



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING

September 17, 2013

The September 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Tim Boel at the Frank Becker Memorial Pavilion. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed life members, and roll call were all completed. The President briefly spoke on behalf of the Fire Company membership to thank the Commissioners for the Steak Bake Dinner. President Boel informs the membership that Commissioner George Forgea is absent due to an illness. He needs a swift recovery. Chairman Ed McCabe thanked the members for making our community safe by answering all different types of calls for service around the clock. District Chief Hitchcock also expressed the same regards to the members. Ed McCabe makes a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. Jeanie Mastin points out that the meeting minutes should be amended regarding her employment division at Verizon. It should be reflected that Jeanie works for Verizon Landline, not wireless. The motion is then carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports 34 checks were written for the month of August. Seven (7) of the checks were written for over five hundred dollars. Bob Reineke makes a motion to accept the report, Chuck Alger seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of August was \$10,373.29. The total expenses were \$15,197.02. The total assets total \$323,153.22. Jim Pendolino makes a motion to accept the report, Tom Chesser seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President T. Boel reports the previous balance of \$983.73 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on August 16th. The new balance is \$1,648.04. There were three purchases made for over two hundred dollars which are as follows: 8/2/13 a purchase at Home Depot for \$399.65 which was for the North Station re-hab project, 8/6/12 again at Home Depot for \$296.72 for the North Station re-hab project, and on 8/16/13 a purchase through the Sam's Club internet for \$717.00 which was for the Park Station Members Lounge chairs and shipping costs. Adam Daniels makes a motion to accept the report, Dave Chestnut seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- Kevin Hitchcock thanked the Commissioners for the steak bake once again. A big congratulations goes out the 31 members that marched at the recent parade in Greene County. The EGFD received a 1st Place trophy for best appearing fire unit out of county. The Chief also thanked Captain Greg Forgea for all the work that he and his small crew did cleaning up Rescue 11 for the parade. The Chief points out to the members that Route 4 by Mannix Road and I-90 is obviously going to be a mess with the roundabout construction occurring. Kevin also reminds the members to keep in mind on calling our northern zone mutual aid partners for any type of evacuations, or major incidents that may slow our response time at that end of town due to the construction.

Car 2- Bob Lehmann reports that Pub Ed is rapidly approaching. Please pay attention to email and text messages regarding pub ed details. Asst. Chief Lehmann polled the members for availability for weekend pub ed events, and there were not many hands raised. Pub Ed at the big box stores may occur on one weekend day with different trucks at different locations throughout our district. There will be more to follow as we get closer to October.

Car 3- Chris Dick reports to the members that the truck committee has been busy making necessary changes to the truck spec. The changes have been submitted to the consultant and a new bid should be forwarded to the committee very soon. Asst. Chief C. Dick also informs the members that there were many positive comments regarding our marching detail in Catskill. We went down there to get the gold and that's what we received. Congrats to all the members that marched on September 7th!

Car 4- Absent, sickness.

Captains- Captain Greg Forgea advises all the members not to leave dirty ems gloves in the seat or anywhere on Rescue 11. The glove had dried blood on it and it is completely wrong to leave this glove on Rescue 11 or any truck for that matter. This is completely unacceptable.

Fire Police- Tom Whittemore reports that the Kevlar strap order has been received. If there are issues with the Kevlar straps on some of the air packs please let Tom know.

Firefighters- Past Assistant Chief/ EGDW Water Dept. Foreman Tom Kennedy reports that the town water system is being expanded to the Schodack town line on Phillips Road south. If there is an incident in our district there should be plenty of water flow from these hydrants.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Barbara Lehmann Scholarship- The \$375.00 received from the \$750.00 Verizon Landline check will be placed into this fund. The other half of the check will go to the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks Jeanie.

Buildings/Building Use Report- The total revenue for the month of August was \$2,305.00. The total expenses were \$893.50. The total profit for the month of August is \$1,411.50. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall & Pavilion is \$25,811.06. The total income year to date for the Banquet Hall Bar is \$6,074.00. Rich Edberg makes a motion to accept the report. Rich Hendricks seconds the motion and the report is accepted. President Boel reports that we are just waiting on the tables and chairs to complete the Park Station Members Lounge project. The new HDTV still has to be mounted but Bob Crain and Tom Kennedy will be taking care of that hopefully before the October meeting. Pavilion- President Boel has had some discussion with Banquet/Facility Manager Mike Stafford in regards to purchasing two over head

lamp heaters. These are run on propane. The cost is \$99 a piece at Home Depot. This would help us with rentals in September. Tom Gullo makes a motion to purchase the heaters for the Pavilion. Tom White seconds the motion. Past Chief D.A. Cook asks if two will be enough. President Boel states that two should be sufficient to get us started. Tom Kennedy also has a concern as to where they will be stored. President Boel states that they will be secured in the garage. After a brief discussion the motion is carried. President Boel also reports that the horse shoe pit lights have been fixed by Steve Bakerian. The urinal in the Pavilion that has been out of service for 3 years has also been repaired. Mike Benson Jr. reports to the membership that the toilet in the Main Station truck bay has not been flushed in about 2 weeks. There was apparent pond scum sitting atop the weeks old urine. Dirty ripped up toilet paper was scattered around the room. Mike kindly reminds the members to flush the toilet after going the bathroom. Nelson Williams reports that he has repaired a couple of the screens that needed to be repaired on a couple of the windows. President Boel queried the membership on who the Viking is that keeps leaving poo on the back of the toilet seat every single week, and almost everyday on the back of the toilet at the Park Station in the men's fitness room restroom. Whoever is leaving poo on our toilets please stop right now! If you have a medical problem that is forcing you to leave poo on our toilets go see your doctor, maybe he or she can help you! The brush is there to clean the toilet. Whoever the Viking is that is having the problem please feel free to use the toilet scrub brush because the President is sick of cleaning the toilet weekly.

Fitness Room- The plans are to have a rubber type gymnasium floor put in the fitness room. New paint will be applied to the walls along with diamond plate about 4-5 feet up from the bottom of the wall. The diamond plate will hopefully alleviate the base of the walls being damaged by equipment. The walls have been beat up over the years but that's normal with all the things that we do over the years. Asst. Chief Lehmann will be taking care of the painting detail. Tom Whittemore will be reaching out to Planet Fitness. Planet Fitness will be moving into a new location in town and they will be looking to get rid of their equipment and have new equipment at their new location. Tom has a contact there and he will see what he can do.

Audit and Finance- The committee met to go over the budget for the first quarter of the year. All things look good. President Boel discussed the most recent report from the NYS Comptrollers Office regarding the Tonawanda Fire Dept. The report basically discussed the fire department's "easy cash flow" of the fire department bar. This report does help us specifically

with Resolution #10 that was adopted in February of this year. Basically it's a checks and balance system. Two reporting members will print and then sign their names with the receipts before submitting the documents. A single deposit will then be made only for the bar, not other monies from a specific fundraiser or event where the bar was utilized. Whether we made \$5.00 or \$500 it needs to be deposited as bar income. This information is in a newly amended document for Resolution #10. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept this amended change to Resolution #10. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion. The motion is carried. President Boel commended Joe Winnicki and Marc Iorio for their bartending and documentation from the bar activity at the Pizza Night on Saturday.

Archives- Marty Miller reports that there are some 5x7 prints missing since Life Members Day. Past Chief Lehmann reports that the pictures are in the wood file cabinet where he found the pictures.

Website- Tom Whittemore will be putting the new BOP's onto the website soon in the members' only section.

Annual Dinner- Asst. Chief Chris Dick reports that Friday, December 12th will be the date for the Annual Dinner. Last year was a good time but lacked the entertainment that we have had in the years past. We have a budget of \$400.00 for entertainment. Chris Dick will try to reach out to a comedian. Chris also points out that Vinnie Marcx's wife is very ill and does not have much longer to live.

Life Members Day- Chairman Pete Lehmann reports that 57 out of 92 life members attended. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

Training Center-President Boel reports that the windows need to be repaired.

Conventions- Chairman Greg Forgea reports that he has 20 checks in his pocket for the 2014 Convention. There are 8 rooms left. The Olympian Hotel has been reserved for us from Wednesday-Sunday the week of the convention. The cost is \$110.00 per night with the Fire Company picking up a night. The members that marched at the most recent Hudson Valley Parade have first dibs on the room. Mike Benson Jr. reports to the membership that at many company meetings Jim Cartright has harped on members in good standing with 50 points will be allowed to have a hotel room. The same is said for this convention. Members must be in

good standing. Mike Benson Jr. also points out that the East Greenbush Fire Company was #3 overall out of 88 departments that marched in the Hudson Valley parade in June. Great job!

Building Security- President Boel reports that video surveillance cameras may be needed in the future. There may be more to follow soon.

Fund Drive- next month is the annual lick'em and stick'em detail.

Pizza Night- Chairperson Linda Cook reports the first pizza night was this past Saturday on Sept. 14th. The total income for the event was \$3264.00. The total expenses were \$2,267.30. The total profit minus \$300.00 start up bag is \$696.70. The 25% for the Ladies Auxiliary is \$174.20. This was the first pizza night making our own pizza. Linda thinks overall it was a very good first pizza night doing it this way. There were 24 guys and 14 women that worked the event. The normal die heart people were there. She could use a few more members to help work the event. The kitchen help was sparse at times. Only 3 different members showed up for clean-up at the end of the night. Many of the members that worked the whole event had to do the clean-up. The next pizza night is not until the end of October due to the Banquet Hall being rented on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays.

Murder Mystery Chicken Parm Dinner- VP Iorio states the event is Saturday, November 2nd.

Chicken BBQ- President Boel reports that this event is scrapped for 2013. Hopefully this event can be scheduled for next spring.

Casino/Vegas Night- Saturday, November 30th is the date.

Long Range Planning Committee- Chairman Mike Benson Sr. reports that his committee will reconvene in October. There is too much going on in September. The roof project at the North Station is at the top of the agenda. We have met with two vendors. The committee would like to have a price from a third vendor; however the lead contractor for the job up to this point appears to be Daughterty Brothers. They stated to us that the job could be done in 3-4 days.

Pancake Breakfast- Sunday, October 27th. Leave the tables up from Pizza Night.

Solar Project- Rick Williams reports that everything is hooked up and on-line. Only thing left is to have a monitor screen installed in the radio room at the Park Station so we can see our exact energy savings. All 3 stations are hooked up and on-line for solar energy.

100th Anniversary- Asst. Chief Lehmann reports that the committee will plan accordingly as the event approaches.

Softball Team- Manager/Chairman Mike Benson Jr. reports the team finished the season with 7 wins and only 2 losses. One of the losses was a loss in the playoffs to the Mountainview Fire Department who eventually won the championship. Mike states that his team will compete in the 4th Annual Witko Softball Tournament. Mike asks for a motion for the team to enter into the tournament for \$225.00. Joe Winnicki makes a motion, Chris Dick seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Installation Dinner- VP Marc Iorio reports this year the dinner will be at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street in Troy. Many members are sick of the same old thing so we had to change the venue.

Golf Outing- Chairman Mike Benson Sr. reports he and Timmy Boel are done next year which will be the 20th year. 34 teams will be competing in this year's outing. September 29th is the date of this event. 7am the crew leaves the North Station and heads to Winding Brook. The committee is looking to bring in another \$10,000.00 or more. Over \$12,000.00 has been deposited in the bank. Ed Wallace is the chairman for the Steak Bake after the outing. He also will be retiring from this event next year with Tim and Mike Sr. Mike Benson Sr. also reports "eye openers" will be served promptly at 6:30am at the North Station.

Ed Di'Martino Insurance Claim-Tom White reported to the Fire Company members that the Fire Company will be receiving a \$10,643.92 check from the insurance company for the claim that was submitted for the misuse of the Chiefs Checking Account. VFIS hired a forensic auditor to review the claim and he advised VFIS to issue a check to the EGFD. The check should be received shortly.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nicholas Ingam residing at 737 Columbia Turnpike submitted an application for active membership last month. David A. Cook makes a motion to elect Nicholas Ingam as a new member. R.P. Smith seconds the motion and the motion carries.

Robert Hepp submitted an application for active membership in the Fire Police Squad. He has 48 years of service with Brunswick 1 FD. Joe Lacivita makes a motion to accept the candidate. Tom Whittemore seconds a motion. There apparently was some confusion about his membership submission. Nick Goyer clarified that this applicant submitted an application for active membership but then re-submitted for active membership in the Fire Police Squad. His doctor cleared him medically for the Fire Police activities. No further discussion. The motion is carried.

Devon Felton was sworn in as a new member by President Boel. He was elected at the August meeting. Devon will be leaving in two weeks for military duty in Kuwait.

Unfinished Business- The Firefighter Exempt Certificates will be awarded at the next meeting.

New Business- Kevin Hitchcock reports that we have been invited to compete in the Firefighter Chili Cook-off at Uncle Marty's Adirondack Grill in Averill Park. The date is Saturday, October 12th from 2pm-8pm. We could make some good money if each member sells two tickets. Marc Iorio makes a motion not to exceed \$300.00 to enter into this chili cook off. Jim Trimmer seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Past Chief D.A. Cook inquires if we can put the new trophies from this year into the trophy case. President Boel states they will be. P/C Cook on behalf of Tim Tordoff thanked the membership for the flowers. His father passed away recently.

President T. Boel would like a motion to be made so that we can provide the Ladies Aux \$500.00 to cover the cost of food from the August meeting with the Witbeck family. Tom Kennedy makes the motion. Jim Trimmer seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Food next month is the North Station personnel. The winner of the 50/50 was Todd Cullum. Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn, Chuck Alger seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm with 54 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary