



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

August Meeting

August 20th, 2013

Following a short program honoring George Whitbeck and his family, The August 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by President Tim Boel. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Mike Forgea makes a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Boel reports that the previous balance of 1,333.62 was paid in full. The new balance is \$983.73. There was one purchase over \$200, it was for \$333.15 and was for convention expenses. There were various smaller purchases for the convention, north station building supplies and park improvements. Nelson Willams makes a motion accept the monthly VISA bill report, seconded by Mike Memole and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports that for the month of July, (46) checks were written for a total of \$11,523.28. Checks over \$500 were written for Verizon, Michael Stafford, Chuck Hellmuth, Glendale (for Uniforms), Pepsi Bottling Group, Otis Elevator, Chase Cardmember Service, and National Grid. The report of the Financial Secretary was accepted by Chuck Hellmuth, and seconded by Mike Memole and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports that income for the Month of July was \$45738.79, which included \$37,330 for Schodack Center Income. Total Expenses for the month were \$22858.21. Total Current Assets are \$327,429.01. Motion to accept the Treasurer Report made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Rich Hendrick and the motion is carried.

President Boel inquires regarding a bill received from Curtis Lumber, there was no corresponding receipt. Bill Sigsby reports that it was from roofing material. President Boel reminds the body that they must submit receipts to an executive officer, namely the Financial Secretary.

BARBARA LEHMANN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

Scholarship Chairman Peter Lehmann announces the recipients of the 2013 Barbara Lehmann Scholarships. They are Catie Boel, Glen Cook, Nick Luizzi, Katie Schmidt, Brian Morgan, Tom Gullo. A check of \$450 was given to those in attendance, and checks will be mailed to those not present.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1 – Chief Hitchcock reports that the Mannix Road roundabout should start on Friday. Make sure you consider mutual aid with this new traffic obstacle. Engine 7 is back in service from a leak in the gas tank, and Engine 8 is out of service. We need help with the explorers, President Boel will address this later.

Car 2 – Pub Ed is coming very soon, we need more participation, especially on the weekends. If members are not available, we will have to consider other options. October 9th, 60-75 kids will be present, we need about 10 members. At Spinney Apartments, on Saturday October 28th, the last day of the farmers market, we are hoping to do a pub ed event that day. Car 2 reports for Car 3, as the truck committee is currently meeting. All bids received for the new engine 7 were rejected. We are hoping to have a new truck here next year and the truck committee will be busy at work with this.

Car 4- Not Present at this time

Board of Commissioners – Pres. Boel reports that the solar panels have been installed and we are waiting on electric installation. We are hoping to have it fully functional within 2 weeks.

Ladies Auxiliary- President Mastin thanks for all of the participation regarding the recent code 100 responses. President Boel thanks them for a wonderful job for the food tonight as well. Also, The fire company has received a donation on behalf of Verizon Wireless, thanks to the work of Jeanne Mastin, whom is an employee, we have received \$750 that goes to our scholarship program. If you know of any work related reimbursement programs, keep in mind that we are a registered 501(c)3, so donations are tax deductible and many employers have programs such as this, ask around!

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Buildings Use Report-Total Income is \$5484.60, there were 5 banquet hall rentals, 8 pavillion rentals. Total Expenses were \$1805, utilities were 475, Total Profit is \$3204.60. Motion Made by Dennis Kennedy, Seconded by Dave Chestnut and the motion is carried.

President Boel report that's we have received several complaints regarding our staff that were less than courteous for their respective rental. We have had to refund them portions of their money to make amends. He reminds us that the customer is always right, and to keep that in mind and represent the fire company accordingly.

Building Improvements-President Boel would like to thank Nick Goyer for the outstanding work on painting the exterior of the North Station. It looks wonderful. The lounge downstairs is nearly complete, we are looking at more chairs and tables that are on order and we are currently under budget for. The TV should be mounted soon. The weight room is ready to take shape, there will be an imminent meeting with the contractor regarding this, details will be forthcoming. President Boel reminds the Body that we have budgeted \$1500 for this expenditure, while the district is kicking in \$1000 for this, and that many members are excited for a revamped weightroom.

Main Station House Committee-RP Smith notes that people have been dumping their furniture outside of the dumpster. Keep on the lookout. Several members have noted that this is not uncommon.

Park Station House Committee – Tom Gullo reports to watch out for the lip on the floor of the bar area in the park, as the chairs can damage the floor. It is not concrete, be aware of

this, it is not a concrete floor and can be damaged. Rick Williams notes that the friers are in dire need of being cleaned, Tom Chesser reports that it will be done before the pizza nights.

President Boel also reports that the Ladies Rooms are ONLY for ladies. There were certain items left behind in the weight room as well, do not let this happen again.

Uniforms- Bob Lehmann reports that if you need something, let him know, as there is a parade in early September.

Life Members Day- Pete Lehmann reports that invitations are out, September 8th, there will be a fun day planned.

Training Committee- President Boel wants members to keep in mind that the windows at the Training House need to be intact, even though people are using our building. Please secure the building when it is used, please make sure it is not an eyesore for the general public.

Convention – September 7th in Greene County, President Boel says to try to make it if you can and if you do to show some pride that day as always.

Golf Outing – September 29th, Mike Benson Sr. Reports that money is flowing in from sponsors, over \$6,000 so far. If any golfer wants to play, please get your money in as soon as possible as money talks!

Vegas Night- Tentatively scheduled for Saturday November 30th. More details coming soon.

Explorers- President Boel reports we have only a few members active currently, many of our current members are former explorers. We are struggling with this, we need a collective effort with this as we need them. Anyone interested in working with the explorer program can contact President Boel or Chief Hitchcock or Kathy Miller. Auxiliary member Jessica Iorio reports that perhaps we should reach out to the high schools, however, president Boel reports its more of an issue of what to do with them when they get here.

Audit and Finance – President Boel reports the budget is in compliance, as of the end of July, we are where we need to be and there are not particular issues or deficiencies.

Chicken Barbeque Committee – we may schedule this event for the weekend of the Golf Outing, for Friday September 27th and Saturday September 28th, we should have more details soon. President Boel asks that hopefully the auxiliary can help with the desserts for this.

Softball Team – Mike Benson and Greg Forgea were not present; Vice President Iorio adds that we had a great year, and was one of our better years in recent memory. We did get eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, but had a one loss regular season.

Pizza Night-Chairperson Linda Cook has been in contact with East Schodack, we are looking at reconfiguring the kitchen for this event. It will be a trial and error as this is a large undertaking. She will be looking for crews every Thursday before Pizza night to set up and make boxes, also if you have any ideas, please let her know. Jeanne Mastin says a taste test was done, and a consensus was reached. Linda Cook says she is looking for 4 crews, one for set up Thursday, one for Saturday AM, one for the actual event, and one for cleanup. President Boel reports that don't support the event and not show up, if you support it, support it! He asks for a hand count of those that support the event, out of 52 members whom were present, only 1 did not support it, so there better be workers on these nights. Jeanne Mastin wants to reiterate it is a fun event, come and work and have fun. Linda is also looking for a volunteer to put out the signs the Sunday before Pizza night and take it down the day after.

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday October 27th More details coming soon. .

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Nick Ingram resides at 737 Columbia Turnpike is a first read. He is not here currently, he has fire experience.

Robert Hepp is an associate of Nick Goyer, he is a veteran of the Brunswick Fire Company, and is retired, he walked in and inquired. He was here this evening and is interested in being fire police. Both are tabled for a month.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alex Forezzi resides at 27 Isabella Court. He is a student attending Norwich University and has family with much fire experience. Motion to approve by Tom Kennedy seconded by Nick Goyer and the motion is carried.

Devin Felton lives on 2705 Coventry Lane, is a member of the National Guard and fiancé of current member Kim Hansen. Motion to approve by Kim Hansen seconded by Joe Winnicki and the motion is carried.

Chuck Rossbach resides at 33 Jefferson Ave, Chuck works for the NYS Comptrollers Office in Information Technology and is interested in making a difference in the East Greenbush community. Motion made by Tom Kennedy seconded by Bob Lehmann and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Arrears-Membership Secretary Nick Madore notes several members who are in arrears for 2013. The names were read. Several members inquired why there were so many members in arrears, the secretary says this will be taken care of.

Valley Cats Game – If you have brought a guest to the game and did not pay, please give money to Vice President Iorio as soon as possible.

Work Detail- there will be a work detail for the pavilion area in the fall, details TBD.

Firefighter Exemption – President Boel reports that he has a stack of firefighter exemption certificates. If you have served for more than 5 years, you may be entitled to one. You could get civil service credits, as well as other benefits.

New Business

President Boel and Rick Williams believe we need to purchase a new Rubbermaid container to get the bottles out of the kitchen. We need to ensure there are no fruit flies or any other type of vermin. For \$199 we can purchase cans that we can put outside the fire house and get the bottles outside of the fire station. A motion was made by Nancy Baker, seconded by Mike Memole and the motion is carried.

Once again, if you are residing in our lounge, please clean up after yourself, the condition of the area has been disgusting for some time, and we've invested a lot of money in it, lets show some pride and keep it clean.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Crane notes that the filter on the fuel tanks were fairly filthy. Could be a cause of Truck 11's issue. Tim Boel asks Bob Lehmann to follow up on this issue. Joe Winnicki points out that if the fuel tank is full, it would be difficult for this to happen.

Rensselaer County is looking to hold a vendors fair on Wednesday October 2nd, its for vendors of the new radio system in the county. There is a request to use the hall, free of charge for that day. Tim says a stipulation is that they clean it after it is used. Motion made by Nick Goyer, seconded by Rich Hendrick for the use of the facility and the motion is carried.

Bruen Rescue squad would like to hold a fundraiser for a member whom has fallen ill, they would like to rent the facility free of charge. Tim told them that they would obviously have to purchase any alcoholic beverages from us per NYS Laws. Motion made by Anthony Gullo seconded by Todd Cullum and the motion is carried.

Mike Benson Sr. reports that on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, thanks to all members that responded to the recent Phillips Road Fire, a job well done by all!

President Boel points out that if you stay late at the meeting, you will have to clean. Any messes will not be tolerated. If you stay after the cleaning crew leaves for the night, you become the cleaning crew. No more sausage burning parties or whatever went on in July, just clean it up.

A motion was made by Jeanne Mastin to investigate a Comedy Club Fundraiser at the Comedy Works. President Boel asks for more research on this and appoints Vice President Iorio as co-chair of this committee.

The 50/50 winner was Eric Cullum \$53. Tom Whittemore makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Kennedy seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with 52 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Iorio

Vice President