



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

April Meeting

April 17, 2012

The April 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Treasurer Paul Benson. President Tooker was absent from the beginning part of the meeting due to a full-time job commitment. Vice President Marc Ioreo is on vacation. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the previous balance of \$548.34 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on March 16th. The new balance for this billing cycle is \$835.61. A purchase made at Price Chopper on March 14th for Fish Fry Night was the sole purchase that was over two-hundred dollars. The full purchase amount was \$235.11. Tim Boel makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 42 checks written for the month of March. Ten (10) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of March was \$11,634.18. The total expenses for the month of March were \$16,747.45. The total assets are \$319,143.91. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report. Jim Trimmer seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Ed Di'Martino reports there were 16 calls for the month of March. The total calls year to date is 67. The Chief thanked the members that have been responding to the recent mutual aid fires and answering our own calls for service. The Chief also points out that Truck 11 has been busy and has been a specific request by other Chief Officers. Chief Di'Martino thanked the members that attended the mini-seminar series conducted in accordance with the NYS Chiefs Association. The gear washer at the Park Station will be installed soon. The Chief reminds the pump operators and Officers to continue to run the trucks especially the pump panel switches and all the valves. It's important to make sure the pump valves are running correctly, many departments are experiencing problems. The training at Turning Stone is coming upon us. The Chief hopes to have room assignments and individual schedules posted soon. Chief Di'Martino reminds the Line Officers to keep their trucks clean and in neat appearance. The Chief received two letters from the city of Rensselaer regarding Paul Zirpoli. One letter was from an on-duty city firefighter and the on-duty police Sergeant. There will be more to follow with Mr. Zirpoli. Our department was recently dispatched to 29 Phillips Road for a "water problem." However, it was later determined that it wasn't exactly water in the residence, it was fecal matter. The department pumps were contaminated. It was later learned during this meeting the pumps were not contaminated. They were cleaned up and disinfected and are able to be used. Ricky Williams reports the equipment was completely disinfected and cleaned with hot water, soap, bleach and other cleaning supplies.

Car 2- Kevin Hitchcock briefed the department on his findings at 29 Phillips Road before he left for vacation. The house has been condemned by Kevin's town agency. Kevin also reports to all the members and reminds the members that if it is a questionable substance in the basement, then we do not enter. It's that simple. Kevin also reports there is a strip mall being

erected next to Mavis Tire and there is also a similar structure being erected next to Starbuck's Coffee.

Car 3- Mike Prestipino reports that next week's drill is a Captains Drill. The drill will be at the training house.

Car 4- Bob Lehmann discussed the Planet Fitness membership for members and the fitness program. The District will pay for yearly membership. Joe Lacivita has done a lot of work on firefighter fitness and presented a report to the Commissioners a few months ago. The BOP's are completely outdated. The Chief and District have allocated \$5,000.00 for our own members to complete updating the by-laws. A couple of prices were received from professional organizations; however the prices were quite high.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin reports the pancake breakfast is May 20th . The Ladies Auxiliary will be assisting. June 10th will be the kitchen clean-up date. Jeanie's Verizon check has been also been received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Jeff Tooker arrives at the meeting and reports that the total profit for the month of March was \$2,789.00. Jim Trimmer makes a motion to accept the report. Tim Hedgepath seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Conventions- Assistant Chief Lehmann reports the Hudson Valley Convention is a Saturday only event. There will be buses for transportation. Food will be provided after the parade at the Frank Becker Pavilion. Car 4 reports that Captain Forgea will be posting sign-up sheets at the firehouses this week.

Softball Team- Captain/Team Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the season opener is Friday, April 27th at 6:15pm at Genet School. All team members have been emailed schedules. Our season ends July 20th and there are no games scheduled during the summer holidays.

Fish Fry Nights- Chairman Tom Chesser reports there were 4 fish-fry fundraisers. The total income for the event was \$13,199.80. The total expenses were \$5,827.38. The total profit is \$7,372.42. Tom also reports the Ladies Auxiliary received 10%, which is \$737.24. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept Tom's report. Tracy Britt seconds the motion, and the motion is

carried. The President thanked Tom and his staff for all the hard work during the month of March and the first part of April.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Christine Earing had previously submitted an application for Code 100. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept Christine as a member. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Jeremy Cook residing in the Mill Creek apartments had last month submitted an application for active membership. He has 5 years of active membership with the Cobleskill Fire Department. Rich Hendricks Jr. makes a motion to make Jeremy Cook a new member. Nick Liuzzi seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Robert Fish residing on Sunset Road had submitted an application for active membership last month. Bob Crain makes a motion to make Robert Fish a new member. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY STATUS

Patty Wade and Jim Trimmer are both eligible to have their 6 month probationary status removed. Todd Cullum makes a motion to make Patty Wade a fully fledged member. Chris Dick seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Chris Dick makes a motion to have the probationary status removed for Jim Trimmer. Craig Cullum seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tooker briefed the members on firefighter Paul Zirpoli. President Tooker states that through Article 10, Section 1 Paul Zirpoli will be sent a certified letter stating that he is suspended. Paul had an incident in the city of Rensselaer and there will be more to follow at next month's meeting.

Jeanie Mastin reports on the Zumba classes. There are usually 10-16 members in attendance for the Zumba classes that are conducted by Jess Ioreo, whom is currently on vacation. Jeanie reports that Zumba classes will be from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Park Station. These fitness classes will be in the Banquet Hall and will be done in time for our Fire Company meetings. Jeanie asks for a motion to continue with the Zumba program. Chuck Alger makes a motion to continue with the Zumba classes. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion. Past Chief Boel inquires about the percentage back to the East Greenbush Fire Company. Jeanie states the

percentage back is 40%. Tim also inquires about cleaning and not paying our own cleaners. Jess Ioreo has stated to Jeanie previously that she has agreed to take out the trash and clean toilets and do whichever else may be necessary. After Jeanie's summary of the Zumba classes all members were in favor of the Zumba classes with no opposition.

Nelson Williams inquires to Chief Di'Martino and other members of the Fire Company as to why the gear washer was not placed next to the gear dryer. Chief Di'Martino elaborates and states the truck room bathroom may have to be re-constructed. Apparently there is a possible issue with piping or drainage work as to why it cannot be situated next to the gear dryer. Nelson is in full opposition of re-constructing the truck room bathroom, and states the gear washer can adequately be placed next to the gear dryer. Board of Director Chairman Tim Boel states to the Chief that re-constructing the truck-room bathroom is not a good idea. Tom Kennedy recommends purchasing an on demand hot water tank if that's one of the actual issues relating to the gear washer and the location of it.

District Chief Di'Martino briefly discussed the Banquet Hall AV system. There is still a lot of back and forth about whose equipment it is and who will be responsible for certain things. There will be more to follow soon.

Banquet Hall Manager Mike Stafford reports the same group of women that use our parking lot from 5:30am-6:30am on weekend mornings have contacted him again. The cardio group will again be using our parking lot and the Fire Company will be making a profit. It should be the same as last year.

Vice President Marc Ioreo is away on vacation but next month he will have a fund-raising report on the Recovery Room event that was held in early April.

Chief Di'Martino also briefed the members on the flow chart that is now posted on our website. The chain of command for the Fire Company and Fire District needs to be followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Paul Benson discussed the new interest rate for the mortgage. The new interest rate is 1.3%. The previous interest rate was 5.06%. This will be a huge savings in the future. The mortgage will be paid off fully in the year 2021. This year we will be saving \$10,000.00 off the mortgage.

Mike Memole reports that firefighter Bill Harrison was deployed to Afghanistan with the Army. Mike inquired as to where the old pictures went from our internet. Chief Di'Martino reports they had to be removed from the server for server issues apparently.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The EGPBA Golf Scramble is June 1st. President Tooker reports that in the past we have sponsored a flag. Tim Boel makes a motion for the Fire Company to sponsor a flag. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Food for the May 2012 meeting is **Truck 11**. The 50/50 winner was Marty Miller for \$70.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elwin Michel seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm with 53 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain