



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

May Meeting

May 15th, 2012

The May 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Mike Forgea seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Tooker reports that the previous balance of \$835.61 was paid in full. The new balance is \$565.31. There were no purchases over \$200. Richard Hendricks makes a motion accept the monthly VISA bill report, seconded by Matt Sullivan and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports that for the month of April, (33) checks were written for a total of \$15,342.56. There were 7 checks written for over \$500. A check to VISA was written in the amount of \$835.61, Verizon for \$569.18, By-George Food Specialties for \$2049.25, Eastern Heating and Cooling for \$2793.75, Michael Stafford for \$1236.00, Bob Lehmann for \$591.23, and National Grid for \$3809.00. The report of the Financial Secretary was accepted by Jim Pendolino, and seconded by Mike Benson, Sr and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports that income for the Month of April was \$11,381.11. Total Expenses for the month were \$2,6127.14. Total Current Assets are \$293,851.95. Motion to accept the Treasurer Report made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Tom Gullo and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1 – Bob Reineke, Tim Boel and Kevin Hitchcock recently attended a Public Education conference and certificates were handed out. REMO is hosting a nightly EMT course, Car 1 has details if you are interested. There is a meeting on May 23rd for a committee meeting on reconstruction of the BOP at headquarters @ 7 PM. The old roundabout is about 2-3 weeks from being completed and the new round-about on Upper Mannix Rd. is in the works to begin possibly in 2013. There are 18 members attending the Turning Stone conference. Car 1 has the schedule, if you have any questions, please see him. We need members to come out for night calls, we have been really thin in numbers during night calls. If you need either ID tags or name plates for your coats, please see your Station Chief. Amongst the younger members, greater participation is needed, as many of you know, Car 3 has been manning the apparatus. Just a reminder, Engine 9 is equipped with a driver side intake suction valve, that has been replaced because Engine 9 is built internally.

During the board meeting last night, memberships for Planet Fitness for members are moving forward. As for FedEx, most of their conveyor system is up, they are shooting for an August 2012 opening. New Construction, there are plans for a Walgreens where the old Eckerd is, also various strip malls on Troy Road will be opening near Mavis Tires. Please make sure to clean trucks and maintain them, as parade season is approaching. For the Memorial Day parade, and also the Rensselaer City Parade, a driver is needed for both. There have been 109 calls for the year so far.

An update on the gear washer, a committee was assembled for the installation, things are moving forward, a report is imminent. Ricky Williams interjected regarding the gear washer, only a verbal quote has been given at this time. He is still waiting on other quotes.

Car 2 – was attending a truck meeting and was not present

Tom Kennedy reports that at the elevator call from last night, there was a large woman that needed to be rescued and lifted up the stairs. Long story short, we were able to make the elevator operational, however there was some miscommunication as to where the firefighter key resided.

Dave A. Cook reports that at the elevator issue last night, there was no firefighter key. This is a problem that should be addressed, Car 1 reports that it is in the building. He also reports that every station has a master key, however will follow up with Community Care.

Car 3 – The website has not been updated, but search and rescue training will be at the training house. For night calls, as Car 1 stated, some people need to pick up their responses for night calls, especially many of the younger members.

Car 4 – In regards to the Pub Ed detail at the YMCA, Car 4 thanks all of those that came out. There will be other pub ed details in the near future, and details will be released soon.

Jeanne Mastin- there is a sign up for a June 10th Kitchen cleanup, lunch will be provided. Help is greatly needed and appreciated. If you are a Pizza night crew member and would like a T-Shirt, please let us know. Jeanne thanks the explorers for all of their assistance during Pizza Night, and commends specifically Anthony Gullo, Nick Luizzi, Nick Goyer and Jake Hallenbeck for their service and presented a gift card to them for their efforts.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Buildings Use Report-There were 6 Rentals for April 2012. The total Revenue for was \$2155, total expenses were \$1086, for a profit of \$1069. The buildings use report was accepted by Rich Edberg, and seconded by Frank Jenkins and the motion is carried.

Convention – President Tooker asked the membership to please sign up in case you would like to come to the convention, as we would like to get a head count on the numbers. President Tooker described the logistics of the parade, as members will be bused to and from

the parade. Car 4 reports to try on your uniform, as members tend to gain weight during the Winter months.

Softball Team – President Tooker reports that the EGFD softball team is 2-1 currently. We have quite the cheering section that comes out, so if you'd like for something fun to do on a Friday night, see Mike Benson Jr. for the schedule.

Installation Banquet- Vice President Marc Iorio thanks all of those that helped out with planning and coordinating the Installation Banquet, as it was very successful and everybody had a great time. The total Revenues were \$2498, which was just short of projected revenue of \$2500. The total Expenses were \$ 10,473.53, which was far under its budget of \$12,000.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Eric Long at 15 Horizon View Drive is a past firefighter at Guilderland Fire Department. He is submitting an application for active status. His application will be tabled for one month and will be voted on at the June meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Anthony Gullo, a long time explorer with the fire company submits a proposal for Active Membership. It was noted by several members that he is a very active member. Motion made by Rich Hendricks, seconded by Tracy Britt to change Anthony Gullo's membership status and to accept Anthony Gullo as a Probationary Member and the motion is carried.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY STATUS

Michael Lansing, an active member of the United States Coast Guard, comes as often as he can. When he is available, he is active and is a good member. Bob Reineke, seconded by Matt Sullivan vote to remove the probationary status for Michael and the motion is carried.

Liz Losee, a code 100 member, is at many of the Fire Company fundraisers and events. A motion made by Cathy Miller, and seconded by Lou Roher to make Liz a permanent member and the motion is carried.

Mark Caputo, from assisted living home, has not been around since he was voted in. He is being dropped from the Rolls. Motion made by Bob Falls, Jr. seconded by Tracy Britt and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul Zirpoli has written a letter indicating his desire to be removed from the rolls of the East Greenbush Fire Company. An issue was noted during the April meeting regarding Mr. Zirpoli's conduct. Mike Benson Sr. made a motion, seconded by Tom Kennedy to remove Paul Zirpoli from the rolls and the motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker signed an agreement with the Board of Fire commissioners regarding the installation of the FOBs as well as the audio video system.

President Tooker was informed by Steve Bakerian that the beer tapper in the pavilion is on its last legs. The system needs to be addressed, either the compressor or the entire system will need to be replaced. Fixing would be at least 2,000, however replacing would be more. Frank Jenkins asks if this is just the refrigeration unit or the entire cabinet. Pres. Tooker responds that the whole unit is a possibility. Nelson Williams asks do we have a budgetary spot to take the money from? Several members were saying that it must be taken care of immediately as this is a necessity for our banquet operations. Mike Benson Sr. seconded by Tom Kennedy. Mike Benson Sr. amends the motion to simply replace the system, seconded by Tom Kennedy. The motion was unanimously passed to REPLACE the system.

The ice machine in the kitchen is under contract with Eastern Heat/Cool. Rick Williams reports that it is currently functioning, and will monitor for the time being. However, he reports that per Eastern and Cooling, it has exceeded its useful life. Pres. Tooker feels that we should hold off on replacing this, as we will make due with what we have for now, especially during the summer months.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Holy Spirit School is holding a Golf Classic, a motion is made to purchase a \$100 ad by Bob Lehmann and seconded by Matt Sullivan and the motion is carried.

Rensselaer County Search and Rescue is holding a Golf Outing, motion made to sponsor a tee sign by Rick Williams and seconded by Nick Luizzi and the motion is carried. The amount for the tee sign is \$75.00.

Vice President Marc Iorio reports that on April 1st, a fundraiser was held at the Recovery Room in Albany to benefit the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Program. The Recovery Room donated 15% of food and beverage to the company, resulting in \$248.56 for the company. There may be future events at the Recovery Room, as we have been told we can hold several events there a year.

Food for the June 2012 meeting is **the Main Station**. The 50/50 winner was Mike Benson Sr. for \$65. Tom Whittemore makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. RP Smith seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr./Marc Ioreo