



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING**

February 21, 2012

The February 2012 meeting was called to order at 8:08pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the January 2012 meeting minutes. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried. \*\*The meeting was delayed due to a structure fire call at the Seton Health building located at 2 Empire Drive.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$2,848.40 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$743.42. The only purchase for over \$200.00 was a purchase made on January 4<sup>th</sup> at Huck Finn. The purchase amount was for \$472.00 for the North Station. Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the report. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

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

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports 48 checks were written during the month of January. Nine (9) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. One of these checks includes the \$6,021.00 written to Paolo Lombardis for the Installation Dinner food. 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 January was \$9,343.99. The total expenses were \$33,119.33. The total assets total \$117,195.10. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Car 1 & Car 2 absent from the meeting, attending a training class in Clifton Park with several other members.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports for Car 1. Mike reports there were 28 calls for the month of January. Any members that need a physical must see Car 1 ASAP. The gear washer or dryer is in the process of being installed. The plug and dike has arrived and will be distributed to apparatus officers soon. Mike reports that he has tabulated an Excel spreadsheet regarding members that need OSHA make-up. The 6 hour OSHA make-up is Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the responsibility of the Station Chiefs to complete OSHA make-up with their station members that need to make-up OSHA. CPR is the drill next week. CPR will be offered on Tuesday to our members and Wednesday to our neighboring departments. Any EGFD members that cannot attend Tuesday must attend Wednesday.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann reports there are new minitor 5 pagers. The box alarm binders have been updated and are currently on the apparatus and in the stations. The box alarms are also on Rescue 11's laptop computer. Accountability is extremely important. More and more this is becoming a hot topic. A great example of how accountability is supposed to work is the enlarged brush fire on Palmer Road. Too many guys lately are arriving at incidents without tools in their hands. Grab something whether it is a hand-light, axe, cribbing, etc.

Captains- Truck 11 Captain Chris Cargain reports on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> the Firefighter 2 class will be conducting a live burn and Truck 11 has been requested to attend. Chris reports if 2 or 3 other members can help with Truck 11 that'd be great. Engine 8 Captain Greg Forgea reminds our members to be extremely cautious on Interstate 90. At the car accident this evening a car almost plowed into a NY Troop car.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin reports the fire company won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the Brown's Brewery Fireman's Chili Cook-off. Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock entered his hot vats of chili and took home the trophy. Jeanie reminds the members that Zumbathon will be Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The event starts at 6pm.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports the total expenses for the February Pizza Night were \$1,628.93. The total income for the event was \$2,642.75. The total profit minus the \$300.00 start-up bag, and \$433.11 added to inventory, total is \$1,146.93. The Ladies Auxiliary 25% profit is \$178.46. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue generated for all buildings for the month of January was \$475.00. The total expenses were \$144.00. The total profit is \$331.00. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report. Rich Edberg seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

Convention Activities- Greg Forgea reports no hotel this year. The cost will be \$5.00 or \$10.00, very low key event, gathering at Pavilion. There will be sign-up sheets for the Convention and the Red Vest Outing soon.

Fish Fry Nights- Co-Chairman Tom Chesser reports the start time for each fish fry night is 4:30pm. Tim Boel sent an email earlier in the day which included the menu and price listings. Everything is self-explanatory. Set-up for fish fry nights will be on the Thursday evenings prior to that Friday's fish fry events.

Website- Chairman Tom Whittemore reports the Commissioners have approved the photography policy. Tom would like to meet with his committee members soon, possibly next week to address a few things. The new Username for the website will now be- egfd, and the password will now be 1916. Any questions speak with Chairman Tom Whittemore.

## **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following candidates have submitted applications for code 100: Sue Benson residing at 9 Oregon Avenue, Donna Pendolino residing at 54 Troy Road, Diane & Amy Forgea residing

at 14 Kitty Lane, and Emily Wood residing at 18 Timberledge in the Schodack Center protective district.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

David Reed residing at 23 Clover Avenue and Donald Rugenstein residing at 1077B Luther Road are eligible to be elected as new members this month. President Tooker notes that David Reed is a past member here. Lou Roher makes a motion to accept David Reed as an active member. Chris Cargain seconds the motion. It was noted by many members that Dave Reed has been attending every drill since he submitted his application last month. All members were in favor, motion carried. Steve Carknard makes a motion to accept Donald Rugenstein as a new member. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. It has also been noted that Mr. Rugenstein has been at every drill since his application submission last month. Car 4 spoke on his behalf. All members were in favor and the motion carries.

### **MEMBERSHIP CHANGE IN STATUS/REMOVAL FROM ROLES**

Former Lieutenant Paul Stoddard submitted a letter of resignation to President Tooker. Paul thanked the members for great times. Chris Linck regretfully accepts his letter and inquired if anyone has spoken to him about possibly going Social. Lieutenant Anthony Prioux states that he has spoken to Paul a couple of times, but Paul still will not change his mind. Captain M. Benson Jr. also stated the same information. Car 2 has reached out to him as well, but he still is not interested in continuing. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. The motion is carried with regret.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tom Kennedy reports that his staff at the EG Water Department is unloosening the caps on all the hydrants in our district and the rest of the town.

Jeanie Mastin reports the energy audit is still being conducted by her oldest son, Dan Mastin. There should be a full report for the March meeting. Dan has pointed out that the ice machine is too close to the wall and it partially blocks the air intake for that machine and therefore it is drawing more energy.

Kathy Miller reports the following members owe money for their membership dues. The following members are: Glen Cook, Scott Earing, Pete Lavin, Clark Roehr, Jim Morgan, and

Craig McCabe. Pete Lavin, Clark Roehr and Scott Earing owe dues for the back years of 2010, 2011.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

George Forgea reports to the members of the Fire Company through his title as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for District #3. George reports there is a rental agreement between the fire district and the fire company. \$206,000 the district pays the fire company. \$223,840.00 the district was paying the company to keep the trucks in the firehouses. The Board of Fire Commissioners sat down and gave them (the EG Fire Co) a 4% increase which equals \$232,794.00 the district is paying the fire company. George states that no one is being short changed. The check will be forwarded to the Treasurer from the Fire District. George reports that anyone can attend the Commissioners meetings. These are public meetings and business is being conducted. No one is here to do things behind closed door. If anyone has an issue with the money please go to the commissioners meeting. The Fire District is not out to screw the company even though some people may feel that way, and have felt that way. Chairman Forgea urges the members to talk to him or any of the other Fire Commissioners. Jeff thanks the Fire Commissioners for all things that have worked out between the District and the Fire Company.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Tooker reports that he'll forward the Hudson Valley Convention tug of war paperwork to the Convention Chairman.

Tracy Britt makes a motion to sponsor a ¼ page for the Columbia High School Sports Almanac that will be published in the upcoming months. The cost of the ¼ page ad is \$50.00. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried by the members.

President Tooker lifted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy the Fire Company received for entering Kevin Hitchcock's chili recipe. Over \$4,000.00 was raised for the Fireman's Home in Hudson.

Past Chief Rick Williams points out to the members and the President that there is a scheduling conflict for March 28<sup>th</sup>. Eddie D is aware per Car 4. Car 4 informs the members that Car 1 is looking at an alternative location for the speaker series on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Cook inquires about drills going on at HQ while set up sometimes needs to be done for Pizza Nights. Is there any way the drills can be posted on both calendars. President Tooker will look into it.

Chris Linck reports that he has a Lazy Boy recliner if anyone wants it. He just bought a new one.

Food next month is *Engine 9*.

The 50/50 winner of \$63.00 is President/Captain Jeff Tooker.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn. Joe Lacivita seconds the motion. The motion is carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm with 49 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain