



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **October 2011 Meeting**

**October 18, 2011**

President Tooker called the October 2011 meeting to order at 7:20pm. The start of the meeting was delayed slightly due to the members completing the annual stick 'em and lick 'em fund drive that was orchestrated by Chris Lavin. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were completed. Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

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

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports a total of sixty three (63) checks were written for the month of September. Eleven (11) of the checks were written for over \$500.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$805.07 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$2,003.82. The majority of the items for over \$200.00 were for the golf outing. The following purchases for over \$200.00 were: Motivators Inc, on September 9<sup>th</sup> for a purchase of \$624.78 which was for the golf outing coolers; a purchase of \$282.05 at Hannaford on September 17<sup>th</sup> for Life Members Day; a \$352.48 purchase at Price Chopper on September 18<sup>th</sup> for Life Members Day appetizers; and a

purchase of \$493.22 at Hannaford on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the Golf Outing. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Ed McCabe 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 September was \$20,768.12. The total expenses were \$35,684.98. Our total current assets are \$197,505.40. Elwin Michel makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS**

Recording Secretary M. Benson Jr. reports the fire company received thank you letters from Kathy Miller and George Hepinstall. Both members were recently hospitalized and are recovering well.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports that the NYS Fire Chiefs Association is hosting a 3 hour seminar on firefighter safety and firefighter survival. If there are any members interested in attending Fire 2012 the Chief urges members to see him. The annual C.O.L.T. training will again be in Buffalo in April of 2012. The fire hydrant on Upper Glaz Street is not working; apparently there was a blow out. Please use the hydrant at Luther Road and Glaz Street. Engine 6 has been sold (purchased by Mexico City FD), Utility 11 has been sold (purchased by South Schodack Fire Department for a Chief's vehicle), and the former Car 2 Jeep Grand Cherokee is out of service and should not be used, as that is also for sale; apparently several local agencies are interested in the vehicle. Chief Di'Martino commends the day time crew of 9 firefighters that battled the fire at 57 Bloomingdale Avenue earlier today. The fire was extinguished very quickly and great job! The Round About project at Couse Corners is pretty much on hold until next spring.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock commended the crew that extinguished the fire quickly on Bloomingdale Avenue. Kevin gave a brief summary of the fire based on his activities as the command officer across the street. Kevin pointed out that Engine 8 had a quick response time due to being at a nearby school for a public education detail. If Engine 8 were not out at

Pub Ed the fire may have a escalated. Ventilation was key and things went well. A dog perished in the blaze, but there was no one home as was originally reported to the first due truck from a nearby neighbor. Kevin further reports that the Dunkin Donuts next to Auto Zone is in full construction mode. The new Dunkin Donuts will be a drive-thru establishment, similar to the one at Couse Corners.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Prestipino thanked all the members that participated in the bus drill at the port a few weeks ago. The next burning of the buses will be the single company drill in November. Engine 9 will be start the prep work at 5:00pm and drill may start that evening at 6:00pm. Foam will be utilized because we have not flowed foam in a long time, and the foam should not be sitting in the tanks for long durations.

Car 4- Not present during the time to give his report.

Captains- Captain Greg Forgea discussed the upcoming Pub Ed schedule. The schedule is on the department website.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total profit for the month of September for all buildings is \$1,677.00. The total year to date income for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$34,138.02. The total year to date income for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$4,352.00. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Nick Ramirez seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Pizza Night Report- Linda Cook reports the total income for the October Pizza Night was \$2,684.50. The total expenses were \$1,462.39. The total profit is after a \$300.00 start up bag, and \$120.25 return to inventory is \$1,042.36. Chris Dick makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Chesser seconds the motion, and the report is accepted. Jeanie Mastin reports on a negative note that there are still a few people who are negative about Pizza Night. The negative person(s) are complaining, debating, and want to charge the women for their use of Natural Gas and electricity. Jeanie reports that National Grid is coming in to do an audit. The sad part is that the person is not here tonight. The money for placemats is going back to the fire company. Jeanie stats the women are not here to just turn around and say the profit is going to them.

Golf Outing 2011- Mike Benson Sr. along with Tim Boel thanked all the members for their hard work with this event. . Everything went spectacular. No complaints. Past Chief M. Benson Sr. reports the total income for the golf outing was \$23,081. The total expenses were \$13,047. The total profit for the event is \$10,034!!! Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Paul Zirpoli seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

Fundraising- Chris Lavin reports the fund drive pamphlets will be going in the mail in the morning. Chris thanked all the members for arriving early before the meeting to complete the lick 'em and stick 'em detail.

Nominating Committee 2011- President Tooker reports the following members are assigned to the nomination committee: Pete Lehmann (North Station), Kathy Miller (Chairperson), Tim Hedgepath (Main Station), Tom Gullo (Park Station).

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick reports we will have some entertainment this year. Chris reports dinner will be at 7pm following cocktail hour which begins at 6pm. The date for this event is Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Chris Dick also reports that 9 members from the Valley Stream Fire Dept will be attending.

Installation Dinner- President Tooker reports the 96<sup>th</sup> annual Installation Dinner is January 22, 2012. President Tooker reports Vice President Mark Ioreo is working hard on this event and anyone that can offer assistance please get in contact with Mark.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Michael Lansing residing at 8G Mill Creek Drive submitted an application for active membership. Mark Caputo residing at 2659 Phillips Road has also submitted an application for active membership. Elizabeth Elosee residing at 45 Commons Drive has submitted an application for Code 100.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Patty Wade submitted an application for Code 100. She resides at 16 Acadia Avenue. James Trimmer residing at 14 California Avenue submitted an application for active membership. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept Patty Wade as an active member of Code 100. Chris Dick seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Mike Memole makes a motion to

accept James Trimmer as an active member. David A. Cook seconds the motion. Mikey P reports that James has been at every drill since he submitted an application last month. The motion is carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chris Linck discussed the Pancake Breakfast with the Elks Club. The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for the last Sunday of October. Chris reminds the membership that a \$500.00 bank is needed. The hours are from 8am-12pm. By a show of hands approximately 8 members were available to work the event. See Chris Linck if you are able to attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nick Ramirez submitted a letter regarding a change in status. Nick is moving to the town of Bethlehem and will be joining the Delmar Fire Department. Nick is requesting a move from active membership to the social membership. With regret RP Smith makes a motion to accept Nick's status change. Nick Madore seconds the motion. All members are in favor with deep regrets.

Constitution and By Law Changes- see the attached scanned documents.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief's Elections- President Tooker reminds the membership that interested candidates seeking office of Chief or Assistant Chief, need to have their letters submitted at the November meeting. There are requirements set forth by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Any questions pertaining to the Chief/Assistant Chief requirements should be forwarded to the Board of Fire Commissioners for District 3. Chiefs Elections will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Fire Headquarters.

President Tooker reminds our membership about the following events and their dates: Pizza Night- November 12<sup>th</sup>; December 8<sup>th</sup> Chief Elections; December 9<sup>th</sup>- Annual Dinner; December 10<sup>th</sup>- Pizza Night; December 17<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Parties. The kids Christmas party will be at 3:00pm. The members Christmas party will be at 6:30pm. The Installation Dinner will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Greg Forgea inquires about how much money we have left in our public/civic relations fund. Greg reports to the membership, that in years past before he was a member the fire department use to sponsor a family for Christmas. Paul Benson reports that we have \$35.00 left in the account. Linda Cook reports that the Ladies Auxiliary could assist. There will be more to follow at next month's meeting.

50/50 winner of \$82.00 is Nelson Williams. Greg Forgea makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm with 59 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr./ Recording Secretary