between noon and 1pm.

Pete Lehmann reported out on Life Member's day. He discussed the box of pictures that was going around when many of the Life Member's were in their heyday. He thanked his committee for the hard work.

Chris Lavin stated that the annual Fund Drive "lick 'em and stick 'em" will be held at the October meeting. We should be able to finish them within the first hour.

Greg Forgea reported on the HVVFA Convention in 2012. He states that we will be staying in East Greenbush, as the convention is being in South Glens Falls and there are no hotel rooms available. It will help the company out in terms of the cost. He states that 2013 will either be in Saratoga or Lake Placid. Jeanne Mastin states that the Ladies Auxiliary will assist in a picnic on that Saturday afternoon/evening of convention weekend.

Chris Dick reported out on the annual dinner. He asked about the budget line, which is \$3500. He asked President Tooker about the entertainment. President Tooker responded that there may not be monies available, and that he would meet with Chris at the end of the meeting. Linda Cook reminded us that there is a Pizza night the following evening, and Chris Dick has budgeted for 2 cleaners after the evening.

Jeanne Mastin reported that a Sparky was needed for Pizza Night in October.

Nancy Fitzgerald reported on the conclusion of the 5-year Banner and Billboard Grant. There was \$3,642 left in January of 2011, and Chief DiMartino and her spent \$3604 on 7,000 recruitment brochures. She thanked Katie Krebs from East Schodack Fire for the graphic design and Tom Kennedy for the photos.

President Tooker reports that the Review Board met on Wednesday 9/14, and several members were identified as being deficient in their points. The committee will reach out to these members shortly to check their status.

Proposals for Membership

Three applications for membership were forwarded to President Tooker. Patricia Wade is applying for company/Code 100 Membership, and James Trimmer of California Avenue is applying for Active Membership. Both applications will be tabled for one month and will be acted upon at the October meeting.

Election of Members

Nick Liuzzi is applying for active membership. Nick is an Explorer in Post 11. Nick was escorted out by Acting Sergeant-At-Arms Chris Cargain. Kathy Miller pointed out that Nick is an asset to the explorers. Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Chris Linck, to make Nick a member of the East Greenbush Fire Company. David Cook inquires where Nick resides. President Tooker states that Nick lives in Prospect Heights in District # 1, but we have allowed explorers to become members of our fire company. The motion passes, and Nick is a member of the Fire Company.

The vacant Vice President's seat is brought up. No letters were submitted to President Tooker, so nominations from the floor were accepted. Nick Madore makes a motion, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to nominate Marc Iorio. There were no further nominations. Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Rick Williams, to close nominations and have the Secretary/President cast one ballot. Marc is now the Vice President through elections in December.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order

President Tooker reads the letter from Chatham Fire Department, where Dave Chapman is running for a Director's spot in 2012 at the HVVFA Convention. Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Chris Linck, that we support Dave in his efforts with a letter. The motion passes.

A letter was sent by Pete Lavin in his capacity as the EGPD PBA Vice President, looking for the Pavilion to be donated for the Witko Cup Softball Tournament this weekend. A motion was made by Ed DiMartino, seconded by Chris Cargain, that we donate the Pavilion at cost. The motion passes.

President Tooker read a letter from the Columbia Grapplers. A motion was made by Ed DiMartino, seconded by Kathy Miller, that we donate \$200.00 to this organization. The motion passes.

Mike Benson Sr., as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, thanks the membership for all of their hard work. He then discusses the company/district contract that has been settled. The fire company will receive an 11 percent increase over 5 years. He talked about the board's responsibility to the taxpayers and the fact that they didn't want to cut the training budget. He states that the fire company needs to tighten their budget for 2012. He states that we have decreasing property values that will hurt the amount of taxes that the district can collect. President Tooker states that he will sign the contract at the end of the meeting.

David A Cook requests that President Tooker consider including the cost of replacing the Main Station Apron in the 2012 budget. He also wanted to show appreciation that Kathy Miller is with us tonight after her recent health scare.

The 50-50 for tonight is \$54.50. The winner is Bob Lehmann.
Chris Linck then raffled off 10 steaks.

Food tonight was the Chiefs/Commissioners.
Clean up and food for October is the North Station.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn.
The motion passes, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
President