



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

### **MARCH 2013 MEETING**

**March 19, 2013**

The March 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Vice President Marc Iorio. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

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

Nancy Baker reports there were 33 checks written for the month of February. Eight (8) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Mike Lansing makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Gullo seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **MONTHLY VISA CARD REPORT**

Vice President Marc Iorio reports the previous balance of \$930.28 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$1,371.16. The only purchase over two hundred dollars was a purchase made on 1/28/13 at Wal-Mart for a new HDTV. The total price was \$888.00 which was for the Park Station members lounge. Bob Reineke

makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion and the report is accepted.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of February was \$243,345.17. The majority of the income comes from the Fire District rent check which was \$236,712.00. The total expenses were \$27,406.01. The total assets up to this point totals \$377,215.90. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Mark Becker seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**

Nick Madore reports that only Mike Lansing and Past Chief Clark Roehr owe membership dues for the year 2012. Nick reports that he is currently accepting membership dues for this year, and he has already had many members pay him so far.

### **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Car 1- Departed for an alternate meeting.

Car 2- Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports that on April 1<sup>st</sup> the Driver Evaluation program will be beginning in full swing. Any member that is qualified on an Engine or the Rescue truck needs to complete a driver evaluation, the same is said for Truck 11. The driver evaluation will take 1 hour to complete. Please arrive at the Park Station approximately 10 minutes prior to your scheduled driving appointment. If there are members qualified on both an Engine and Truck 11, than plan on being out for 2

hours; 1 hour per truck. The first set of driver evaluations will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a clipboard with a schedule on there, please sign up for a specific date and time. The time frame is from 6pm-9pm. The evaluations are on Thursdays, some Fridays, and Saturdays from 8am-4pm. This is not driver training by any means and certainly is not a qualification or disqualification type of environment. Dave Chesnut inquires if there is awareness for calls when trucks are out for evaluations. The answer is yes and Asst. Chief Lehmann advises for example if Engine 8 is in Sherwood Park on a driver evaluation and Engine 7 is also out on a driver evaluation on the Route 4 end of town than Engine 7 would go to the North Station to pick up crew members and respond. Mike Benson Jr. inquires if all of the Driver Evaluation Committee members have completed the mandated department OSHA, and if the said members on the committee are qualified on the trucks. The answer is yes reports Asst. Chief Lehmann. Asst. Chief Lehmann explains to the membership that new drivers have a completely different program which will be explained to them when they want to begin driving. Asst. Chief Lehmann reports that the Fire Districts from CHFD and EGFD are jointly pursuing a vehicle maintenance contract. This will cover preventive maintenance and obvious necessary services as needed just like we do with KME now. Four bids have been received from Arrowhead Fire, KME, Tyler, and Roberts. Hopefully by the April Commissioners meeting the contract will be awarded. Asst. Chief Lehmann passed along congratulations to the following members for completed NYS Pump Operators class: Nick Madore, Matt Sullivan, and Jim Pendolino. There are others that took the class but certificates have not been received yet.

There was a meeting with the city of Rensselaer regarding their box alarms and the county move-up. Nothing changes on our end. Engine 8 is still to respond to the Rensselaer Fire North Station on the county move up unless specifically requested to the scene. Command in Rensselaer is on channel 12-8 on the 800mhz radio system. The current Chiefs met with the Past Chiefs of the EGFD regarding the Chiefs Checking Account. The meeting last 3 hours, many positive things came out of the meeting. Guidelines were put together regarding what can and can't be used for the Chiefs Checking Account funds. There will be more to follow next month. There were 16 calls for the month of February. The department has answered between 40 or 50 calls for the year so far up to this point.

Car 3- Chris Dick thanked the members for their help so far this year. Tom Whittemore has been working diligently on receiving the voice amplifiers and passing them out to the SCBA qualified members.

Car 4- Jeff Tooker reports that many members have completed their OSHA make-ups. Make-ups must be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If OSHA is not completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> then gear will be pulled. See Jeff if you think you need to make-up an OSHA class.

Captains- Captain Chris Cargain reminds the members that are taking training classes to provide the Officers of Truck 11 with a little bit of advanced notice if Truck 11 is needed for a live burn. Please stop with the 24 hour notice of a truck being needed, this includes the 8:00am text messages for a class on the same day. A 1 week notice is sufficient.

Fire Police/SCBA- Tom Whittemore reports the calibration is shutting off on the compressor. Hit the yellow tape button by the calibration gauge.

Board of Directors- Dennis Kennedy reports he and the other Board of Directors met with Monolith regarding solar energy. Dennis Kennedy makes a motion to enter into an agreement with Monolith for solar energy. The cost would be 20%-30% per year. There will be no cost to us apparently. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. Greg Forgea asks Dennis where the solar panels will be placed and what about the roofing situations at each fire station. Greg also inquires about the start-up cost. Dennis states that it hasn't been discussed yet, but Dennis reports that if there are roof problems Monolith does deal with the roofing contractors. Jeanie Mastin reports that her oldest son is an energy engineer for a company in Clifton Park. Her son has also mentioned to her to contact the recommended company of Hudson Solar. Mike Benson Jr. asks Dennis why enter into a contract if there are few answers, especially regarding Greg's concern of the placement of the solar panels. Marty Miller makes a motion to table the item of discussion for a month. Mike Benson Jr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin reports that an Insurance Point Reduction class will be held at the Park Station on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40.00 and lunch will be provided. May 18<sup>th</sup> is the car show at the Park Station. Jeanie also points out that there were some grumblings about the food for the December meeting when the budget was \$200.00. Patti Wade submitted a check from the Ladies Aux to the Fire Company for the remainder of the money.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings & Building Use Report- Vice President Iorio reports the total revenue for the month of February was \$1,615.00. The total expenses were \$554.50. The total profit was \$1,060.50. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$2,412.50. The year to date income for the Banquet Hall Cash Bar is \$297.00. Jeremy Cook makes a motion to accept the report. Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. The EGPD is requesting to use the Banquet Hall on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The PD is willing to pay for set up and clean up. If there are fewer than 50 people the cost will be \$60.00. If there are over 50 people attending the cost is \$120.00 which includes 2 cleaners. Chris Linck makes the motion to accept. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. The motion carries. RP Smith reports that 25 chairs are still missing from the Main Station and 4 or 5 tables are still missing. Greg Forgea reports that whoever unloads their vehicle garbage into the trash cans at North Station they need to take out the trash bag. The garbage is overflowing and there are numerous egg sandwich ("eggwich") containers from Stewarts.

Fish Fry Nights- Chairman Tom Chesser reports up to this point we have an estimated \$1500.00 profit. We are on pace for a \$4,000 profit for the year. Set up for the events are Thursday evenings. Food is served on Fridays from 4:30pm-7:30pm.

Profit and Loss Report Committee- Bob Lehmann reports that there are 2 different profit and loss reports. One report is for the bar only. The other form is for the actual event excluding the bar activity. This will

capture the actual income and expense of an event. We cannot double count our expenses.

Pancake Breakfast- The event is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Long Range Planning Committee- Mike Benson Sr. reports that some items discussed at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting included a possible pitched roof at the North Station, solar power for all buildings, and construction of a new Main Station. Much discussion focused on the Main Station. Mike points out that the Main Station was built in 1947. The electrical capacity in that station is maxed out, nothing further can be done there. The building is decaying in certain parts; the stairs are in inconvenience at times to haul equipment in and out of closets upstairs. There was discussion regarding a possible Morton Building type structure similar to the Niverville Fire Station in Columbia County. Mike pointed out that sooner or later the training house (old HQ) has to come down. The Fire Company is saving a lot of money for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Interest rates may not be the same in 10 years. The current Park Station has 10 more years to go on the mortgage. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in May.

Conventions- Chairman Greg Forgea reports the Hudson Valley parade is June 22<sup>nd</sup> in West Glens Falls. Sign-up sheets will be up tomorrow in the firehouses. Yankee Trails will be providing transportation for the day. My Place & Co. will be providing the barbeque food after. There is no Hudson Mohawk Parade this year due to no hosting Fire Company. September 7<sup>th</sup> is the Greene County Parade in Catskill. The EGFD has been invited and will participate with the current band contract. The time of the

parade is 2:00pm. If anyone needs a uniform or parts for their uniform please see Greg.

### **SIX MONTH PROBATION**

Dan Rainer, Kevin Bisson, and Bryan Morgan are all eligible to be removed from probationary status. Mike Benson Jr. spoke on Dan Rainer and Kevin Bisson's behalf's. Both members are just about finished with NYS Firefighter 1 and both members attend drill and make calls when they can. Mike makes the motion to terminate the probation status for both members. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Chris Dick spoke on Bryan Morgan's behalf. Bryan has taken Firefighter 1 and regularly attends drill. He makes calls when he can. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the motion carries.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

V.P. Iorio states that President Boel and Bill Sigsby are still researching a new copy machine if possible. President Boel is also working with the current vendor about the current contract and the pricing.

Bar Tender Training will now be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>; disregard the previous date of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Main Station Door- Four quotes have been received and they are as follows: \$750.00 from Precision Glass, \$725.00 from Amazin Glass, \$970.00 from American Glass which is the old Metropolitan Glass, and \$2,995.00 from Center for Security. The recommendation is to go with the price of \$970.00 from American Glass. This price includes furnishing and installing a



hinge and install ¼" clean laminated glass, 40"x80"x ¼". RP Smith reports that he got a price from American Glass on Central Avenue located directly across the street from Depaula Chevrolet. This is a different company from the other American Glass company. R.P. received a price of \$1,675.00 with a half panel glass. A full plate of glass is not recommended and half plate of glass would be best. RP Smith makes the motion for half door and half panel. Nick Madore seconds the motion. This is for the door by the garage. Mike Benson Jr. points out to the membership that the 4 or 5 vendors pointed out to the company President that the door appears to have been damaged from the inside from someone yanking, pulling or prying on the door. This was an inside job done by our own members. Dave Becker calls for a vote after the much discussion that has just occurred. After a hand-count of 34-6, the motion passes for R.P.'s quote that he received (half door, half panel). R.P. will forward the quote to Vice President Iorio.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution for a Property Monitor- Marc read the duties of the Property Monitor. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to accept, and Chuck Alger seconds the motion. Mike Benson Jr. asks if there is a member available for every single event as outlined in the proposed adoption of the said resolution. Bob Lehmann asks if there is a rotation list that is used similarly to the bartenders list. There is also another resolution or part of the proposed resolution regarding pricing for events less than 6 hours. A flat fee of Thirty dollars for events that are under 6hrs for clean-up and set-up is proposed. A flat fee of \$60.00 for an event that is over 6 hours for set-up and clean-up is proposed. The resolution also covered events for

children under the age of 12. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to table the resolutions for a month. Mike Benson Jr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Park Station was assessed at 1 million dollars. Marc reports President Boel has been in contact with the Town Assessor's office. They have agreed to drop it to a lower amount, but it is still too high. The Fire Company will be appealing again to the Town Assessor's office.

Steve Bakerian replaced a rotted wall at the Pavilion.

Chuck Hellmuth reports that Ernie Doust Sr. passed away.

Tom White reports that he spoke with the Commissioners and the insurance representatives. It is confirmed that there is no Workers Comp coverage for the Ladies Auxiliary members. This once again could cause issues down the road. Tom states that he and Dave Becker see similar issues in other departments throughout the County when they are doing their fire investigations.

Vice President Iorio reports that there is another Dine to Donate event and it will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Grill in town. 15% of food and beverages goes back to the FD. Tickets will be distributed soon.

Rescue 11 has food next month. The 50/50 winner of \$67.00 is Jim Cartwright. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion is carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm with 57 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary/Captain