



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

JUNE COMPANY MEETING

June 19, 2012

President Tooker called the June meeting to order at 7:08pm at the Frank Becker Memorial Pavilion. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Jeff Tooker reports the previous balance of \$565.31 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on May 9th. The new balance is \$91.48. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the report. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of May is \$2,495.49. The total expenses were \$43,981.96. Our total assets total \$253,342.59. Nick Madore makes a motion to accept the report, Past Chief Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports that a total of 48 checks were written for the month of May. Nine (9) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Dave Reed seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports that the Commissioners have approved the fitness plan. The District will reimburse members for a fitness facility for \$10.00 per month which would equate to a \$120.00 a year re-imbursement. This is effective beginning July 1st. The re-imbursement will occur twice a year. Assistant Chief Hitchcock presented certificates to the following members for completing live fire training in Turning Stone: Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino, Captain M. Benson Jr., Captain Greg Forgea, Captain Jeff Tooker, Firefighter Adam Daniels, Firefighter Anthony Gullo, Firefighter Nick Liuzzi, and Firefighter Rich Hendricks Jr. Many of these members took two or more classes involving live fire. The classes ranged from Engine Company, Truck Company, Thermal Imaging Camera, Extrication, and Flashover.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Mike Prestipino reports that drill next week will be the walk-thru at Fed Ex. Clinton Heights, Best Luther, and Defreestville will also be attending. Assistant Chief Prestipino reminds the members to make sure the main entry door on Utility 11 is left closed once the vehicle is parked. If the door is left open it will slowly drain the battery. Mike reminds the members to keep the truck bays clean. Things have been messy lately after members have been washing their own vehicles.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann reports that there is on-going construction out near Exit 10. There are barricades at a couple of the U-turns, and traffic at times is down to one lane. The barricades at the U-turns can be removed, but please make sure precise directions are received as to the exact location on I-90 if it is in that area. The rotary (round-about) at Couse Corners is just about fully completed. Traffic appears to be moving smoothly in that area of town. Our agency is once again on pace for approximately 300-350 calls for the year. Assistant Chief Lehmann thanked all the crews for coming out to the calls. If any members are not receiving a voice message on their Minitor 5 pagers, please let Bob know. There were some slight problems of no voice being received with the previous batch of Minitor 5 pagers. Obviously this weekend is the Hudson Valley Parade. Please make sure the uniforms are cleaned. There will be a work detail tomorrow evening at 6:00pm for Rescue 11. The parade hose lay needs to be completed. There will also be a couple of other work details to get ready for the parade.

Captains- Captain Greg Forgea reports that Truck 8 from CHFD is out of service. Truck 11 will be responding to all structure fire calls.

Ladies Auxillary- Jeanie Mastin reports the kitchen was cleaned by many members from the Auxillary and the members from the Fire Company. The total cost of work detail including food and cleaning products was \$185.00. Jeanie reports that it would have been nice to have another handful of members to assist with the kitchen clean-up. Jeanie reports that the Members storage room is a mess also. Jeanie reports the last Sunday in April of 2013 will be another cleaning event. The pizza ovens,

floors, and walls cleaned up very well. A thorough job was done by all and Jeanie thanked all the members that participated.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Jeff Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of May was \$2,480.00. The total expenses were \$954.00. The total profit for the month of May is \$1,526.00. Vice President Marc Ioreo makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Whittemore seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. Chuck Hellmuth reports the new tapper has been installed at the Pavilion. A new drain does need to be installed. There is a make-shift drain there for now. A bucket is in place for right now, which is the make-shift drain. Past Chief Hellmuth elaborates stating that the drain that needs to be installed is the overflow drain. The overflow drain should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Softball Team- Team Manager Mike Benson Jr., reports that the team is currently 4-2. The team has won their last two games against the Mountainview and Averill Park Fire Departments. Solid pitching down the stretch from Assistant Chief Prestipino and Tom Kennedy has been crucial. The team is not really having a problem scoring runs this season as depicted by the scores of our games. Mike thanked his team members for their dedication to the team. The next game is this Friday against St. Mary's at Genet School.

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship- Past Chief Pete Lehmann reports his Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 25th at 7:00pm to award the scholarship winners. Applications must be post marked by June 30th. All directions need to be followed by the applicants.

Recovery Room Fundraiser- Vice President Marc Ioreo reports that the Fire Company will receive 15% profit from the event's food and drinks that are bought with one of our tickets. ***The ticket informs the waitress that 15% of your bill will go toward the EGFD fundraising event. The event will be on September 20th, from 5:30pm-9:30pm at the Recovery Room location in Troy on Hoosick Street. This is a Thursday night N.Y. Giants game. Senior member Tom Gullo states to "fire up the bus."

Convention 2012- President Tooker advises all members that he has printed out the itinerary for the weekend. Chairman Greg Forgea reports to the membership that this Convention is a low-budget event. Wednesday there will be a work detail at 6:00pm to re-pack hose on Rescue 11. Thursday is the Red Vest outing and bus will leave at 11:30am. Friday is the Softball game. All members are welcome back to the Pavilion for pizza and wings. Saturday is parade day. All participating members are urged to be at the Park Station at 8:00am for a light breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the large truck bay. The Utility 11 bus and Yankee Trails bus will be leaving at 10:30am along with the Chiefs Cars. Five (5)

members are needed to ride on Rescue 11 and to start touching up the truck at our line-up spot. Rescue 11 will be at the Park at 8:30am. We are 1st in the 2nd Division. We should be marching by 1:30pm. As soon as the parade is over, get some food and get back on the transportation you came on. The Yankee Trails bus leaves for trophies at approximately 6:00pm. After trophies the bus will drop off all members, and there will be some more food and drinks for members that want to stay and party. Most importantly we are 2 Past Chiefs short. We are 1 officer short. Greg and his staff are hoping to have 50 members on the street. Check your uniforms. Greg reports Crown Cleaners is two days behind. Nick Madore has access to pallets and firewood if a fire is allowed. If you are not participating in the parade please feel free to still come to the Pavilion. Greg reports the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing a large meal. Jeanie Mastin reports that breakfast will be served at 8:00am. Help is needed at 3:00pm to prepare the 5:00pm dinner. Chips, pretzels or desserts are needed. President Tooker reports that he appreciates everything this Committee has done. Greg also reminds the members that there is a massive wedding during the evening after our parade. It is important that our members do not park in the parking spots for the Banquet Hall. Our members should be parking in front of the large empty truck bay, or preferably on the grass near the Pavilion. Pete Lehmann states that he just text Dennis Kennedy, and Dennis stated to him that Utility 11 will be leaving EG at 11:30am.

Website- Chairman Tom Whittemore reports that he has, or will be adding the fitness forms on the EGFD website. Any information pertaining to this, please see Tom Whittemore.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Senior Explorer Jacob Hallenback submitted his application for active membership. William Messeli residing at 36 Berkshire Drive submitted an application for active membership. Mr. Messeli has been an EMT for 3 years. Mr. Messeli was informed that his application will be tabled for the normal one month time period. Eric Long's application will be tabled for another month as per the recommendation of Assistant Chief Prestipino. Mike made the official motion, Greg Forgea seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Eric has past firefighting experience with the Guilderland Center Fire Department.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jacob (Jake) Hallenback was immediately voted on as a new member. He has been an extremely active Explorer for a number of years. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to elect Jake as a new member. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Jake is the newest member of the EGFD.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY STATUS

Ken Blodgett is eligible to have his probationary status waived. Captain Mike Benson Jr., spoke to the membership regarding Ken's activity level. Ken makes calls when he can and attends drills on a

normal basis. Chris Linck makes a motion to have the probationary status removed for Ken Blodgett. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Ken is a fully fledged firefighter. Betsy Britt is also at her 6 month review period. Jim Cartright makes a motion to have the probationary status removed for Mrs. Britt. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. All members were in favor and Betsy Britt is a fully fledged member for Code 100.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tooker read the letter from the East Greenbush Day Camp program. The EG Day Camp program is once again asking for use of our facilities at the Park Station as a "rain-out" location. This is for use of the firehouse. The cost is \$125.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to allow the EG Day Camp to use our facility as a "rain-out" facility for their program at the cost of \$125.00 per day they are at our facilities. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, all members were in favor, and the motion carries.

President J. Tooker reports that he once again was contacted by Loraine Vanzandt regarding the property along our Park Station by the high cat tails. 6.5 acres of land is for sale. The cost is \$49,000.00. President Tooker informed her that we are not interested unless perhaps the property is sold to us for \$4.90.

President Tooker reports that he and Building Manager Mike Stafford met a couple of times regarding our rental rates. It was determined that it is in our best interest to raise the rate by twenty five dollars. The rate for a non-member will elevate from \$275 to \$300.00 from here on out. The reasoning behind this is our utility usage, payment of our own employees, beverage supplies and any other costs that are necessary to continue to run our facilities in a profitable manner. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to adopt the rate change for non members. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Joe Winnicki inquires if we know of any other agencies with similar facilities. And if we do know, do we know what they charge? President Tooker reports that the general public is flocking to Mike Stafford's office to book events for the year 2013 for such things as weddings and graduation parties. After some brief discussion the motion was carried with no opposition.

President Tooker reports that the liquor license is up for renewal and there should be no issues renewing the license.

Pete Lehmann reports to the membership that he would like to see a privacy barrier of some sort established in the near future at the Pavilion bathrooms. There have been some complaints regarding privacy specifically for the women's restroom. Pete Lehmann makes the motion for a privacy barrier to be established in the near future. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried by the membership.

Chairman of Fire District#3 George Forgea thanked the members that attended the live fire training in Turning Stone. Many members also participated in important classroom seminars. Monies will be kept toward training. George also thanked the crew that installed the gear washer.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Pendolino thanked the department for their donation to the Rensselaer County Search and Rescue team.

Chris Linck reports that there is a new events chairman at the Elks Club. He again wants to try the pancake breakfast as a joint event with the EGFD. President Tooker informs Chris to gather a couple of available dates. Jeanie Mastin reports that the Fire Company already has a Pancake Breakfast scheduled for October.

Mike Memole reports the bathroom in the truck bay at the Park Station is not working. Mike reports that there was no pressure. Rick Williams reports the problem is being taken care of.

Jim Trimmer reports the Columbia High School Wrestling team is having a fund-raiser at Smokin' Joes on Thursday evening, June 21st. Smokin' Joes is located at the location of the old "Mother's" tavern.

Rick Williams reports Jim Vanburen was in the hospital recent for a minor procedure on his heart. He is home now and recovering. A fruit basket and card should be forwarded to him.

Mike Memole makes a motion to sponsor a ¼ page ad at the rate of \$50.00 for the FASNY Convention ad-book. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and motion is carried.

Greg Forgea reports the Hudson Mohawk Parade is in Waterford on July 14th. Matt Sullivan reports that the Fuller Road FD has invited us back to their station for their Fireman's Social after the parade.

Lou Roher took home \$87.00 as the winner of the 50/50. Food for the July meeting is Explorer Post 11. Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Elwin Michel seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm with 63 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary & Captain