



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

November 15, 2011

The November 2011 meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

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

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 37 checks written for the month of October. Eight (8) of the checks written were for over five hundred dollars. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the report. Tracy Britt seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquires about the bill for Otis Elevator which was for \$789.81. The bill is clarified as maintenance that is done twice a year. The report is then accepted by the membership.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$2,003.82 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$3,338.62. The only purchases over two hundred dollars were on September 22<sup>nd</sup> which was a \$902.23 purchase at Wal-Mart for the Golf Outing. The other purchase for over two hundred dollars was on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Price Chopper for \$500.91 which was for the North Station Social (Lobster/Steak Bake). Greg Forgea makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke 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 October was \$15,247.50. The majority of the income was from the fundraising activities. The total expenses were \$25,068.63. Our total assets total \$187,826.76. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Chris Linck seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Fire Co. received correspondence from the Hudson Valley Convention, focusing on ad book sponsorships.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Car 1- District Chief E. Di'Martino handed out certificates to Jim Pendolino and Chris Lavin whom attended the Ron Moore extrication seminar back in September. Chief Di'Martino reported that the aerial test on Truck 11 was completed with no major issues. The other apparatus are back in service. Rescue 11 will be going out to KME at some point to have small fans installed in the front cab like the rest of the trucks have to help alleviate fogging up of the windshield. The Holmotro extrication tools were serviced. Special fuel will be used for these portable tools. Every truck will have the new fuel that is recommended. The special fuel is \$15 a gallon. With the new fuel the portable tools need to be tested once a week and they should start with one pull. The chain saws will also be changed over to this new fuel. One of the major reasons for the new fuel is due to the severe issues of ethanol in the current gas that we use. A lubricant spray was also purchased. So far for the month the department has answered 17 calls. If the department continues to be busy with calls there is no doubt we will have answered well over 430 calls for the year, keep in mind 30 of the calls were from the tropical storms, but still many man hours were consumed. The Chief thanked the members for answering the calls for the service. The Chief briefly discussed wires down calls. If there is a primary wire down we really need to use discretion and remain on the scene until National Grid arrives with a representative. There have been lawsuits regarding these types of call, but then again common sense usually prevails when dealing with these types of calls. Chief Di'Martino also showed the membership the Electronic Social Networking Policy document. Recording Secretary M. Benson Jr. read the policy line for line. This document is to be signed by all members and dated after

this meeting. A couple of members were in opposition of this document. This document will be scanned and attached with the meeting minutes.

Car 2- No report.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports the drill on November 29<sup>th</sup> will be at the Rensselaer County Training Tower. The trucks should depart their stations at 6:30pm. The gas meters for Engine 7 and Truck 11 are out of service due to bad O2 sensors. Assistant Chief Prestipino advises that his gas meter is on Engine 7 until their gas meter returns.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann discussed the issues were the newer pagers. Many members are not receiving voice messages. If any members are having problems with the newer model pagers please let Car 4 know.

Captains- Chris Dick reports about the Foam Pro systems on the trucks. We need to flush the system after flowing foam. The system should be flushed out for at least 20 minutes. No shelf life on the ARFFF foam if the buckets stay sealed.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of October was \$1,750.00. The total expenses were \$588.75. The total profit for the month of October is \$1,161.25. The total revenue year to date is \$35,888.02. The year to date revenue for the Banquet Hall Cash Bar is \$4,769.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership. Regarding the North Station, George Forgea would like to thank the person who stole the large trash bags from the station. Nelson Williams reports that the door to the Banquet Hall Bar needs to be unlocked carefully. Do not push on the door to try and open the lock. The lock has been changed 3 times in the last month due to members being reckless trying to open the door.

Fund Drive- Chris Lavin reports that deposits have been entered and there are more checks coming in.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick reports the Annual Dinner is on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails begin at 6pm with dinner being served shortly after 7pm.

Conventions- President Tooker reminds the members that the activities after the dress parade in June will be held back at the Park Station for our members. The parade is in South Glens Falls. Pete Lehmann reports the band is budgeted for the Hudson Mohawk Parade as there is a Hudson Mohawk Parade this year.

Pizza Night Report- Linda Cook reports the total expenses for the November 12<sup>th</sup> Pizza Night were \$1,833.89. The total income for the event was \$4,603.31. The total net profit after a \$300.00 start up bank, and \$145.60 added back to inventory the final amount is \$2615.02. The Ladies Auxiliary receives \$617.36. The income for the placemats was also included in the total income for the event. The amount from the placemats is \$1,420.00. Tom Whittemore makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

Installation Banquet- Vice President Marc Ioreo reports the banquet is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Park Station Banquet Hall. More details to follow next month about caterer.

Elections Committee- Pete Lehmann is the chairman.

Constitution By Law Changes- There were 4 voted on during this meeting. The first pertained to Amending of Article 2-Membership. The intent of this amendment was to correct a typographical oversight. Section 1-Change six classes to seven classes, and add probationary members to the sentence. In bold italics is what was proposed and passed by our membership which will now read: ***Membership in this organization shall be divided into seven classes: active members, active life members, exempt members, social members, honorary members, junior members, and probationary members.*** Chris Linck made the motion to accept this by-law change. Chris Lavin seconded the motion. All members were in favor except for one member, Tom Chesser, in opposition.

By Law Change #2 focused on Section 2-Active Members. The intent of this amendment was to relax residency requirements. Paragraph 1- The second sentence to be replaced with: ***Proposed members shall reside within the Town of East Greenbush, or any additional territories protected by the East Greenbush Fire District#3, or shall be gainfully employed within any territories protected by the East Greenbush Fire District #3.*** Chris Lavin makes a motion to accept this proposed By-Law change. R.P. Smith seconds the motion. Chris Lavin described in great detail this proposed By-Law change. Past Chief David A. Cook also elaborated on this

change. David described his intentions as the author of this proposed change. Many members participated in the discussion of this proposed change including Past Chief Pete Lehmann whom commented on Jake Hallenbeck whom is currently is an Explorer, spent numerous years in the Explorer Post and actively works at our Pizza Nights and our other fund-raisers. Technically he would not fall into this proposed By-Law change category. Chris Dick commented on the Explorers and their by-laws and how it's chartered through the Boy Scouts of America. Tom Kennedy also was involved with the discussions of membership. Chris Dick further advised our membership that the maximum age for an Explorer is the age of 21. After several minutes of discussion President Tooker called for a hand-count. A hand-count revealed 26-7. Motion/proposed by-law change failed. Due to this proposed change failing after a vote the alternate proposed change is as follows; which was voted overwhelmingly in favor: ***Proposed members who have served at least one full year with the Explorers Post sponsored by this organization shall reside within the Town of East Greenbush or any additional territories protected by the East Greenbush Fire District #3.*** (This was the alternate and is an addition as Sentence 3).

By-Law Change#3 focused on Section 7- Junior Members. The intent of this amendment was to clarify the application process for Junior Members. Paragraph 2 to be replaced with: ***Junior Members shall follow the same application process to attain Junior Membership as that followed by persons seeking Active Membership as stated in Article 3, Section 1, with the following exemptions. Candidates for Junior Membership shall not be required to: Be present during the application process, take the oath of membership, sign the minute book of the Company, receive a new member's badge, or other materials normally distributed to new members. Comply with Article 3, Section 1, Paragraph 7-criminal background check for arson.*** Chris Lavin makes the motion to accept. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion carried, approved by-law change.

By-Law Change #4 focused on the Section 7- Junior Members, adding new paragraph 3: ***Junior Members shall be required to comply with all application requirements of Article 3, Section 1 when seeking membership classification change to Active Member status.*** Chris Linck makes a motion to accept and Mike Memole seconds the motion. All were in favor, approved by-law change.

## ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Losee residing at 45 Commons Drive submitted an application for Code 100 last month. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept Liz as a new member. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Michael Lansing residing at 8 Mill Creek Drive, Apartment G submitted an application for active membership last month. Anthony Prioux makes a motion to accept Mike as an active member. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Mark Caputo residing at 2659 Phillips Road submitted an application for active membership last month. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the applicant. Mike Prestipino seconds the motion. President Tooker advises the membership that we should table this application for another month. Chris Linck will not change his motion. Motion carried.

David A. Cook makes a motion to re-vote on Nicholas Luizzi. Marty Miller seconds the motion. David states that if he gets hurt he will have a hard time being insured under the law. Tom Kennedy points out that he's on probation and his probationary status ends in February. Mike Benson Sr. points out that Nicholas is an employee of the district. Past Chief Mike Benson Sr. briefs the membership on why an applicant is tabled for a month and what is done during that one month period. The President along with M. Benson Sr. may think it would be a good idea to speak with the attorney, Bill Young. David agrees to rescind his motion until we receive appropriate information on this matter from Bill Young. All were in favor.

Snow Plowing- Any members interested in snow plowing need to submit a bid by December 13<sup>th</sup>. If the snow plowing cannot be handled by our own members then the bids will be opened up the general public. The snow plowing with the new bids begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012-December 31st 2012.

R.P. Smith states he spoke with the Treasurer, and there is \$900.00 left in the budget for this year. There is still work that needs to be done at the Main Station such as finishing up the meeting room which includes replacing the ceiling tiles, finishing electric work, room lighting, and insulation. R.P states the funds will be used to complete the project at the Main Station.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chiefs Elections: President Tooker received one letter from Chief Di'Martino from all of the current Chiefs. The letters included all the Chiefs signatures. The letter lists Ed Di'Martino Car 1, Kevin Hitchcock for Car 2, Mike Prestipino for Car 3, and Bob Lehmann for Car 4. Chris Dick submitted a letter stating that he is seeking the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief or 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief positions.

Nominations- Kathy Miller reads the report. As of this meeting right now the following candidates were read along with the position they are seeking office for: President- Jeff Tooker; Recording Secretary Mike Benson Jr.; Membership Secretary- Kathy Miller. Members have until December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9pm if they want to run for Executive Office or for a Line Officer position. The appropriate candidate must submit a letter with the position they are seeking. The candidate must sign the letter and have a second signature before it is placed in the Nominations box which will be located at the Park Station radio room immediately after this meeting.

Hudson Valley Ad Page- Pete Lehmann makes a motion we purchase a ½ page ad at the price of \$150.00. Chris Cargain seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

David A. Cook reports that he has received a check from Claude Rounds whom (resides on Berkshire Drive) had a tree fall on his house during the bad storms. The check donation was for \$500.00.

Bob Falls Sr., wins the 50/50 for \$66.00.

Motion to adjourn made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Bob Lehmann. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm with 55 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary