



January 2012 Fire Company Meeting

January 17, 2012

The January 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Jeff Tooker. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the December 2011 meeting minutes. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion and the motion was carried. President Tooker informs the membership that there have been a couple of special meetings since this meeting, and he will address those minutes later on during this meeting.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$216.20 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on December 16th. The new balance for the credit card is \$2,848.40. There were two purchases for over two hundred dollars. These purchases were: A \$647.78 purchase made at the Home Depot on November 22nd which was for the Main Station property improvements (meeting room). The other purchase for over two hundred dollars was made on December 9th for \$1,346.22 which was for the Annual Dinner. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were a total of 67 checks written for the month of December. Thirteen (13) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Ed McCabe seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of December was \$7,148.80. The total expenses were \$40,698.82. Our total assets equal \$140,519.06. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports the department answered 409 calls for the year 2011. This is a massive amount of calls. Many of the calls were from the tropical storms. The Chief thanked all the members for putting in countless hours by answering these calls for service. The radio and basic life support licenses have been renewed. The Chiefs received approval to purchase a utility vehicle. Physicals are currently going on with many more scheduled for tomorrow. OSHA drills are in full swing this time of year. OSHA class #1 has already been completed. Other topics include Tools & PPE, SCBA, etc. CPR and blood borne pathogens also have to be completed this year. Firefighter 2 class will be conducted at the Park Station this year starting in February. Tim Boel is the fire instructor. A Scene Support Operations class starts tomorrow. The 800mhz radio fleet mapping will take place on Friday, January 20th at 10:00am. All the 800mhz radios will be done at this time including the Chiefs vehicles. Chief Di'Martino has lined up FDNY speakers which will be held at the Park Station. The first speaker series seminar will be on February 27th, 7pm-10pm. Fire training will again be held in Turning Stone from June 13th-June 16th. Committees are being formed for replacement of Engine 7 and Truck 11. Truck 11's Chairman will be Assistant Chief B. Lehmann and the Engine 7 replacement committee chairman will be Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock. New radios are being purchased for the entire department; however this will take place over a couple of years. There are talks between the Chiefs Office and the Commissioners about Fire District #3 taking over the weight room which may include possibly purchasing some new equipment in the near future if things work out. Studies time and time again have showed cardiac issues are a major problem among firefighters. Healthy firefighters are imperative to success.

Car 2- No report.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports the next OSHA class will be OSHA class #2 which is SCBA and will take place at the Carpinello training house in Clinton Heights. OSHA class

#3 will be tools and equipment safety, January 31st. Check the website for location and other drill announcements.

Car 4- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports next Wednesday at 7pm there will be a mandatory Line Officers meeting. The truck foreman's or his designee need to bring the gas meter for re-calibration. Assistant Chief B. Lehmann discussed a serious natural gas leak call that occurred in Rockland County- West Haverstraw. The LOSAP points from 2011 have been completed and are finalized. If any members may have questions about their points they need to see Bob Lehmann and only Bob Lehmann. The department has begun receiving fire alarm activations at the Fed Ex facility on Troy Road. There are 3 Knox boxes. The facility is obviously extremely large and the conveyor system will be installed in August. The Spinney (town-house community) on Miller Road at Pondview has a Knox box system.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin thanked Greg Forgea and the other members of the fire company for adopting a family during the holidays. The Ladies Aux donated \$800.00 to the family in need. Jeanie Mastin informed the members that first time pizza night customers are very happy with the product we offer, nothing but high regards.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports the total expenses for the January 14th pizza night were \$1,846.38. The total income for the evening was \$2,651.00. The total profit minus a \$300.00 start up bank and \$418.20 equated to \$922.82. The Ladies Auxiliary 25% profit for the event was \$126.16. 75 pizzas were sold and 73 orders of wings were sold. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total profit for the month of December 2161.50. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion was \$39,500.52. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall Bar was \$8,186.50. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Hudson Mohawk Convention 2012- The parade is Saturday, July 14th. The band is secured for this event as per our contract with them that Past Chief Lehmann negotiated with them.

Uniforms- Bob Lehmann reports that any members that may need a new uniform need to let him know ASAP. The uniforms need to be ordered by February. It takes a while to receive them in time for the parade.

Bell Jar- President Tooker reports the license has been secured. The date of the license is from January 1st to Christmas 2012.

Fish Fry Nights- The dates for these events will be announced at the February meeting. President Tooker reports were are able to book 4 fish fry nights.

Constitution and By Laws- submissions need to be forwarded to the Committee in time for the March meeting.

Review Board Meeting- President Tooker summarized the minutes that were recorded by Secretary M. Benson Jr. The President read the list of members that did not meet their point requirements for 2011. The meeting minutes and list of members that were deficient in points were emailed before this company meeting. Ed Wallace makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Executive Board Meeting- President Tooker summarized the minutes that were recorded by Secretary M. Benson Jr. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Installation Dinner 2012- Vice President Marc Ioreo reports that he is looking for a set-up crew on Thursday evening at 7pm.

EGFD Website- Chairman Tom Whittemore reports that sometime next week he would like to have a meeting.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Donald Hugenstein residing at 1077 Luther Road has submitted an application for active membership. He has experience with EMS. The application will be tabled for a month as per normal procedures.

David Reed residing at 23 Clover Avenue has submitted an application for active membership. This is a re-submitted application. David was a member a few years ago and

resigned as far as we know. The application will be tabled for a month as per normal procedures.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Blodgett currently residing at 737 Columbia Turnpike (Greenbush Station Apartments) submitted an application for active membership. Ken was a member with us in the early 2000's and then moved to the town of Colonie. Chris Lavin reports that the candidate has met the requirements and is eligible to be voted on. Chris Dick spoke on Ken's behalf. Chris Dick makes a motion to accept Ken as an active member. Dan White seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Betsy Britt currently resides at 1011 Glaz Street. Betsy submitted an application for Code 100. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept Betsy. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion and the motion carries.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Shawn Kennedy has completed six months of active service in the fire department. He has completed Firefighter 1. President Tooker reports that Shawn is very busy as a senior in high school. Ed McCabe makes a motion to make Shawn a fully fledged firefighter, removing the probationary member status. Adam Daniels seconds the motion and the motion is carried by all members.

George Lovely Jr. - Past Chief/SFI Tim Boel reports that George Lovely Jr. completed Firefighter 1. George informed Car 3 that he would attend calls at the Park Station and attend drill with the North Station. George has lacked attendance at both drills and fire calls. Rich Edberg makes a motion to extend his 6 month probation period. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Kathy Schmidt submitted a letter seeking to change her status from active Fire Police to active Code 100. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the requested status change. Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tooker informs the members that he and Rick Williams have received quotes for the members lounge floor. A committee will hopefully be formed in the coming months to determine if we can do the work ourselves. We have many skilled craftsmen in this department. The quotes received exceeded our monies. The quotes received were from Buells Flooring and A&J Flooring.

Jeanie Mastin inquired about professional cleaners for the Kitchen being that it is being used so much. Jeanie will get quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker informs the members that there are 4 resolutions to adopt this evening.

Resolution #1- 2012 budget. Nelson Williams of the Audit and Finance Committee presented the 2012 budget. Tim Boel also assisted and elaborated on the line items of each section of the budget. Chris Lavin inquired about the apron of the Main Station. Tim Boel reports it's not something that's budgeted right now. The money isn't there at this time. That apron was addressed a few years ago. Mike Memole states maybe now it's time to look into the solar panels based upon our high electric bills for the Park Station. Mike thinks it's something we need to look into. President Tooker and Board of Directors Chairman Tim Boel agree. Jeanie Mastin states that one of her son's is an energy engineer. Her son could come in and do an energy audit for us if we are interested. Jeanie states that she could have the audit for us in February or March. George Forgea inquired about the funds for the North Station roof. Tim Boel reports that we will probably have about \$21,000.00 after this year. Joe Winnicki inquired about the Time Warner Business Class program that is currently being offered by that company. Jeff states that he can look into it. He can call them. Greg also states to look into Business class and inquires about the DSL line if it runs the key fob system. It is confirmed the DSL line does run the Key Fob system at the stations. Mike Memole inquired about the Membership Secretary taking a pay cut. President Tooker invited any members that may be interested in the funds of the fire company to join the committee. Many members serve on the audit and finance committee. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the 2012 budget. Nelson Williams seconds

the motion and the motion is carried. President Tooker thanked the members of his staff for preparing the budget.

Resolution #2- Eastern Heating and Cooling. Ricky Williams discussed the service contract. Ricky reports Eastern Heating and Cooling is now contracted for the Main and North Station. Two services per year will be conducted. A heater valve needed to be replaced at the North Station. It will be repaired at cost. Minimal cost for us. Ricky reports that a new contract was entered at the Park Station. The service contract should hopefully cut the costs of repair that we have endured for so many years. The North and Main can go to a full service contract, but they need to get familiar with the equipment there. Tracy Britt makes a motion to accept and adopt Resolution #2. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Resolution #3- 2012 Committee Assignments. The President asks Fire District #3 Chairman George Forgea for a delegate to serve on the Review Board. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept and adopt Resolution #3. Jim Pendolino seconds the motion and the motion is carried. President Tooker informs the members that Steve Bakerian is still going to serve as Chairman of the Pavilion Committee.

Resolution #4- 2012 Job Postings. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept and adopt. George Forgea seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Boel makes a motion we enter into the combination package for a team sponsorship for the East Greenbush Castleton Little League. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Tim Boel makes a motion the fire company sponsor a half page ad for the Hudson Mohawk Convention. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Tim Boel makes a motion the fire company donate \$500.00 to the Greenbush Reformed Church. The \$500.00 donation is for snow removal. Chuck Hellmuth also seconds that motion. The motion is carried.

Ed Di'Martino makes a motion for an allotment for \$250.00 for the fire company to enter into the Firehouse Chili Cookoff at Browns Brewery in Troy. Kevin Hitchcock will be entering his

chili into this contest. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The event is February 18th. The motion is carried by the membership.

President Tooker re-emphasizes to the members that the Annual Dinner is for members only, not wives, girlfriends or significant other unless they are members.

President Tooker reminds the members to stop clogging the toilets. When submitting a deposit of waste material please make sure it enters into the sewer system correctly. Too many times the toilets are severely clogged.

Food for the February 2012 meeting is Engine 8.

The 50/50 winner of \$69.00 was Nancy Baker.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm with 58 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain