



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

JANUARY 2013 MEETING

January 15, 2013

The January 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by second term President Tim Boel. A representative from Combined Life Insurance was present. She briefly described what insurance she sells and she left business cards. Tammy Lynn Mullen is the representative and her contact number is 932-5551 if anyone is interested in the alternate insurance that she sells. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the December 2012 meeting minutes. Chuck Alger seconds the motion and the motion is carried. There was an Executive Board meeting prior to this meeting which was a budget workshop to go over one final time the 2013 budget along with the Eastern Heating and Cooling contract. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the Executive Board meeting minutes. Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the motion carries.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Nancy Baker reports that there were 14 checks written for the month of December 2012. Six of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Winnicki seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of December 2012 was \$5,181.31. The total expenses were \$20,818.43. The total assets total \$187,688.50. Tom Chesser makes a

motion to accept the report. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President T. Boel reports the previous balance of \$713.89 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on December 13th. The new balance is \$3,822.30. There were four purchases over \$200.00. The purchases were as follows: December 7th at Hannaford for \$1,413.84 for the Annual Dinner; December 18th at BJ's Wholesale in Colonie for \$303.83 for the December meeting; December 15th at Moscatello's in North Greenbush for \$949.60 for the Adult Christmas party; and December 19th at K-Mart for \$442.15 for the EGFD Adopt a Family. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Past President Jeff Tooker seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

President Boel informed the members that the 2013 Committee List is being passed around. Please review your name on the Committee list. Get involved in the projects that you can. It is recommended to be on more than one committee. It's your fire company!

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports there are many things the Chiefs office wants to do this year. The Chiefs will be asking for help. The Chiefs are working on improving communication with the district employees. The Chiefs office will continue to keep providing the highest level of training and continue the efforts of promoting firefighter safety. OSHA Drill #1 is next week. BOP's are being done by a private vendor; there will be more to follow with the BOP's once they are received by the Chiefs.

Car 2- Bob Lehmann reports the new coats that were distributed to some members need to be returned. There needs to be a new clip added to the coat. Please forward them back and pick up the old coat. The new coats should only be out for a few weeks. EGFD District polo shirts are being distributed. These are for District events only and not meant to be worn for hands on training or intense drills. These shirts are not to be worn to a school dances etc. These are meant to be worn for pub ed events and seminars, etc. There will be one OSHA make-up date which will be on March 9th. Assistant Chief Tooker will be handling the OSHA make-up. This is a full day of OSHA make-ups. Please do your best to attend the OSHA classes

on the designated drill nights. The Driver Training Committee is being re-established this year. The Committee is in the process of being appointed. Safety Officers for 2013 are Tom Gullo, Tom White, Dave Becker, and Bob Reineke. Safety is a major topic this year. Wear your vests, wear your turnout gear, and continue to follow the tag policy. White tags to the officer of the truck and red tags to be dropped at the door or in a bucket at the door if entering a house of an incident.

Car 3- Chris Dick reports the Truck Committee is making great progress. The District has hired an independent consultant to write the actual truck spec under the specifications set forth by the Truck Committee. The gear washer and dryer at the Park Station is up and running. Please use the gear washers and dryers; it will not be tolerated to have dirty gear or torn and tattered gear.

Car 4- Jeff Tooker reports there is a Pump Operators class starting January 23rd in Defreestville, and a HAZMAT class is being offered on February 12th.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Flooring Project Committee- Larry Lawson from Rochester Flooring was present and showed the various samples that he offers. The VCT tiles may be best. Mike Memole is the chairman of this committee and reports the floor downstairs is in very poor shapes. After much evaluation the VCT floor may be best for what occurs downstairs in the lounge. Larry has already previously submitted bids for the job with the various samples. There is a 5 year warranty with the various type of flooring material and a 1 year warranty on the labor of the floor.

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Boel reports the total revenue for all buildings for December 2012 is \$2,517.50. The total expenses were \$613.00. The total profit is \$1,904.50. The year to date Banquet Hall and Pavilion Rental income was \$40,626.17. The total year to date Banquet Hall Bar income is \$8,507.50. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted. A motion was made by Frank Jenkins and seconded by Dave Chesnut to continue advertising in the Bridal Guide and the Pennysaver. The cost per President Boel is approximately \$184.00. The motion carries.

Membership Committee- Membership Secretary Nick Madore reports the following members were deficient in points for 2012: Jeremy Potash (2 points), Dave Reed (10 points), and Clark Roehr (8 points). The Review Board recommendation is to send them letters. Joe

Winnicki makes a motion to send the letters, Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports the January 12th Pizza Night was sold out by 5pm. Meatball subs were also sold and were prepared by Eric Schmidt. Linda reports the total expenses were \$1,480.83. The total income for the night was \$2,784.25. The total profit minus a \$300.00 start-up bag is \$1,003.42. The Ladies Aux profit of 25% is \$250.85.

Installation Banquet- Event is January 19th. See President Boel tonight if any members need tickets.

Eastern Heating and Cooling- Tom Gullo makes motion to accept the contract which shows a 3% increase which is \$560.00. The contract for the heating and cooling systems is just shy of \$12,000.00 for the year. All members were in favor with only Todd Cullum in opposition.

Banquet Manager- Mike Stafford thanked the Ladies Auxiliary members for the help of taking down the Christmas decorations and Christmas trees. Mike also reports that Steve Bakerian is in agreement to continue to manage the Pavilion and Grounds Committee.

Archives- Chiefs pictures may remain where they are, just better secured.

Uniforms- Bob Lehmann reports that Bob Evans from Rosens will be here to measure members that need new uniforms. Bob will send out an email when the time comes.

Life Members Day- September 8th.

Training Center- David A. Cook reports that Marty Miller painted the training center last year.

Convention- Chairman Greg Forgea reports things are going to change since the Pavilion is already booked for a major wedding. Food and transportation will be similar to last year. There is a Committee meeting on February 21st at 7pm.

Golf Outing 2013- Anyone that is interested in becoming the Committee Chairman...please get in contact with Tim Boel, Mike Benson Sr. and Ed Wallace. The Committee is looking for good interns. Tim and Mike will get the company until the 20th Anniversary of the Golf Outing. They will be golfing together at the 21st Golf Outing.

Building Security- Park truck bay side door there was an issue apparently. Door was not locking when it closed. Adjustment has been made reports Chris Lavin. Chris advises to flex our

muscles due to the door apparently closing too tightly now. Open the door with some force. Take a hold firmly of the latch and then activate the fob.

Explorer Post 11- We are not folding up with this organization. We have taken on 7 new members from this program. Timmy spoke with the female that is in charge of the overall Explorer programs. Anyone interested see Chief Hitchcock or President Boel.

Public Relations & Publicity- article sent to Hudson Valley firefighter.

Membership- David A. Cook states to make sure that new applications are being received.

Fund Drive- Chris Lavin reports to the President that he is retiring from the Committee in a few years.

Business Appeal- Timmy reports we have 427 businesses in our district and we only receive donations from about 112 of them, we need to work on this.

Chicken Barbeque- Jim Alcombright is the Chairman of this Committee. There will be a Chicken Barbeque the weekend before Mother's Day weekend there will be an event on Election Day hopefully.

Pancake Breakfasts- President Boel reports there will be 1 in spring, a 1 in the fall. Chief Hitchcock will be the Chairman. These events will be at HQ and are Fire Company sanctioned events.

Grants Committee- FEMA has a grant that is due on Thursday

Long Range Planning- Past President/Past Chief Mike Benson Sr. is the Chairman. North Station Roof Project is an item that will be discussed and evaluated to determine what our needs are going to be. Mike reports the Committee will look at all the properties. Mike Memole has been asked to join the Committee regarding solar power. Mike Memole accepts Past Chief Benson's invitation to join the Long Range Planning Committee.

Work Out Room-Joe Lacivita asks the members to put the weights back when the members are done using them. The universal machine has been disposed of due to the piece of equipment being unsafe.

Projection System- Bill Sigsby states that he needs more money to do the internet connections. The sound system also has been upgraded.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Christopher Raymond residing at 2636 Phillips Road has submitted an application for active membership. His parents own Zachary's Pastry Shop. Shannon Bujak submitted an application last month for active membership. She did pay her \$10.00. She needs to be contacted. The application is not present at this meeting. Past Chief T. Tordoff makes a motion to table her application for a month so she can be contacted by Past Chief D. Cook. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Eric Long is eligible to be removed from 6 month probation. Captain Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion to remove Eric's 6 month probationary status. Mike spoke on Eric's behalf and reports that Eric is a very active member of the Main Station; he regularly attends drills and makes the majority of the day-time and evening calls when he is not working. Rick Hendricks Jr. seconds the motion to have Eric Long removed from probationary status.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Member issue regarding Ed Di'Martino. President Boel spoke about the letter he received from Ed Di'Martino. The charges against Ed Di'Martino are charges that are detrimental to the East Greenbush Fire Company. Tim read the letter that was sent to Edddie D. Tim reports the fire medallions have been returned. Eddie states at this time he has not been contacted by VFIS.

Nelson Williams reports that his Committee has submitted all of its findings to the insurance company for review. This has been done by our representative Tom White. All of the related documents have been copied and given to the Fire District. These copies have been copied and given to them as they are the lead on the insurance policy and we the Fire Company are secondary on the policy. The Audit and Finance Committee has closed their participation in this matter unless called upon by the insurance company. Tim Boel thanked Nelson and his Committee for the exemplary job.

The charges have been lodged against Ed Di'Martino. This subject is up for a vote to be removed from the Fire Company. President Boel reminds the members that a 2/3 majority is needed to remove Ed Di'Martino as a member of the East Greenbush Fire Company. Frank Jenkins makes the official motion to remove Ed. Tim Tordoff seconds the motion. Tim Boel reports the votes are either yes to remove him or no not to remove him. The vote was

overwhelming and Ed Di'Martino was terminated as a member of the Fire Company. The President advises the members that he cannot re-apply for membership. Past Chief Rick Williams makes a motion that Ed Di'Martino is to never be recognized as a Past Chief, he is a disgrace to the position. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried with only Mike Memole in opposition.

President Boel thanked George Forgea for putting the toilet seat back on the North Station toilet. Keep the areas clean. The same Viking apparently visits the North Station and the Park Station. The truck shops are not mechanic shops, please keep the station bays clean.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #1- 2013 Fire Company Chain of Command. Tom Gullo makes the motion to approve. Mike Memole seconds the motion is carried.

Resolution #2- 2013 Budget presented by Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee Nelson Williams. David A. Cook inquires about the Chicken Parm night...budget \$1,000.00 and only spent \$99.00. Tim elaborated with the fundraising. Chiefs Checking Account is an account that is only allotted \$5,500.00 per year. There are to be no additional funds put into this account. Donations received from residents should be forwarded to the Fire Company Treasurer; at no time are donations from residents to be placed into the Chiefs Checking Account. Nick Liuzzi makes motion to accept the budget. Rich Hendricks Jr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Resolution #3- Goals and Objectives for 2013. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Resolution #4- Member Incentives- Chris Linck makes a motion to accept Resolution #4. Jim Pendolino seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Tom Whittemore asks if we should really be increasing the budget for these events. The President states these are not increased and are member fraternal events. All members in favor, resolution passed.

Resolution #5- Job Postings. This includes for this year the proposal for an Assistant Banquet Hall Manger. There is a proposed \$500.00 stipend. Chris Lavin states that the Banquet Manager hasn't asked for assistance so therefore we should not force this upon him. The President reports that we are always and need to be looking to protect our interests. This is for the long term and the posting of the job is for this year. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept

this Resolution. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The majority of the members were in favor, Chris Lavin and Tom Whittemore in opposition.

Resolution #6- Property Use Contract- addition of the projector. \$30 fee and an addition of 10% gratuity. Rick Williams makes the motion to accept. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion. All members were in favor, motion carries.

Resolution #7- Term Property Use Contract- changes to the fees. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept. Jim Trimmer seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Resolution #8- Term Property Use Contract/Change in price for not for profits. Change in price of not for profits. Chuck Alger makes the motion to accept. Mike Forgea seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Resolution #9- Change in member rental...Mike Memole makes the motion to accept, Bob Falls seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Resolution #10- Use of Fire Company supplies by Bar Tenders....bar tender forms. Ed McCabe makes the motion to accept. Mike Forgea seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chris Linck makes a motion that a page in the minutes be set aside for departed Life Member Floyd Smith. Nelson Williams seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Tim Boel reports that he along with Bill Sigsby is researching a new copy machine for the downstairs mailroom. Nick Goyer and his crew have spent a lot of time painting and cleaning the radio room at the Park Station. Nick is an excellent painter and the room looks great. The President also commended Bill Sigsby, RP Smith and their crew for the work that has been completed in the Main Station meeting room. RP Smith also reports that tables and chairs are missing from the Main Station. There are only 4 chairs left at the station. President Boel would like to know where the long table is that vanished from the Park Station members lounge.

Rich Hendricks has a proposal to use the Park Station funds for a new HDTV. He has 3 quotes and would like to go with the best price of \$826.00. The TV would be mounted to the wall. Rich Hendricks makes motion for project not to exceed \$1,000.00 which is cost of TV and wall mounting equipment. Dave Chesnut would like to know what is going to be done with the old TV. What wrong with the current TV? The motion is carried to purchase a new TV and mount the TV to the wall.

EG Girls Softball...team sponsor and a sign for \$500.00. Chris Dick makes the motion after the President informed the members what we have done in the past. Jim Alcombright seconds the motion. The motion is carried with Paul Benson in opposition.

RP Smith inquires when the dead horse will be put to rest regarding the tiles in the weight room. Engine 8 has food for the next meeting. 50/50 winner of \$86.00 is Nelson Williams. Elwin Michael makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm with 74 members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary