



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

December 20, 2011

The annual meeting and election of officers was called to order at 7:07pm by President Jeff Tooker. Pete Lehmann makes a motion for a page in the minutes be dedicated for George Hepinstall. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the November meeting minutes, Nick Madore seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the Executive Board meeting minutes, Ed McCabe seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Nick Madore makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Chiefs Elections which were held on December 8th. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 39 checks written for the month of November. Eight (8) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Nick Madore makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$3,338.62 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on November 14th. The new balance is \$216.20. There were no purchases for over two hundred dollars. Tracy Britt 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 November was \$16,321.20. The total expenses were \$27,145.49. Our total assets equals \$173,185.58. 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

Car 1- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports that four firefighters completed their NYS Firefighter 1 class. The members are Rich Hendricks Jr., Nick Luizzi, Sean Kennedy, and George Lovely Jr. The Chief commends the members for their time dedicated to attending class and taking an active role in NYS Fire Instructor Tim Boel's class. Our 4 members were part of a class of 47 graduates. Nice job states the Chief and Past Chief/NYSFI T. Boel. Chief Di'Martino reports that thru November the department has answered 387 calls. The department is most likely on pace to exceed 400 calls. The Chief thanked the membership for answering all the calls for service and completing several hours of service during the storms up to this point this year. Chief Di'Martino elaborated very gravely about the upcoming physicals in January. Each member must sign up for a physical, attend the assigned physical and have their pre-physical evaluation sheet signed by the District Chief only (not an Assistant Chief). CDL physicals can be completed at Community Care Physicians; however the cost will be \$50.00 per member. The fire district in no way will pay for this. The CDL physical is something that Community Care Physicians wanted to do, so if you are a member that needs a CDL (D.O.T.) physical pay the \$50.00 and have it completed the same day as the required FD physical. Physicals will be held from 3pm-6pm on both Tuesday, January 17th and Wednesday, January 18th. If a member cannot attend their scheduled physical due to work commitments or another major event that member needs to make contact with Community Care. This task is not going to be done by the District Chief or any of the

other Assistant Chiefs. There are specific directions that need to be followed on the health evaluation packet, please follow them. Each member will also be issued new ID cards which are required for NFPA and OSHA guidelines. Car 1 also reports that after working with members of the Executive Board and other significant personnel the VFIS benefits for Workers' Comp will increase to \$750.00 weekly.

Car 2- Assistant Chief K. Hitchcock thanked everyone for all their hard work this year and he looks forward to many positive things in the year 2012. Fed Ex is installing their conveyor system which will take a significant amount of time to install. The Fed Ex facility probably will not open until next summer. Once the conveyor system is installed we will do a walk thru prior to the facility being in full operation. The round-about at Couse Corners will resume in the spring. Kevin reports that he gave permission to Mr. Young whom resides at 11 Smith Lane permission to use outdoor water faucets to fill buckets and bottles of water for his family. Mr. Young's well froze up last week and is hopefully getting his well fixed this week. This shouldn't be an issue due to the subject having no water at his residence.

Car 3- Assistant Chief M. Prestipino reports the training schedule from January to April has been completed. Mike reminds the members to pay attention to OSHA and the OSHA make-up dates. Lieutenants and Foreman need to submit paperwork for their trucks and their air packs. Mike thanked the members of the training bureau for all their hard work; he hopes to have all of them on board again for next year. If the Captains want to do a drill let Mikey know. The on line application submission appears to be working. There are live fire training classes this year in Turning Stone. Please let Mikey know if you'd like to attend. There are numerous classes and seminars. These classes are in June.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann wishes everyone a happy holiday season, and if any members have any issues with their LOSAP points; please let him know.

Captains- Greg Forgea commented on the good turnout of members at the consecutive calls on Friday December 16th. Greg says to keep up the attendance and

good work. Greg passed around an empty pitcher and urged members to monetarily donate funds to the family that the Fire Co and Auxiliary adopted.

Board of Directors- Tim Boel reports a lot of hard work was put in this year. Nice job.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin and Linda Cook report that many good things have happened this year including increased membership. The ladies thanked the membership for their great support of Pizza Night.

Firefighters- Nick Madore reports that he donated a 60 inch projection screen television to the Main Station. Nick reports that he and Capt. Benson Jr. moved it and the TV is in good working order. George Forgea spoke as a Commissioner and thanked all the members for their hard work. Many things were accomplished this year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Fund Drive- Committee Chairman Chris Lavin reports the funds are running about the same as last year. Chris read donation letters and cards from the taxpayers. Many letters were very detailed and the residents appreciate our service. President Tooker thanked Chris for his continuing dedication to this committee along with his other committee members.

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports the total expenses were \$1,497.03. The total income for the event was \$2,819.15. The total profit after a \$300.00 start up bank and \$160.56 added return to inventory is \$1,182.68. The Ladies Auxiliary 25% profit is \$255.53. Mark Becker makes a motion to accept the report. Dan White seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

Installation Dinner- Vice President M. Ioreo reports the Installation Dinner is January 21st. The cost per ticket is \$25.00. Paolo Lombardi will be catering the event. Marc and the Chiefs have tickets.

Membership Committee- David A. Cook speaks about his new committee. Past Chief Cook states that right now they are focusing on the recruitment and application process. David reports that he, Chris Lavin, Joe Lacivita, and Mike Prestipino have met two to three times so far and many good ideas are being formulated.

Review Board- President Tooker reports the committee will be meeting after Christmas.

Budget and Finance- President Tooker reports the committee will be meeting a final time next week with the finalized budget.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick thanked his staff for the hard work. Chris also reports the clean-up crew after worked out well.

Main Station House Committee- R.P Smith reports the locks have been removed off the two sides of the dumpster for some unknown reason. Lock the dumpster.

President Tooker discussed the list of committees. Members will be arbitrarily placed on a committee if they do not sign up. The members need to step up and get involved. If there are any members that have fundraising ideas please pass them along to the rest of the company.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Kenneth Blodgett- Mike Memole reports Kenneth on his way. Chris Dick reports he was a member. President Tooker reports the applicant has not submitted \$10.00. Tracy Britt loaned him \$10.00. Kenneth resigned from the department a few years back when he moved to Colonie to be a member of the Midway Fire Department. He currently now resides at 737 Columbia Turnpike (Greenbush Station Apartments).

Betsy Britt- Betsy submitted an application for Code 100. She has paid the required \$10.00. She resides on Glaz Street with husband Tracy Britt.

President Tooker reports that he has in front of him an incomplete application in front of him. Greg Forgea inquires as to what's missing or incomplete about it.

President Tooker reports that the application is not fully completed and the applicant did not sign the application.

CHANGE IN STATUS

Nancy Fitzgerald submitted a letter requesting a change in membership from active to social membership. George Forgea makes a motion to accept the change in status. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Firefighter Rich Hendricks Jr. has completed 6 months of service. Assistant Chief Prestipino reports that Rich has completed Firefighter 1 and is very active at drills and calls. Mikey makes a motion to remove probationary status from this firefighter. Chris Cargain seconds the motion. All members were in favor. Rich is a fully fledged firefighter.

** President Tooker reports that the next Life Members that are eligible are April Speed, Mickey Jenkins and Jim Morgan. President Tooker states that the Jim Morgan's status will need to be examined further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Memole inquires if we are actively receiving money for the cell tower. The Board of Directors state that we are not receiving money. David Cook inquires about Nick Luizzi's application/status. President Tooker states that neither he nor the district has heard back yet from Bill Young, the attorney. Tom Kennedy inquires about Mark Caputo. Recording Secretary M. Benson Jr. reports that he has not been present at a meeting since he was voted on.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker reports to the membership that the Executive Board met before this meeting and awarded the Park Station snowplowing bid to Mike Stafford. The other

members that have been snowplowing at the North and Main Stations have agreed to stay aboard for 2012.

President Tooker reports that he is in the process of receiving flooring quotes from Buell Flooring for the dayroom downstairs and the fitness room.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Reineke makes a motion to cast a ballot for the uncontested Executive officer race. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion is carried. George Forgea whom departed for work also removed his name for consideration for Vice President. With George withdrawing his name the Vice President position is also uncontested. Mike Memole also withdrew his name for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms. The Executive Officers thru the uncontested race are as follows: President: Jeff Tooker; Vice President: Marc Ioreo; Recording Secretary: Mike Benson Jr.; Treasurer: Paul Benson; Financial Secretary: Nancy Baker. After an election Kathy Miller was elected Membership Secretary. Tim Boel and Marty Miller were elected Board of Directors. Chris Lavin makes a motion for the Secretary to cast one ballot for the uncontested race of Captain. Chris Linck seconds the motion, the motion is carried. Captains for the year 2012 are: Mike Benson Jr., Chris Cargain, Chris Dick, Greg Forgea, and Jeff Tooker. Nick Madore makes a motion to withdraw his name from the list of Lieutenant as he states he does not fully meet the qualifications. This race is now uncontested. Matt Sullivan makes a motion for the Secretary to cast one ballot. Tim Boel seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The following members are Lieutenants for the year 2012: Mark Becker, Todd Cullum, Anthony Prioux, Matt Sullivan, and Ed Wallace. Greg Forgea makes a motion for the Secretary to cast a ballot for the uncontested race of Foreman. Adam Daniels seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The following members are Foreman for the year 2012: Rich Edberg, George Forgea, Nick Madore, Bill Sigsby, and Joe Winnicki. Mike Memole and R.P. Smith make a motion for the Secretary to cast a ballot for the uncontested Fire Police officers. The motion was carried. Joe Lacivita is Captain. Nelson Williams, Tom Whittemore, and Bob Falls Sr. are the Lieutenants.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker reminds the Board of Directors that they need to meet after this meeting to select a purchasing agent.

Convention Delegates and Alternates- Kathy Miller is the FASNY delegate. Marty Miller makes a motion to accept and will be the alternate. David Cook seconds the motion. All members were in favor, motion carried. Tim Boel makes a motion to have Chuck Hellmuth serve as the delegate for the Hudson Valley convention. Tim's motion also includes himself as the alternate. Chris Lavin seconds the motion. All members were in favor, motion carried. Greg Forgea makes a motion for himself to be the Hudson Mohawk convention delegate. Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion for himself to be the alternate for the Hudson Mohawk convention. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Pete Lavin of the EGPD submitted a letter to the President for the EGPD to use the Banquet Hall for legal updating work in January or February. Ed Di'Martino makes a motion to accept. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Board of Fire Commissioner Chairman Mike Benson Sr. spoke briefly to the membership thanking them for the service to the community. Mike reports he and the other Commissioners have completed a lot this year. The taxpayers got what they needed and the firefighters have the best equipment/gear possible. He also thanked the Chiefs for all of their hard work and continued good working relationship. Mike also thanked the 25 members/residents of Fire District 3 that voted for him for another term.

Chief Di'Martino reports that the forms that the members signed regarding social networking were ripped up. Kevin Hitchcock is heading the social networking committee.

Ed Wallace thanked the fire company for the donation to the wrestling team for their trip to Florida. Ed's son Evan was awarded the most outstanding wrestler at the tournament in Florida.

The President thanked the membership for their commitments throughout the year. He also reminded the members to keep in mind the upcoming dates January 14th- Pizza Night. January 21st- Installation Dinner.

Food next month is Engine 7. Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn. Elwin Michel seconds the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm with 64 members present.

***** This page is set aside for life member George Hepinstall
whom passed away recently. May you rest in peace Mr. Hepinstall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary/Captain

