



**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY  
MAY 2013 MEETING  
May 21, 2013**

The May 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the April 2013 meeting minutes. Rick Williams seconds the motion. Past Chief Rick Williams inquires about the late fee regarding the company credit card. He states the pay for the person who is responsible for paying it should have their pay reduced. President Boel explains to the Fire Co. that it's cut and dry the bill was paid late. President Boel stated that he has spoken with the Financial Secretary to address the problem, and it should not happen again. The late fee assessed was \$39.00. After discussion the motion was carried and the minutes were accepted for the month of April.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker was absent from this meeting due to a full time job obligation. Treasurer Paul Benson reported for the Financial Secretary. Paul Benson reports there were 41 checks for the month of April. Nine (9) checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report. Past Chief/Past President Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion. Treasurer Paul Benson states he does not have the March report, and President Boel informs the membership that it has to be reported at the next meeting by the Financial Secretary since the computers are working now. The motion is carried.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of April was \$9,816.39. It should be noted that \$6,234.46 of that income total was fundraising income. The total expenses for the month of April were \$28,899.03. The total fund in the checking/savings accounts is \$335,605.84. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

## **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Boel reports the previous balance of \$946.30 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The new balance is \$658.06. There were no purchases made for over two hundred dollars. Kathy Miller makes a motion to accept the report, Rich Edberg seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

President Boel informs the members that money was budgeted for the following bills where the work has been completed: the repeater install for cell phone service for all cell phone service providers. The Fire Co. and Fire District split the cost. The Fire Co. owes \$200.00 for this shared service. Bill Sigsby did the work and he explained to the members that all cell phones should work correctly downstairs in the members lounge and the offices. Tom Whittemore makes the motion to pay the bill to Bill Sigsby. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion and the motion is carried. The second bill was for wireless service in the Banquet Hall. The total cost was not to exceed \$350.00. Bill Sigsby explained to the members how good the service will be in the Banquet Hall for wireless service. Rich Edberg makes the motion to pay the bill, Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

Car 1- At an assignment.

Car 2- Bob Lehmann reports the EGFD has had 76 calls so far this year. The service/maintenance contract for fire apparatus has been awarded to Arrowhead Fire Equipment in Queensbury. They have a fleet of vehicles and their mechanics will work on the trucks at our stations. There should be no need to jockey trucks back and forth. Their mechanics have all the up to date equipment, parts for the trucks etc. to complete all the jobs at our stations. Kevin is the main contact with Arrowhead. If there is something wrong with the truck please notify your station chief and document the issue

in the black and white notebooks that are in all the trucks. The mechanics will view the notebooks all of the time when performing service to see what has been documented so they can make the appropriate repairs. Hose testing is being schedule in July or August. The ladder test is also being set up with Herman Viola. The town EG Memorial Day parade is on Saturday and will be going westbound on Columbia Turnpike this year. Line-up is at the Spare Time bowling center. Engine 9 will be the truck for that parade. The city of Rensselaer Parade is at 12pm this year. The Hudson Valley parade this year is in West Glens Falls. This will be a day trip only, Greg Forgea and Mike Benson Jr. are in charge of this convention and they have been working on the itinerary for the day. The roundabout at Route 4 and Upper Mannix Road will definitely be occurring. Construction on this roundabout is scheduled to start in mid to late July. Thompson Hill Road is already a mess due to construction work on that road and sewer lines being tied in due to the housing development that is being constructed in that area. Please keep all the trucks clean and in good fire ready condition. Some of the trucks have been dirty and its paramount to keep them clean. We need to take some pride in our equipment. The pagers keep going off in the middle of the night, and there has been a minimal turnout of members. An Engine Company is needed to handle the calls. During the past few mid night hour calls only a Chief has been present until a re-dispatch was conducted. There are a lot of younger members that go to the stations but there are no drivers. Asst. Chief Lehmann tells the membership to keep up the great work of positioning fire trucks at the traffic accident calls and other calls in general. Truck placement has been excellent and everyone seems to be wearing appropriate gear and the safety vests. Dave Becker and Tom White completed their NYS Fire Safety Officer class. It should be noted that a Safety Officer has more control at a fire scene to stop the incident than the Fire Chief does. 511 job shirts are going to be ordered, cost is \$60.00. Columbia Turnpike is still going to be re-surfaced, a mill and fill. There is not an exact date yet but NYS D.O.T. has been busy on the turnpike working on the manhole covers and storm drains and working on the curbs. Truck 11 will be needed once again on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the Liza Warner and Nicky Hart run. Truck 11 usually hoses down the members that run. Driver evaluations need to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date. If any drivers have not done the evaluation you will be contacted to have the evaluation completed.

Car 4- A Fire Officer 1 class starts May 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that completes a training needs to forward their certificate to Jeff so credit can be awarded.

Ladies Auxiliary- Kim Edberg conducted a speech to the department. The Fire Co. was presented with a check for \$300.00 for the couch downstairs in the new members lounge. A new vacuum was also presented to the Fire Co. Emily Proulx thanked the members for their support and help with the car show that was completed over the weekend. The car show raised about \$1,500.00.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Blue Light- President Boel reports that the “blue light” publication has been re-lit. The deadline for submissions is the Sunday before the company meetings. The editor (Fire Co. President) has final say on what goes into the Blue Light.

Building Use Report- The total revenue for the month of April was \$1,015.00. The total expenses were \$315.50. The total profit was \$699.50. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$6,957.50. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$2,811.50. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept the report, Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. President Boel strongly reminds all members that if a station or area needs to be cleaned, clean it up! Empty the trash; don’t leave the trash bins overfilled. If you soil something, clean it! People have in their minds that we are paying people to clean things, so the attitude is to destroy toilets and sinks. The President also reminds the members that a Member Rental means a member, spouse, child, in-law, grandparents. The Member Rental does not include best buddy or John the Neighbor down the street. Member Rental is defined and it is cut and dry.

North Station- George Forgea is apparently retiring from the lawn mowing at the North Station. Social Member Dave Delessandro has volunteered to cut the grass. Dave will need a key since he is providing a service to the Fire Co. Bob Lehmann inquires about the North Station riding lawn mower. The President states that we own the buildings, we are the landlords. We will continue store our equipment in the truck bay as needed. The mower will remain in the fire building for the time being.

Park Station- President Boel reports that for the months of June and July the areas around the obstacles need to be mowed. Obstacles are referred to as areas by the horse shoe pits, around the Pavilion Kitchen etc. The President states that \$30.00 will be paid to the person that completes this mowing. The mowing should be extended from 3 feet to 5 feet away from the building. This is to be done with a push mower, not the riding mower. Kathy Miller makes a motion for the \$30.00 to be awarded for the person that does the mowing for the months of June and July around the obstacles. Jim Alcombright seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Chuck Hellmuth discusses the ice machines being swiped clean of ice during the summer months. Rick Williams reports that he has some large garbage bags of ice in the freezer. Please use the ice in the bags first then the ice machine. Ricky states if you have a large party you know of well in advance fill a garbage bag of ice and leave it in the freezer with your name on it. The ice machines shouldn't be swiped clean of ice. Joe Winnicki states that Stewarts does sell ice. Rick Williams also points out that new blinds were installed by Nelson Williams. It was a perfect match.

Profit and Loss Reports- President Boel briefed the members on the new generic Profit and Loss reports. Bob Reineke makes a motion to adopt the Profit and Loss reports. These are to be used for every event. Past Chief P. Lehmann seconds the motion. This basic report template is also posted on the back of the "Blue Light."

Pancake Breakfast- President Boel reports the total income for this event was \$2,500.00. The total expenses for the event were \$1,180.00. The total profit the Pancake Breakfast was \$1,320.00. There are enough supplies for another event in the fall season. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept the report. Dave Chesnut seconds the report and the report is accepted.

Fish Fry Night- Chairman Tom Chesser reports the total income for all events totals \$8,200.00. The total expenses were \$4,500.00. The total profit for the Fish Fry Nights is \$3,700.00. Jim Trimmer makes a motion to accept the report. Frank Jenkins seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

Solar Project- Pat Maney reviewed the contract and we will be moving forward with Monolith.

North Station Project- Joe Bellville was the contractor that did the work. \$450.00 was his price. Wainshaiff was other contractor that bid for the job but they wanted over \$1,000.00 for the project (\$1,100.00 to be exact). Joe Belleville pointed out that we may need to reach out to a gutter company regarding proper drainage from rain water.

Long Range Planning- Past Chief & President Mike Benson Sr. reports his committee spent time evaluating the North Station Roof, still waiting on proposals for North Station roof work so the committee can determine which way we want to go, also discussion regarding the replacement of the Main Station.

Members Lounge- President Boel reports \$2,800.00 has been spent on the project so far. New couches are in place, the room has been painted, and the Friendly's clock has been re-done. \$5,500 was originally budgeted for this makeover. Price quote for 2 tables and 8 chairs is \$3,100.00 which is very expensive. The President plans to pursue things further to make things similar to what we currently have there. Just waiting on some corner moldings and the room will be completed.

Training House- Car 2 reminds the members to keep the training house somewhat neat.

Convention-President Boel reports the Landmark Motel has been secured for 2 rooms thanks to Kathy Wood from Shaker Road FD. The room is for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Brown Transportation has been secured for the transportation to and from the parade and back and forth to trophies. The total cost is \$490.00. Bob Lehmann makes a motion the convention committee investigate a hotel for the Fire Company for the year 2014. The motion is seconded by Pete Lehmann. The motion is carried.

Golf Outing- September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bell Jar- July 1<sup>st</sup>, report deposit/report will be filed.

Explorer Post 11- Expanding membership.

Membership Committee- D.A. Cook reports he and the Vice President are working together on brochures, and other important information regarding the membership of our Fire Co.

Chicken Barbeque- The event that was planned around Mother's Day weekend was cancelled, however the committee is still planning to do an event on Election Day in November.

Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson reports the team is currently undefeated. The team is winning by at least 10 runs per game. The team consists of many veteran softball players and many new young additions such as Anthony Gullo, Nick Liuzzi, and Mike Lansing.

Fitness Room- The Fire Company and Fire District are working jointly on providing new equipment, flooring etc. There will be more to follow hopefully after the June Commissioners meeting.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Kimberly Hanson residing at 2105 Coventry Lane has submitted an application for active membership. She has paid her \$10.00. She has firefighting experience with the Bought Fire Department in Latham. Her application will be tabled for a month and voted on at the June meeting.

### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Mark Waters submitted an application for active membership last month. He resides at 1 Smith Lane. Tom Gullo makes a motion to make Mark a member. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried by the membership.

### **SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY REVIEW**

Lucas Palmer is at his 6 month probationary review; however he is currently overseas with work. Kathy Perry is also at her 6 month probationary review. Past Chief D.A. Cook reports that she has apparently moved to Guilderland.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The President reports he is still in conversation with Cannon and now the company that apparently has bought them out. The dispute is about a credit.

The Main Station door has been replaced.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jake Hallenback reports that he'd like to head the Committee for an X-Box gaming system for the members lounge. After some discussion the price is not to exceed \$350.00. This price will also include a couple of games. Eric Long seconds the motion, and the motion is carried. Tracy Britt and Mike Memole were in opposition. President Boel points out that this money can still come from the cost of the project due to some money being left over.

The Trustees at the Fireman's Home are looking to see if we would be interesting in conducting a barbeque at our Pavilion on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is for the Trustees of FASNY. President Boel informs the members this would be for approximately 50 people. Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion that we have this barbeque. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Exempt Fireman Status- President Boel briefed the members on this. NYS law allows exempt fireman status when it comes to "bumping" for jobs. Any firefighter that has been in for 5 years would be considered exempt firefighter status.

Bob Crain thinks that the President should report the members that were present and they all should be commended for a great job on the members lounge. The following members mentioned participated in the work detail for the new members lounge: Tom Gullo, Anthony Gullo, Joe Winnicki, Kevin Hitchcock, Ed Wallace, Jeremy Cook, Bob Lehmann, Mikey P, Mike Lansing, Jim Morgan, John Donnelly, Rick Williams, Ed McCabe, Bob Crain, Nick Liuzzi, Nick Goyer (painter).

Car 2 (B. Lehmann) follows up with this improves great morale, we have had great attendance at our fundraiser, and we are doing great things in the Fire Company.

George Woolsey is looking for our support as Director of Hudson Valley Fireman's Home. The motion is made to support him and a letter is to be sent showing the support for him.

EGPBA Golf Outing- Chris Dick makes a motion to sponsor a flag for \$150.00.

Their event is May 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion is carried.

Main Station Personnel has the food detail for the June meeting.

50/50 winner for \$75.00 is Kim Edberg.

Mike Memole makes a motion to adjourn, Rick Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm with 55 members in attendance.