



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

March Monthly Meeting

March 20, 2012

The March 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried. There were no special meeting minutes.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$743.42 was paid in full and received by Chase bank on February 16th. The new balance is \$548.34. There were no purchases made for over two hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Paul Zirpoli seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Nancy Baker reports there were a total of 59 checks written for the month of February. Eleven (11) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. Nick Madore seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquired about the two bills written for Eastern Heating and Cooling. Nancy states that the checks were written for annual maintenance on the Main Station HVAC equipment and the North Station HVAC equipment as well. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of February was \$237,817.64. Paul notes the check for Fire District rent was received and that check amount was for \$232,794.00. The total expenses were \$32,264.16. The total assets total \$205,553.48. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Fall Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports the department answered 23 calls for service for the month of February. The total calls year to date is 51 calls. The Chief commends the members that have been showing up for our calls, February was an active month. The gear washer at the Park Station has arrived and will be installed soon. Firefighters Marc Ioreo, Nick Luizzi, and Rich Hendricks Jr completed the NYS Firefighter II class. Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino and Captain Chris Dick completed NIMS I-300. The last seminar speaker series will be on March 28th at Maple Hill High School. The speaker is retired Battalion Chief Burns from FDNY. The next Line Officers meeting will be Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm at HQ. Engine 7 had a few lights and light assemblies fixed and there is one part that is on order. Engine 8 had the leak in the pump repaired. Utility 11 is in service. This is a diesel fuel vehicle. The generator at the North Station is fixed. The Chief reminded all truck officers to make sure their trucks are set with brush equipment due to the very warm, dry weather so far.

Car 2- No report.

Car 3- Mike Prestipino reports the following members need to complete OSHA make-up: Glen Cook, Nick Madore, Chris Dick, and Mark Becker (military leave).

Car 4- Bob Lehmann reports the pager inventory is on hold for the time being. However, there are 10 new pagers available. See Car 4 if you need a new pager.

Captains: Greg Forgea re-iterates to keep the trucks ready for brush season. Greg also informs the members not to hesitate to call another mutual aid department for their ATV's. The departments are Best Luther (ATV 3) and East Schodack (ATV 12). Mike Benson Jr. reminds the members that according to our BOP's brush fires are a Code 2 response, not Code 3 unless circumstances dictate otherwise such as brush fire endangering a structure.

Ladies Auxiliary- Linda Cook reports on the March Pizza Night. Linda reports the total expenses for the month of March was \$1,181.87. The total income for the Pizza Night was \$2,684.00. The net profit minus a \$290 start up bag is \$1213.00. The Ladies Auxiliary profit is \$303.03. Linda thanked all the members for their help and support with the Pizza Night fundraisers. The next Pizza Night is planned for the second Saturday in September. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the report. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total income for the month of February 2012 is \$550.00. The total expenses were \$445.00. The total profit is \$105.00. President Tooker reports to the members that the Pavilion is booked every Saturday from May to September. Dave Chesnut makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

Constitution and By Laws- Tom Chesser reports there have been no submissions to him or any Committee members.

Conventions- Chairman Greg Forgea reports sign-up sheets will be going up soon. For the Hudson Valley Parade there will be a day trip this year. There will be food and a gathering at the Pavilion after the parade. There will be two buses secured for transportation to the parade in South Glens Falls.

Fish Fry Nights- Tom Chesser reports the numbers are slightly down for the first couple of events. The ad in the Advertiser did not appear in time; however Tom was corrected by a couple of members whom stated that the ad was in the Advertiser periodical. Tom states that he needs help setting up at 7:00pm on Thursdays before the event. Rich Edberg inquires as to whom is responsible for the clean-up after the Fish Fry nights because the place was left an absolute mess.

Zumbathon- Vice President Marc Ioreo reports the Zumba class on March 1st netted \$406.67 for the Fire Company. Marc reports this could be the first of many classes. Thanks to his wife Jess Ioreo for conducting the Zumba class.

Life Members Day- Past Chief P. Lehmann reports Life Members Day will be September 9th. PC Lehmann thanked the Fire District for the purchase of the Utility vehicle (bus).

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jeremy Cook residing in the Mill Creek Apartments has submitted an application for active membership. Jeremy currently has 5 years experience with the Cobleskill Fire Department.

Robert Fish residing at 1501B Sunset Road has submitted an application for active membership.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following applicants have submitted members for active membership for Code 100. They are Sue Benson, Emily Wood, Diane Forgea, Amy Forgea, and Donna Pendolino. Nick Madore makes a motion to accept all the applicants as new members. Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the motion is carried by all the members.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Nick Luizzi is eligible to be removed from probationary status. Assistant Chief Prestipino reports that Nick has completed Firefighter 1 and just completed Firefighter 2. He makes numerous calls and is at every fundraiser. Greg Forgea makes a motion to have the probationary status terminated. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tooker reports there was brief discussion over the past few weeks regarding the DSL line. Jeff attended the March Commissioners meeting and both sides have agreed to split the cost (\$2,000 each). The cost of rent to stay the same through 2016. There are no budgetary issues, funding is set for 2013-2016 regarding this.

Past Chief D.A. Cook inquires about the drop down screen and projector in the Banquet Hall. President Tooker reports Chief Di'Martino will report on that next month. He just left for to conduct CPR training in CHFD.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker reports the Rensselaer County Board of Elections has been thrown out from our properties. The Fire Company only received a check for \$200.00 when the full amount they owed us was \$400.00. Numerous letters have been sent with minimal to no response back to the President. They submitted a letter stating they are moving elsewhere for election season. The other issue is that the Board of Elections refused to clean-up after using our facilities.

President Tooker reported that Town Councilman Phil Malone has reached out to him about the Democratic Committee using our hall for their events. There may be more to follow in the upcoming months.

Jeanie Mastin reports Zumba classes may be occurring on Tuesday and Thursday evenings possibly. There will be more to follow.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker reminds the members that if anyone needs a key-fob they need to see Chief Di'Martino. The key fob system is maintained by the District. Tom Whittemore inquires if there is a procedure in place regarding the key-fobs. Tom states that it took some members a month to get a key fob once they were cleared by the District. There is a procedure in place which is going to the District Chief if you need a key fob reports the President.

David A. Cook inquired briefly what the member status is of the new Auxiliary members. Jeanie reports they are all Code 100.

Mike Memole inquires to Jeanie Mastin about the Energy Audit that was conducted by her oldest son. Jeanie reports his energy audit report will be here soon, he has been out of town for work.

Past Chief M. Benson Sr. inquires about the vandalism to the Fire Company property. President Tooker reports that the outside door to the long bay at the Park Station will most likely be fixed by the President's father in law or by Bob Crain possibly. The damaged women's bathroom door will be fixed soon. President Tooker informs the members that if any non EGFD member is on the property and they don't belong there, they should call him. If there is vandalism it may be appropriate to call the police.

Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to donate \$40.00 to the Hendrick Hudson Male Chorus. Jim Cartwright seconds the motion. All members were in favor, and the motion carries.

Schodack Valley Pizza Night- All funds will go to the Schoharie Fire Department whom lost a significant amount of equipment from Hurricane Irene devastation. Nick Madore makes a motion the EGFD send a check for \$100.00. Lou Rohr seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

50/50 winner of \$73.00 is new applicant Jeremy Cook.

Elwin Michel makes a motion to adjourn, Pete Lehmann seconds the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm with 55 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain