



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

APRIL 2013 MEETING

April 16, 2013

The April 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Tim Boel. 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 March 2013 meeting minutes. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Due to a non-working computer the Financial Secretary could not report this month. David A. Cook makes a motion to table the report until next month. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of March was \$8,149.21. The total expenses for the month of March were \$31,853.26. The total assets of the Fire Company total to the amount of \$352,818.97. Past Chief P. Lehmann makes a motion to accept the report. Bob Reineke seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA CARD REPORT

President Boel reports the total previous balance of \$1,371.16 was paid in full; however a late fee was assessed on March 18th for the bill being paid late. The late fee assessed was for \$39.00. There were no purchases made for over two-hundred dollars. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the report. Chuck Alger seconds the motion to accept the report. The motion is carried and the report is accepted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief Kevin Hitchcock reports to the Fire Company that Columbia Turnpike will be re-paved at some point during this summer. An exact date is not known yet. The paving will start at Columbia Turnpike and Route 4 and stretch all the way out to the 9&20 split in Schodack. Kevin also states that the Blue Light Publication will be re-lit for the May meeting.

Car 2- Bob Lehmann thanked the members that completed the driver evaluations during the beginning of the month. All of the driver evaluations have to be completed by June 30th. There will be an Extrication drill this Thursday evening. The drill will be with a couple of other departments. Engine 9 and Rescue 11 will handle the drill detail. Make sure bottled water is on the trucks. For the most recent mid-night call there were 3 trucks that responded. A total of 8 members were present at the call. A better turnout is needed during the mid-night hour calls.

Car 3- Chris Dick thanked all the members for keeping the Park Station truck bays clean. Chris reports the Commissioners approved the truck spec for the new Engine 7. The information has been forwarded to the District Attorney Bill Young.

Car 4- Jeff Tooker passed along congratulations to Kevin Bission, Dan Rainer and Bob Fish on completing the NYS Firefighter 1 class. Matt Sullivan, Nick Madore, and Jim Pendolino completed the NYS Pump Operators class.

Ladies Auxiliary- Jeanie Mastin reports the car show will be taking place on May 18th at the Park Station. The cars will line up in the lower parking lot by the Pavilion. Food and drinks will be sold by the Auxiliary. Fucillo Ford of East Greenbush has been a huge help and are sponsoring the trophies. A fundraiser has also been arranged at the new 16 Handles. 16% of all sales would go to the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Fund. Jeanie makes the official motion, Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Boel reports that the total profit for the month of March is \$2,619.00. President Boel also points out that there are approximately 15 rentals for the Pavilion in the month of May, which is only around the corner. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Jim Alcombright seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the

membership. Joe Belleville will be visiting the North Station very soon on re-pointing the brick and possibly replacing a joist. George Forgea continues to monitor the roof at the North Station and there will be a resolution soon. The Long Range Planning Committee has also been evaluating the options for the roof at the North Station. R.P. Smith reports to the membership that there are still approximately 4 tables and 20 chairs missing from the Main Station. Please return them to the station! R.P. also reports that the new door at the Main Station should be in within the next week and installed during that same time. R.P. reports to the President that there is also a possible moisture issue in the ceiling or even possibly the roof at the Main Station. President Boel reported to the membership that the work detail for the new floor at the Park Station will be this Saturday at 8am. The old carpet has already been removed. Building Manager Mike Stafford reported to the membership that this is a very busy upcoming summer season. Numerous rentals have been booked and Mike also points out that Home Depot, Lowes, True Value and the local grocery stores sell garbage bags. Mike states that members have been removing bags from the station and they are needed specifically for the trash cans in the Banquet Hall Kitchen. Stop taking garbage bags, Dan White has been contacted too many times for garbage bags from Clearview Bag. Mike and the President point out that the bags are ours, not yours! President Boel also re-emphasizes to the membership to pull the food out of the drain when doing the dishes. There should not be pieces of food left in any of our drains! President Boel thanked Steve Bakerain for re-building the wall by the cooler at the Pavilion. The wall was rotted away. Steve will be submitting a labor bill for \$475.00. He had a helper and we need to pay for his work along with the sheet rock and wood that was needed to complete the project. Kathy Miller makes a motion to pay the bill when it does come. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Fish Fry Night- President T. Boel reports that the event should exceed approximately \$4,000.00 in profit. These events were a great success. There will be a full and final report at the May meeting.

Archives- Marty has 1916 pictures of the Fire Company that was apparently found on the floor of the archive room. Past Chiefs photos will also be re-located.

Website- The bill for Nerd and a Geek.com is \$60.00 per year. This is a yearly fee and must be paid. There was some discrepancies apparently about his payment. Tim reminds us that when the bill comes, pay it. Car 1 reminds all members to be careful of putting pictures on

the website with our members that have facial hair. Pictures of members with full face beards should not be posted.

Copy Machine- President Boel states there has been on-going conversations with Cannon. A dispute is still active. Please fill out the log if copies are being made. Monthly the Please use the company machine for Company business and member benefits. District business should be done on the district copy machine. The dispute is over a 0.67 cent monthly charge.

Life Members Day- September 8th.

Convention- Mike Benson Jr. reports the food has been secured. The Fire Co. will not be participating in the mardi-gras parade due to us not staying overnight in Lake George. Mike reports that Greg Forgea will be putting up or has already put up the sign-up sheets at all three stations. Please sign your name and list how many people are attending for food.

Golf Outing- President Boel reports the outing this year is September 29th at Winding Brook Country Club in Kinderhook. The paperwork will be going out in July.

Building Security- The door tumbler at the Park Station has been fixed.

Explorers- 4 new members have joined.

Business Appeal- The business appeal has brought in approximately \$900.00 in donations to the Fire Company. This includes the donation from Hess.

Chicken Barbeque- This event is tentatively scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day. We will be using our own set-up.

Foxwood Casino Trip- The event will not take place due to lack of interest.

Pancake Breakfast- The date of this event is Sunday, April 28th , 8am at the Park Station. The event will end at 12pm. There will be signs posted across town including a sign by St. Mary's church.

Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the team's first game is the last Friday in April. Looking to have another winning record with the highly competitive team we have in place.

Fitness Room- The Fire District and the Fire Company are trying to work together to get the room re-modeled.

Solar Energy Project- Hudson Solar and Monolith have been spoken with by President Boel and Executive Board members. Dan Mastin has also spoken with President Boel. We are looking to make money. The Fire Co. uses \$20,000.00 per year on energy. Hudson Solar has been in business for 9 years. Monolith has been in business for 5 years. Monolith is currently doing work at the Fuller Road firehouse. Both companies talked highly of each other. We will save \$1,400.00 per year on electric bills company wide. We are apparently an excessive user, so we would not save a ton of money at the Park Station. The recommendation from the Executive Board is that we go with Monolith to complete the project. Averill Park Fire has had an issue with their solar project. They bought the system for \$80,000.00. The rotator has gone bad on one of the units. They do not have roof elements at their fire station. The ones we are looking at would be roof elements. Our system would be different than what is at the Town Highway Garage. We have postage stamp pieces of property at the Main Station and at the North Station. The biggest bang for our buck would be the roof mounted units. The units are free standing and Monolith will move the equipment so the roof can be fixed. Tim asks for a motion that we discuss this further. Rick Williams makes motion to enter into contract with Monolith. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquires if we are doing it for the Pavilion. We are not reports Tim Boel due to limited usage there compared to the actual Park Station. We would get money back which would make us money. R.P. Smith inquires if there is indeed no cost to the company. President Boel reports 0 costs for the Fire Company for start-up. It's a 20 year contract, we could scrap the whole thing if we wanted to. Jim Pendolino asks if there are provisions for upgrades. There is and its zero cost to us. All members are in favor, and the motion carried. The attorney Pat Maney will review the contract it then we will enter into the contract. President Boel also points out that the roof work at the North Station would need to be done first before the units are installed at that station.

President Boel reports that \$7,000.00 has been budgeted for the project downstairs (new floor). The wall has been beat, holes in the wall from bad dart players, etc. Tim is recommending that the walls be re-painted. The price of paint and other supplies would be approximately \$400.00 not to exceed \$500.00. Nick Goyer is the in-house painter, and he is willing to have it completed by Saturday. President Boel suggests that if any members have any

doubts about Nick's painting skills the members should look in the radio room at the Park Station. Nick did a great job with some help from his comrades. Past Chief Rick Williams makes a motion to use the remainder of the funds to complete the painting project. Rich Edberg seconds the motion. The motion is carried. President Boel also queried the membership about purchasing a couple more round tables and chairs, and a few couches to replace the current ones that are in very poor condition. The cost for 2 tables and 8 chairs would cost \$2,000.00. Rich Edberg makes a motion to purchase the items. Nick Liuzzi seconds the motion. Jake Hallenback opposes and feels we should shop around. There was no further discussion and the motion carried. Car 1 recommends bean bag chairs.

President Boel advises the membership that he can get 2 couches for \$600.00. Mike Memole makes the formal motion, Mike Lansing seconds the motion. Jake Hallenback would like 3 couches. A hand count reveals that we do purchase three couches. Mike Memole opposes. Marty Miller then makes the motion we buy 3 couches. Jake Hallenback seconds the motion. The motion is carried with Mike Memole in opposition.

President Boel would like to move the tables out of the copy room to the members lounge. Tim recommends we purchase 2 folding tables for the price of \$250.00. President Boel asks for a formal motion. Chris Dick makes the motion, Bob Reineke seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquires about the monies and wants to make sure the money is not coming out of the Park Station house fund. President Boel verifies it is not. The motion is carried.

President Boel reminds all members to use the pendants when working out in the fitness room. Anyone lifting free weights is recommended to have a spotter. If anyone is working out alone it is a must to wear the pendant.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mark Waters has submitted an application for active membership. He resides on Smith Lane off of Hays Road. He works at Bimbo's Bakery in Albany. His application is tabled for a month and we will vote on him at the May meeting.

SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW

Jacob Yonkers- Chris Dick reports that Jacob is busy with various school activities at Columbia. Chris Dick makes a motion the Fire Co. retain Jacob's membership. David A. Cook seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Jim Alcombright- Tom Gullo makes the motion to make Jim a fully-fledged member. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Boel informed the membership there was a bar tender training class last Thursday. There was a light attendance. Anyone working as a bar tender is expected to address in a neat fashion. Clean shirts, shaved face, etc. The members working events are expected to work! The Property Monitor must monitor the property, not hanging out downstairs for 6 hours watching TV. Alcohol is not to be brought onto our premises for an event. If it is there the Fire Co. is in jeopardy of losing the liquor license.

David A. Cook reports that the personnel at the Main Station would like to purchase a new gas grill. The money is to be used from the \$500 in the house fund. R.P. Smith seconds the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Russ Edberg has been hospitalized recently. Rich Edberg reports that his Dad is at the Evergreen Commons Nursing Home now. Room 255 in Wynantskill Way. His short term memory is apparently fading slightly.

Marc Iorio reports there will be an EGFD Horseshoe Tournament on May 19th. Mike Benson Jr. is the Chairman. Food and drink will be provided. First shoe gets tossed at 2pm. Sign up with Mike or call him if you want to play.

Past Chief David A. Cook reports Mark Siegal is in Pensacola, Florida. He is doing well in the military.

Resolution #5- Property Monitor. Fee is \$30.00 up to 6 hrs and \$60.00 for over 6 hrs. There was much discussion about the worker compensation rate. Not many events go over the 6 hour time frame. 95% of events we do, the party booking the event takes a Friday to set up for a Saturday event. Mike does advise the general public to keep event to 6 hrs. Mike Stafford

makes the motion. Chris Dick seconds the motion. The motion is carried to adopt the rates of pay for the Property Monitor.

Resolution #14- Rental Fees vs Member Rate and Non Member Rate. The whole idea behind concept is for a general rental (non-member), and member rental. Children's party...definition children under age of 12, also included is baby and bridal showers. 3 hours. 12pm-3pm. Door opens at 12pm and door closes at 3pm. Bob Reineke makes motion to accept. Bob Falls Sr. seconds the motion. This is a special rate. If Dick the Donkey comes to the party he must come within the 3 hour window, not at the 3 ½ hr or 4hr mark of the party. The event is 3 hours it is 3 hours, not 3 ½ or 4 or 5 hours. Cost for 3 hr rental is \$200.00 for general public. Bob Lehmann inquires about the overhead. Bob's issue is that it feels we are giving the place away. This Resolution regarding the time intervals is to fill "dead time" on our rental schedule. We have lost out on events before due to the hall not being rented for short intervals. This is in the best interest for the Fire Company the President emphasizes. The 3 hour time block should not be included for the Pavilion Marc Iorio states. The President will eliminate the Pavilion but will include on Sundays. Mike states he is always looking out for the best interest in the Fire Company. The more money the FD makes the more money he makes. The motion is carried.

Past Chief Dave Smith makes a motion to sponsor \$25.00 for the Niskayuna Sports Club. This has ties to Columbia High School Sports. R.P. Smith seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Catskill FD- Ad Book..., ½ page ad for \$50.00, Chuck Hellmuth makes the motion, Mike Forgea seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Hendrick Hudson Male Chorus- Kevin Hitchcock makes a motion to sponsor a full page ad for \$40.00. Jim Alcombright seconds the motion. The motion carries. Marc Iorio reports the Fire Co. made \$270.00 from dine to donate at the Sports Grill.

Truck 11 has food next month. 50/50 winner of \$72.00 is Emily Proulx. Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn, Matt Sullivan seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 8:47pm with 53 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr./Recording Secretary

