



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

February 2013 Meeting

February 19, 2013

The February 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed life members, and roll call were all completed. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion carries. Nineteen members met with Monolith Representatives regarding solar energy. The majority of the members were from the Executive Board.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Nancy Baker reports there 52 checks written for the month of January. Twelve of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Past Chief Ricky Williams inquires if we are going to be receiving a Chiefs Checking Account report in this report from the Financial Secretary. President Boel states some things are still being worked out with the Chiefs Office, but yes it will be part of the report. Mike Memole inquires about the check that was written for town of East Greenbush. Nancy Baker reports the check is for our taxes, which was a total amount of \$1,276.59.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of January was \$9,141.98. The total expenses for January were \$38,695.11. A large expense each month is our utilities, which was \$6,713.24 for the month of January. Our total current assets total \$157,657.87. Chuck Alger makes a motion to accept the report, Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

## MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President T. Boel reports the previous balance of \$3,822.30 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$930.28. The only purchase over two hundred dollars was a purchase made on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Best Buy for a 50" HDTV for the Main Station. The monies came from the Main Station social account and company account (147.98). Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report, Joe Lacivita seconds the report and the report is accepted by the membership.

## REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports that Truck 11 recently had another aerial test done as result of an oil truck that hit the ladder truck at KME. The aerial passed and now the Chiefs office is just waiting on the certification to come in the mail. Engine was also services, a new voltage regulator was installed and hopefully this should alleviate the truck shorting out at times. All "blue lights" are banned at this time with the exception of use only for the Fire Police squad while operating on scenes. Kevin also reports that all the gas meters were re-calibrated today. The following members received certificates for completing the Extrication class: Anthony Gullo, Nick Goyer, and Jake Hallenback. Jake Hallenback also received a certificate for completing Rescue Tech Basic. Mike Prestipino received a plaque from the Chiefs Office for his service as an Assistant Chief for years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Thanks for your dedicated years of service in the Chiefs Office Mike.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann reports that the OSHA class next week will be instructed by Jerry Paris from Albany County, and thanks to Airport Chief D.P. Cook for securing Chief Paris. This class will be an SCBA class and also focus on Mayday. There will be an obstacle course set up in the Park Station truck bays. It is paramount that Engine 7 and Engine 8 report to the Park Station no later than 6:30pm. Rescue 11 and Truck 11 are to be at the Park Station for 7pm. The Park Station members will need to get started right at 6:30pm. Turning Stone applications need to be submitted to Car 2 no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. 18 members went to live training last year. NYS Chiefs Office is going "mobile" with their flash-over simulator trailer. Bob has submitted a request for a weekend. 45-50 guys are allowed in the trailer at one time. There is no physical exertion involved. Bob Lehmann makes a formal motion to get the trailer for State Chiefs, and to reserve for the Park Station for a weekend in April that will not conflict with other

events. Tracy Britt seconds the motion and the motion is carried by all members. If there are any pagers, chargers, or pager parts that are not being used it is important to get them to Car 2. The driver training list is being distributed during this meeting; all drivers are to fill out the sheet with the trucks they are currently qualified on. There is a driver training committee and there will be more to follow.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Chris Dick commends the members for successfully washing their person vehicles without soaking gear in the large truck bay. The Plymovent at the Main Station apparently has not been working correctly, and Chris would like to try to make the minor repairs with assistance from Joe Winnicki. Joe has helped out in the past and he should be able to make the appropriate repair, instead of spending a lot of money by having Plymovent fix a very minor issue and pay a large sum of money. Chris also reports on the Truck Committee. Chris states that he and the Committee members have been working vigorously with the consultant to get a solid spec completed. The spec is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete. The committee is hoping a spec will be completed by the end of the month.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Jeff Tooker reports that OSHA makeups have been in progress. There will be other dates to have members complete OSHA make-ups. There will be emails in the next few days. The Rensselaer County Training Schedule should also be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin reports that on April 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a defensive driving class. The start time is 9am. May 18<sup>th</sup> is the date of the car show. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers at the event to make some additional money.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Boel reports the total income for the month of January is \$797.50. The total expenses were \$489.00. The total profit for the month is \$308.50. Rick Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion carries. Present Boel informs the members that representatives for the Derek Murphy fundraiser have approached him and Mike Stafford regarding use of the hall, and continuing to do the same thing as in years past where we donate the hall. This is a \$1,000.00 or more event at the bar. Chris Dick makes the motion and R.P. Smith seconds the motion. The motion is carried to do the same that we have in past years. The EGPD has requested use of the hall on

2/27/13 for their Legal Updating. The EGPD has been advised to set up the hall and clean up when they are done. This message has been passed along to Jim Condo from EGPD and they are in full compliance. Jim Morgan makes the motion to allow the EGPD to use the hall. Dave Chestnut seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Training Center- Chief Hitchcock reports there was a problem with the roof. Marty Miller confirms there is a some flashing that has come off of the building.

Convention Committee- Greg Forgea reports that Rosens is running 4-5 months behind with uniforms. The Landmark Hotel is completely booked by a Fire Department from Greene County. Westchester County has reserved 3 wings at the Fort Henry hotel. We will not be getting hotel rooms for members based upon where the convention is. This will be the same scenario as last year; a day trip. There is a committee meeting Thursday night at 7:00pm.

Belljar- License has been received.

Building Security- David A. Cook reports the green light on the key fob for the Truck bay side of the Park station is only on for a split second or two. Chris Lavin states that it was addressed last month, and all members need to be quick when opening the door.

Explorer Post 11- Chiefs have already organized a format to incorporate Explorers into the drills this year. Jim Trimmer does the website for Columbia High School and he has agreed to add a small section onto their website to entice membership. Jim Trimmer makes the formal motion and Jake Hallenback seconds the motion.

Constitution and By-Laws- Tom Chesser needs changes to be submitted to him by the March Meeting.

Fund Drive- Chris Lavin reports we will be using Tom Kennedy's photos this year, and Chris has agreed to be the Chairman of the committee once again.

Business Appeal- President Boel reports that the Fire Company has received a \$2,000.00 check from Hess. There are 343 businesses in our district and many of them do absolutely nothing for us. Stilsing Electric and East Greenbush Chiropractic have also sent us a donation check.

Pizza Night- Linda Cook reports that the event was sold out by 4:30pm. The start-up bag had more than \$300.00 in it once the bag was received. This was the last Pizza Night until September.

Fish Fry- The following dates are Fish Fry Events on four Fridays: March 8<sup>th</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and March 29<sup>th</sup>. Dinners will be served from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Set up will be the Thursday nights before.

Pancake Breakfast- April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Long Range Planning- Chairman Mike Benson Sr. reports there will be a meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Committee will start analyzing data and determine what needs to be focused on for the upcoming years. The North Station Roof Committee members should also be incorporated into this meeting.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- Assistant Chiefs B. Lehmann and J. Tooker volunteered to Co-Chair this Committee.

Workout Room- Joe Lacivita set aside weights that are junk and will be returned for scrap. Once the items are sold for scrap the monies would come back to the fire company for hopefully better equipment.

Technology Committee- Bill Sigsby reports that the cost of the wireless system for the Banquet Hall is \$500.00. For an over the ear microphone the cost could be \$175.00 on the low end.

Installation Dinner- Marc Iorio thanked many members for helping and the event was well under budget. The Installation Dinner may be at an alternate location next year.

Dayroom Project- Mike Memole was advised by the President to seek prices from the Rochester Flooring representative for the fitness room floor and the cost to rip the carpeting out in the dayroom. Some members are interested in doing the flooring themselves which would save money. President Boel has done some research and the cost should be \$1,400 for the flooring materials. Bob Lehmann makes a motion that we pursue the flooring project on our own for the dayroom and the price is not to exceed \$2,500.00. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion. Tom Kennedy states that he will assist with getting the project started. Tim Boel also

agrees to help out and be a co-chairman for the project. Mike Memole thinks that we should go with the contractor. Tim Boel and Tom Kennedy then fully agree once again to co-chair the flooring project in the dayroom. Rick Williams and Mike Memole oppose. The motion carries to complete the project ourselves.

Copy Machine/Cannon Copier-The President along with the help of Bill Sigsby are investigating getting a new copy machine. We have been over billed for 3 years due to a meter reading issue.

\*\*\*Todd Cullum, Mark Becker, Matt Sullivan, George Forgea, RP Smith, Bob Falls Sr., Bill Sigsby, Dave Chesnut were sworn into office since they missed the Installation Dinner.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Christopher Raymond residing on Phillips Road has previously submitted an application for active membership. Shannon Bujak-Chase residing at the Greenbush Station Apartments on Columbia Turnpike has also previously submitted an application for active membership. Past Chief David A. Cook reports to the Fire Co. members that his committee has met with both candidates. David Cook then makes a motion to accept Chris Raymond as a member. Rich Hendricks Jr. seconds the motion. The motion carries. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept Shannon Bujak-Chase as a new member. Rich Edberg seconds the motion and the motion carries. Both members were sworn in by President Boel.

### **SIX MONTH PROBATION**

T.J. Gullo and Jacob Yonkers are eligible to be removed from probation. Tom Gullo makes a motion to have the probationary status removed for his son T.J. Gullo. Jim Morgan seconds the motion. T.J. has completed the necessary training including Firefighter 1. The motion is carried. Bob Lehmann recommends that probation be tabled another 2 months for Mr. Yonkers. He has been around only periodically and needs some more time. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Resolution #13- LOSAP Points for 2012 as posted. Jim Pendolino makes a motion to accept Resolution 13. Rick Williams seconds the motion. President Boel reports that these final points were posted on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The new HDTV for the Park Station has been purchased. Rich Hendricks Jr. is just waiting on Nelson Williams to get back from vacation so he can mount the HDTV on the wall. The old TV is still in our possession. Marc Iorio makes a motion to give the old TV to Jake Hallenback. Anthony Gullo seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carries.

The bar tender training class will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

President T. Boel reports that he and Chief Hitchcock are Co-Chairing the committee regarding the Chiefs Checking Account. There will be more to follow on this committee in the upcoming months.

President Boel reports the Fire Company has received an invoice (bill) from attorney Bill Young regarding the litigation service for the Ed Di'Martino case. The total bill is \$1,300.96. David A. Cook makes a motion to pay the bill. Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Boel discussed the damage done to the door at the Main Station. The door that was damaged was on the door that is on the Columbia Turnpike side of the building. This is the glass door. Tim has reached out to 5 different contractors and they all agree that door was pulled, pried, or yanked on from the inside of the building which is the obvious cause of the damage. The prices range from \$500.00 to \$2,900.00 to have the door repaired. All vendors have agreed to caulk the seam and the doorway area. R.P. Smith recommends that the President also get a price from Metropolitan Glass Co. whom the Fire Co. has done business with in the past for the Main Station. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion carries.

President Boel reminds the membership that the crew assigned to cook is to clean the kitchen and the area where the food was consumed. The crew that has food for the next month picks up the chairs and puts away the tables. The members are also reminded the amount of money for the Fire Company meeting food is \$200.00.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chris Dick reports that a 15% discount can be awarded to our members at the Carhart store at Crossgates Mall.

The EGFD Health and Wellness Plan was discussed. The Health and Wellness Plan is not NYS Workers' Compensation for Fire Company members. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to increase the out of pocket expense up to \$75,000.00. George Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried. This is for out of pocket expenses after the members own personal health insurance. Workers' Comp is only thru the Fire District. Our Ladies Auxiliary members are indeed covered under our Health and Wellness Plan. The Ladies Auxiliary members are not covered thru the Fire District Workers' Comp. President Boel advises that he had a meeting with Bob Lehmann, Nancy Williams, and Ed McCabe regarding the Health and Wellness Plan vs the NYS Workers' Comp. along with the insurance representative. The group was advised that the Ladies Auxiliary members do not meet the criteria for NYS Worker's Comp. because they are not district employees and therefor they would have to be firefighters in an effort to receive the full NYS Worker's Comp. coverage. The insurance carrier for the Fire Company told the group that they would not offer a rider for either the Fire Company or the Fire District. Past Chief David A. Cook inquires as to if Tom White our insurance liaison has been consulted with pertaining to this. David Cook makes a motion that the President report back next month after consulting with Tom White. Jake Hallenback seconds the motion. The motion carries.

2013 Committee List- Bob Crain makes the motion to approve the list. Bob Falls seconds the motion and the motion carries.

President Boel read the EGFD Sympathy and Bereavement Policy. There are some wording changes and monetary amounts that were increased such as the amount of a floral arrangement increased to \$60.00. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the new resolution. Eric Long seconds the motion. David Cook inquires if Rensselaer County can be added into the contact section. President Boel states that it will be. Ed McCabe makes a motion for a gift card to be purchased or a form of a suitable gift instead of a fruit basket for some scenarios where members cannot have fruit baskets. George Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Jeff Tooker makes a motion the Fire Company sponsor an ad page for \$50.00 in the Columbia All Sports book. Jim Trimmer seconds the motion. The motion carries.

R.P. Smith makes a motion to continue to sponsor a sign for the EG Castleton Little League. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion carries.

President Boel reports that the Vice President is the Chairman of the Profit and Loss Committee. Dennis Kennedy, Tom White, Linda Cook, and Bob Lehmann are members of the committee.

Rick Williams has been assigned to be the Chairman of the Surplus Equipment Committee. The Board of Directors are also part of this committee. Jake Hallenback has been authorized by the President to dispose of the old computer monitors that have been sitting for months in the training room.

Tracy Britt makes a motion for the Recording Secretary to purchase more bereavement cards. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion carries.

David A. Cook makes a motion for a page in the minutes to be set aside for Life Member Willard Coleville whom passed away recently.

David Cook reports that Lee Shirliff is running for a Board of Directors position for NYS Chiefs. Members agree to send a letter of endorsement. A letter will be sent by the Recording Secretary.

Rick Williams inquires about David Cook and Elwin Michael's compensation for snowplowing for the year 2012. Rick Williams states to pay them their money. David Cook says \$750.00 is good. Rick Williams says to pay them the money which was budgeted which was \$750.00 each.

Food Next month is **Engine 9**. The 50/50 winner of \$89.50 is Dennis Kennedy. Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Memole seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm with 68 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Benson/ Recording Secretary

\*\*\*\*\*This page has been set aside for departed Life Member Willard Coleville whom passed away recently. May you rest in peace. \*\*\*\*\*