



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 18, 2012

The September meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Jeff Tooker. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. The President thanked the Chiefs and Commissioners for steak dinner. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as published. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion carries.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports there were 52 checks written during the month of August. Fifteen (15) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Nick Madore makes a motion to accept the report, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion carries.

MONTHLY VISA CARD REPORT

President Tooker reports the previous balance of \$3,722.61 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on August 17th. The new balance is \$895.88. The only purchase made for over two hundred dollars was on August 15th at Golf Tees & Apparel. The total cost was \$676.80 which was for the upcoming golf outing. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of August was \$11,842.25. The total expenses for the month of August totaled \$31,498.28. The total assets

total \$213,084.71. Tom Kennedy makes a motion to accept the report, Nick Madore seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports that Ed Di'Martino has resigned. Kevin is Car 1, Mike Prestipino is Car 2, and Bob Lehmann is Car 3. Kevin states that the members should maintain a positive attitude and continue to be better servants to the community. Kevin reports that Jake Hallenback and Nick Liuzzi took the Truck Company class in the beginning of the month. Congrats to both of them.

Car 2- Mike Prestipino reports there will be a live fire training class regarding ethanol. The class is only open to 5 members and those members must be classified as interior firefighters. The class starts Thursday, September 20th. On October 4th there will be a foam drill. The goal is to have at least one truck per station to attend the Thursday evening drill. Hess has invited us to drill them and the invitation has also been forwarded to CHFD. Any questions or concerns contact Car 2.

Car 3- Bob Lehmann reports that Greg Forgea has the pub ed schedule just about all finalized. The day programs appear to be on Thursdays. Route 4 is being re-paved during the late evening/mid-night hours. Please use caution if responding on Route 4 during the late evening/mid-night hours. Last night there was a Line Officers meeting, which went very well. An important point brought up was to maintain professionalism on the radio. In the recent past there was some attitude or sarcasm on the radio, please try to avoid that. Many people are out there in "scanner land" or have an application on their smart phones to listen to the EGFD. Continue to represent District 3 in a professional manner.

Captains- Captain Jeff Tooker reports that FASNY is conducting a train the recruiter class regarding the Safer Grant. The date is September 24th at 7:00pm. This info was emailed by the President on Monday, September 17th. Captain Greg Forgea reminds the membership to think before information on facebook regarding our fire company or fire district. What may not be harmful to you as a member could be harmful to someone else or even another agency.

Board of Directors- Tim Boel reported on the energy usage among the 3 fire stations. Things are looking pretty good for the 3 stations. Tim briefed the fire company on the parking

lot seal-coating at the North Station and the Park Station. Quality Lawn Care seal coating is the bid that's recommended. Bids from the Asphalt Doctor, Gene's Pavement & Sealcoating were submitted; however they were too expensive for the amount of money that is budgeted. The Board of Directors recommend to proceed with Quality Lawn Care & Sealcoating. This is Rob Yetman's business. Tim Boel makes a formal motion that he proceed with the North Station and then do the Park Station. Clark Roehr seconds the motion. Joe Winnicki inquires about the timing of the project at the Park Station. The goal is to do the Park Station when there is a good stretch of weather and when there are not any events occurring. The bid includes the striping for the Park Station. The full quoted price from Rob Yetman is \$4,200.00 for the Park Station. The price for the North Station is \$1,350.00. This price for the North Station includes re-striping the 3, 42 foot lines for the truck bays. Past Chief Rick Williams has been a huge help with this project. Tim thanked the Board of Directors for their time reviewing bids and performing other financial tasks.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin thanked the women for the Code 100 turn-out at the Start Avenue fire. The next pizza night is October 13th. Need a volunteer to do Sparky. Jeanie Kennedy reports on the support that she, her brothers Tom Kennedy, Dennis Kennedy and their spouses received from our department when their brother, Jack Kennedy passed away. Jack was a social member of our fire company many years ago.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of August was \$7,525.24. The total expenses were \$1,803.00. The total profit for the month of August is \$5,722.24. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

Golf Outing- Tim Boel reports that he talked to Al at Winding Brook and it is possible our start time could be pushed back to 11:00am depending upon how much rain falls on Saturday evening. Past Chief T. Boel shared the email he received from Fed Ex. They basically told us to go pound salt. Apparently the cost of fuel and due to budget constraints they cannot partake in our golf outing, but they mentioned that they would possibly participate in the EGPD Golf Outing next year. The fire company is on pace to make a very substantial amount of money. Members who are going to be working at the golf course should report to the Park Station at

7:00am. Eye openers will be served. Breakfast sandwiches will be prepared by Rich Edberg and his crew. The breakfast sandwiches were recommended by the golfers last year. This will be a big step to get rid of serving powder donuts. Tim reports that we have received over \$7,000.00 in sponsorship. Past Chief M. Benson Sr. reports that there are approximately 120 golfers for Sunday. Mike Benson Sr. informs the members that their help is needed. This is an all hands event. There is a job for everyone whether it be at the golf course or at the Pavilion. Ed Wallace is in charge of the steak bake for this event and he reports that his staff should report to the Pavilion between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Mike Benson Sr. also reminds the members that it is imperative all members working the event wear EGFD Polo Shirts or a presentable EGFD t-shirt. This will aid the golfers or the steak bake customers if they have questions. President Tooker thanked Mike and Tim for their hard work.

Life Members Day- Past Chief Pete Lehmann reports that 61 Life Members attended the big event on September 9th. Ed Wallace and his "cracker crew" did a great job provided a great meal. Pete thanked his staff of Chuck Hellmuth, Tim Boel, and Chris Linck. Pete still has gifts if some life members did not receive them.

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports that By George food services didn't deliver any Chicken Wings. Marc Iorio spent a lot of time making phone calls to get chicken wings. East Schodack also had their pizza night where some of our members were. Linda is also looking at getting some new signs. Jim Morgan has approached Saxton Signs on some materials. Only 65 pizzas were sold this month. Linda reports the total expenses were \$2,001.55. The total income for the event was \$2,143.00. The total net profit after a start up bank of \$325.00 is \$183.55. Joe Winnicki makes a motion to accept the report. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

Fund Drive- Chairman Chris Lavin reports the annual lick 'em and stick 'em detail will be at the October meeting.

Constitution and By Law Changes- submissions are due next month.

Fundraising- Vice President Marc Iorio reports this Thursday is the Recovery Room event. 15% of your bill will be donated to the Barb Lehmann Scholarship fund. The coupon must be presented at the event to the waiter or waitress. It is highly recommended not to pass out these EGFD coupons to patrons that are already present or that are walking in and not

affiliated with members of the EGFD. If this shady activity is performed then it could jeopardize other Recovery Room fundraisers. Marc also reports that on November 3rd the Fire Company will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner. The company that conducts this event does this free of charge. The only thing that we as a company have to do is provide food to the guest. Marc reports that he has been in contact with the Chicken Parm Committee and they offered to provide a chicken parmesan meal that evening. The cost for the general public is \$25.00. The price for a member is \$15.00. Marc reports that other fire departments have done this and it has been successful for them.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jim Alcombright residing at 2008 8th Street in the city of Rensselaer has submitted an application for active membership. Jim is gainfully employed at Kurt Nausbaum Jr. excavation company located in Schodack Center. Jim has 16 years of experience with this department once before.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Bisson, Daniel Rainer and Brian Morgan submitted applications for active membership. Tim Boel makes a motion to elect Kevin Bisson as a new member. Chris Dick seconds the motion, and the motion carries. Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to elect Daniel Rainer as a new member. Rich Hendricks Jr. seconds the motion. The motion carries. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to elect Brian Morgan as a new member. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion carries. It is noted that Brian Morgan was an Explorer and moved up to active membership as he is now 17 years of age.

SIX MONTH PROBATION STATUS

Sue Benson, Diane Forgea, Amy Forgea, Donna Pendolino, and Emily Wood have all completed 6 months of service as active EGFD Code 100 members. Greg Forgea makes a motion to have the 6 month probation status removed from all the women. RP Smith seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Memole reports that Bill Harrison is back from Afganistan. He's currently in Mississippi and will be returning to East Greenbush soon. Mike Memole makes a motion that we make a budget item line for the new flooring project for the member's lounge at the Park Station. This budgeted line item should be for the next 3 years. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion carries. Mike Memole makes a second motion that a temporary rug be placed downstairs until the appropriate funds are established within the 3 year budgeted line item to go ahead with a new floor. Tim Boel seconds the motion. Tim states that Mike Memole should report back with prices and be the chairman of the project. President Tooker informs Tim and Mike that perhaps Mike can report back in a month with further information regarding the flooring project. Both members agree to table this for a month so Mike can report back with some information.

David A. Cook inquires about the membership status of George Lovely III. President Tooker informs Dave and the membership that George is a social member. A letter was sent to inform George.

George Forgea, Chairman of District thanked members for attending training and answering calls for service. George reports the district has had some distractions and hopes they are behind them. George reports a new radio tower is in the works, a committee has been formed for a new truck, new gear, and new pagers are all things that are in the works.

President Tooker reports that he and Mike Stafford have discussed and recommend a \$25.00 increase for property rental. The original price was \$375. The increase is to \$400.00. There will be no changes for member rates. Frank Jenkins makes motion to accept, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion and the motion carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Tooker reports that Kathy Miller needs to choose 3 members to be on the Nomination Committee. These 3 members, one from each station shall not be running for an Executive or Line Officer position.

Elaine Rudzinisky from the EGPD submitted a letter for use of the Pavilion for free of charge for the 3rd Annual Witko Cup (softball tournament) dinner beginning at 5:00pm. Rich Hendricks makes a motion to accept. Clark Roehr seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Tim Boel makes a motion we sponsor a half page ad for the Past President's Hudson Valley ad book for their Past President's Dinner. The cost is \$30.00. Pete Lehmann seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Pete Lehmann reports that Joe Winnicki did a fantastic job with the privacy fence at the Pavilion for the restrooms.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Tom Chesser for \$89.00. Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Winnicki seconds motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. Food for the October meeting will be provided by the North Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain