



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

JULY 2013 MEETING

July 16, 2013

The July 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 June 2013 meeting minutes. Tom Kennedy seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Nancy Baker reports to the membership that 42 checks were written for the month of May. Nine (9) of the checks were written for over five-hundred dollars. Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to accept the report from May. Tom Gullo seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Nancy Baker reports that 46 checks were written for the month of June. Seven (7) of the checks were written for over five-hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report and Mike Forgea seconds the motion. The report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of June is \$33,436.92. A significant amount of that income is from the Foreign Fire Insurance (\$23,928.27). The total expenses for the month were \$32,064.66. The total assets total \$304,405.37. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept the report, Past President Jeff Tooker seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Boel reports the previous balance of \$2,090.00 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on June 17th. The new balance is \$1,333.62. There were only two purchases made for over two-hundred dollars. The first purchase made was on May 21st at Price Chopper in town for \$213.30 which was for meeting night food. The last purchase made for over two-hundred dollars was made at Brown Transportation for \$490.00 which was the bus for the parade transportation. Dave Chesnut makes a motion to accept the report. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 2- Assistant Chief Bob Lehmann advises the members to review the new driver qualification list. The members need to make sure the list depicts their name and the apparatus they are qualified to drive.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Chris Dick reports that only three vendors submitted a bid for the new Engine 7. The bids were submitted by Rosenbauer, U.S. Tanker, and Toyne. All the bids were over \$500,000.00. The bids may be rejected by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Jeff Tooker reports that a Heavy Metal Rescue class is scheduled for September 20th-September 22nd. Five firefighters will be allowed to attend. The deadline to submit the application is August 23rd. A firefighter re-hab course is being hosted by Nassau Ambulance on September 21st if any members are interested in attending.

Captains- Greg Forgea reports that 7 members have completed the Rescue Tech Basic Class and the certificates have not been received yet.

Purchasing Agent- Rick Williams reports Monolith Solar was looking at the Park Station and Main Station roofs to start the solar panel installation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- President Boel reports the total revenue for all buildings for the month of June was \$8,854.46. The total expenses were \$2,413.00. The total profit for the month is \$6,441.46. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$18,021.46. The total year to date income for the Banquet Hall Cash Bar is \$5,468.50. Mike

Memole makes a motion to accept the report. Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. The Long Range Planning Committee is still received quotes for a pitched roof on the North Station. Two quotes have been received and a third quote is needed as there is slight disparity with one of the quotes that was received. Once a decision is made on a contractor at an appropriate price the roof will be done and then the solar panels can be installed on the roof for our solar energy project. There is one more project going on at the North Station and that is painting surfaces on the north west and east wall on the outside of the building. The stucco is included in the rehabilitation project. Joe Belleville did the masonry work that was needed and now painting needs to be done. A price was received from Joe for \$7,300.00. Our own Nick Goyer submitted a bid to do the necessary work. Nick's price is \$3,800.00. Included in the bid is pressure washing the building, applying two coats of primer and two coats of exterior paint. Nick also advised the President that a couple of EGFD members have agreed to help him. Greg Forgea makes a motion to accept Nick Goyer & Associates to complete the work. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. Greg Forgea inquires if the members will be using their own equipment or Fire Company and District property such as the ladders. The President points out the original quote of \$7,300 from another vendor is definitely over budget. Tom White inquires if we should have a time frame of August 15th for this project. Tom Gullo has a concern about pressure washing the area, creating an issue with concrete pieces coming off. After brief discussion Nick Goyer was awarded to complete the work. In regards to the Park Station Members Lounge HDTV.....Tom Kennedy and Bob Crain will be arranging a date and time have this elegant HDTV mounted on the wall. President Boel has fully investigated the purchase of 2 tables and 8 chairs for the Members Lounge. The cost is approximately \$2,000.00. The budget was for \$2,800.00. These will be a solid match to what we have down there now. Past Chief Chuck Hellmuth makes a motion to go forward and purchase the chairs and tables for the said price. Bob Reineke seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Fitness Room- President Boel discussed the functionality of the pendant and advised all members that it is to be worn while in the fitness room. The pendant is an auto dialer to the Police Department, so if you are in trouble this will aide you. Someone decided to rip the halyard off the pendant and put the halyard in the tread of the treadmill. An I Pod shuffle was also found. If a member is missing the I Pod shuffle please see the President. If no one claims the device it will be auctioned off at the 50/50 raffle at the August meeting. The Fire District put \$1,000.00 toward Fitness Room Revitalization project. The goal is for the Fire Company to

put \$1,500.00 toward this project. This project includes fixing the holes in the walls, painting the walls, adding diamond plate 4-5 feet up the wall; which will alleviate the destruction of the walls from equipment. This project will be done by the membership. A gymnasium type floor will be installed in place of what is there now. Rick Williams makes the motion to spend the funds for this project. Mike Memole seconds the motion and the motion is carried. Mowing personnel are needed at the Park Station during these busy months. There are only a few guys that mow now. Time Warner Cable is increasing their rates by 10%, just an fyi for our cable bills. R.P. Smith reports that he and Bill Sigsby have come across a slow leak in the roof at the Main Station. The repairs have been made for now and was handled by Bill and R.P.

Review Board- The President reported that the following members are deficient in points for the first half of the year: Jim Alcombright, Kevin Bisson, Tracy Britt , Jermei Cook, Bob Crain, Mike Forgea, Bill Harrison, Rich Hendricks Jr., Sarah Kane, Mike Lansing, Pete Lavin, Nick Madore, Mike Memole, Luke Palmer, Chris Raymond, Clark Roehr, Katie Schmidt, and Jacob Yonkers. Joe Winnicki makes motion to accept the report. Rich Edberg seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. It is noted that the threshold is 25 points up to this point in the year. Chris Dick reported on Jacob Yonkers. Chris stated that Jacob has not really shown an effort to be at the firehouse for department drills and he will be starting college in the next few months. The President asked Chris to see if he could retrieve Jacob's key fob if he has expressed no interest. This subject will be tabled for one month and an exact status will hopefully be known by the August meeting. Furthermore Assistant Chief Lehmann reported that Mark Waters was not accepted by the Board of Fire Commissioners. He apparently has expressed no interest in being a member of the Fire Company.

Past Chiefs Photos- President Boel is looking for Past Chiefs photos of Ernie Lorenzo, Lyle Herrick, Bill Hans, and Jonny Evanson.

Convention Activities- Chairman Greg Forgea reports the department finished 3rd out of 88 departments overall. Mayopac and Ossining were the only ones better than us. We received a trophy for first place in our division. The next parade is the Greene County Parade on September 7th. We need to be in line for 12pm. We are going to march and then go back to Coeymans possibly or our own firehouse for food. Transportation will be provided. The Olympian Hotel is sending a contract for next year's parade. The EGFD would have the hotel from Wednesday-Sunday. A down payment will be needed before the end of the year. Greg

makes a motion to put \$1,000.00 down to reserve the hotel. Mike Benson Jr. seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Golf Outing- September 29th.

Pizza Night- Linda Cook discussed the event. Two of the months we took a loss, 3 of the months we took a loss. Linda went out to East Schodack to see how they do their event with fresh dough. Linda has spoken with the ESFD personnel about the start-up costs and the proper equipment needed to make the event a success. There are plenty of jobs for everyone. Don't feel uncomfortable at pizza nights. The cost would be \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 to get started with making the pizza with our own dough. Linda puts in the form of motion to go forward with the start-up cost. Jim Pendolino seconds the motion. Bob Crain asks what the difference is between doing our own dough and what we have been doing. Six dollars is how much a dough cost that we get. Nick Liuzzi suggests that we should look into how Schodack Valley does their profitable pizza nights. Linda clarifies to the members that we are getting the dough, not officially making "our own." Anthony Gullo inquires about how much profit the Ladies Aux gets? Linda Cook states that the Ladies Aux would be willing to negotiate. Joe Winnicki inquires about the cost analysis. Jim Trimmer inquires about hall rentals instead of doing Pizza Nights. One thing that the event has lacked is the Clean-up crew. We need a clean-up crew. President Boel informs the members not to be an absent voter when it comes time to vote on this event. After a vote and much discussion the Pizza Nights will continue...with the new layout (using our own dough). Bob Lehmann and Linda Cook will meet to come up with an official cost analysis plan.

EGFD Softball Team- Manager Mike Benson Jr. reports the team finished the season with 6 wins and 1 loss. Playoffs are in a few weeks.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charles Rouchbach residing at 33 Jefferson Avenue submitted an application for active membership. Alex Forezzi residing at 27 Izzabella Court in Schodack Center submitted an application for active membership. He is the grandson of AFD Fire Chief Bob Forezzi. Devon Felton residing at 2705 Coventry Lane also submitted an application for active membership. Anthony Gullo points out that Alex was previously an Explorer. The applications will be tabled for one month and voted on at the August meeting. There were no applicants to be voted on at this meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rite Aid is looking to do a flu clinic at the Park Station. We could make some money off of this. Mike Memole makes a motion to accept. Chris Dick seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Firefighter Exempt Certificates- Tom Kennedy makes a motion to go forward with the project of new cards. Chris Dick seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

President Boel reminded the members that the clean-up crew on meeting night means exactly that, cleaning up! This does not mean leaving a mess at the Pavilion and staying around until 2:00am and tossing garbage around. Once the clean-up crew assigned for the night departs, you then become the clean-up crew.

Tom White briefed the membership on the insurance claim with lost funds from past member Ed Di'Martino. Mr. Di'Martino has hired an attorney, Kevin Luibrand. All the paperwork that was prepared by the Fire Company was forwarded to Mr. Luibrand. He has been slow to follow up with the insurance company. Mr. Di'Martino's attorney alleges: that Ed had much more discretion in using the checkbook than the Fire Company has stated, Mr. Di'Martino wasn't arrested so he must not have committed a crime, and Ed was on duty and dispatched so a large percentage of the expenses were acceptable. Kevin also stated that it's funny that Ed did note on the receipts when he made purchases that it was used for necessary purchases such as food at stand-bys and those receipts were not even included in this claim. Carl Pisano is the attorney hired by the insurance company to investigate the claim on their behalf. Mr. Di'Martino continues to state that he was on duty and the purchases made were proper. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted to this attorney and he will make his recommendation by August 1st to the insurance company.

Tom White makes a motion that we make George Witbeck a Honary Member. David A. Cook seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn, Mike Memole seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm with 43 members present.

Respectfully Submitted- Mike Benson Jr./Recording Secretary

