



OCTOBER 2013 COMPANY MEETING

October 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm while the annual fund drive packages were being prepared by the members. 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 September meeting minutes, Rich Hendricks seconds the motion, and the minutes from last month are accepted by the membership. Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to set aside a page in the minutes for Life Member Al Smith whom passed away a couple weeks ago. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary N. Baker reports that a total of 59 checks were written for the month of September totaling \$31,481.20. Sixteen (16) of the checks were written for over five-hundred dollars. Past President Jeff Tooker makes a motion to accept the report, Bob Reineke seconds the motion. Mike Memole inquires about the Otis Elevator check that was written. After a brief explanation from the Financial Secretary the motion carries.

MONTHLY VISA REPORT

President Boel reports the previous balance of \$1,648.04 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on September 17th. The new balance is \$4,564.91. There were 8 purchases for over two-hundred dollars. The purchases are as follows: September 5th at Restaurant Depot for \$305.25 (Pizza Night), Sept 8th at Price Chopper for \$422.00 (Life Members Day), Sept. 11th at Wal-Mart for \$692.00 (Golf Outing), Sept. 12th at Restaurant Depot for \$863.48 (Pizza Night), and Sept. 13th at Pellegrino Importing for \$435.06(Pizza Night). Mike Memole makes a motion

to accept the report, Past Chief D.A. Cook seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of September is \$32,839.71. It should be noted that the total fund raising income for the month was mainly from the golf outing which totaled \$14,766.07 into the account. Pizza Night income brought in \$2,721.07. The total expenses for the month were \$42,445.89. Our current total assets total \$303,284.40. Nelson Williams makes a motion to accept the report, Frank Jenkins seconds the motion. The motion is carried. President Boel also reports the check from the insurance company from the Ed Di'Martino incident has been received and the \$10,643.92 was put into the fraternal income not classified budget line. President Boel asks for a formal motion to accept the check and leave that check in the said budget line for now. Chris Linck makes the motion, Rich Edberg seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 1- District Chief K. Hitchcock out of town for training.

Car 2- Asst. Chief B. Lehmann reports the turnout for pub ed at Genet was excellent. That was an all day event. Greg and his crew did a good job. All of the other events for pub ed are posted on the fire company website and the calendar for pub ed was emailed to every member last week or the week prior.

Car 3- Asst. Chief C. Dick reports that his truck committee has been hard at work and in constant contact with Jeff Gaskin whom is the representative from East West Fire Consulting. There were some errors in the bids. Costs were cut and the bid was emailed out and posted in the newspapers after the Commissioners meeting last night. Bids will be revealed in a month. He also thanked the committee members for their hard work and thanked the members for going to the calls for service. A lot of fire alarms.

Car 4- Asst Chief J. Tooker advises the members to keep monitoring emails for training. Soon as information is received it is sent out to all of our members.

Captains- Mike Benson Jr. thanked the members that participated in the drill at the tower last week. It was a long night but things went well for the most part and everyone went home safe. The only issue was drafting from the creek, but once we finally got the leaves out of the strainer things worked out fine. A special thanks to Captain Anthony Proulx for spending the majority of the time in the creek making sure the leaves did not get into the strainer and clogging the hose.

Firefighters- Town of E.G. Water Dept. Foreman and Sr. Firefighter Tom Kennedy reports that the fire hydrant project on Phillips Road south is just about complete. There is an 8" main there, which is adequate if there is a fire incident and water is needed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Building Use Report & Buildings- President T. Boel reports the total revenue for the month of September was \$4,946.12. The total expenses were \$856.00. The total profit for the month of September is \$4,090.12. Jim Cartright makes the motion to accept the report, Ed McCabe seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership. Chuck Hellmuth reports that the Pavilion is now closed for the year, things have been winterized. President Boel advises the membership that a group of 3-5 guys will be needed to take care of the mowing at the Park Station for next year. This year was a major struggle. The portable heating units have been assembled and are in the garage.

The solar energy project is just about completed. We are just waiting on a monitor to be installed in the Park Station which will allow us to see exactly how much energy we are saving. President Boel has received paperwork from Ambient Energy, which is an alternative for more energy saving. If we sign up in November we could save 7% off our supply for 2 months, which would be a savings of \$400.00 in the Park Station. After that we will save 1% annually. Approximately \$120.00-\$160.00 would be saved in the Main and North Stations. This would more than likely also be a 2% tax break on our excise tax. President Boel recommends Ambient Energy and Jim Frankowski Sr. is the representative. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to go forward with Ambient Energy savings program, RP Smith seconds the motion and the motion is carried by the membership.

Eastern Heating and Cooling is willing to adhere to 2012 pricing which is the preventative maintenance contract for the Main and North Stations. The contract covers Fall

2013-Spring 2015. This is a savings of \$35 per year. Since we have hired Eastern Heating and Cooling working on our HVAC equipment they have helped us tremendously. They are very thorough. Frank Jenkins makes a motion to enter into the contract and Mike Memole seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

The Members Lounge door near the elevator has been broken. This is very concerning for all of us reports the President. The door is sprung so bad that the door will not lock. The Center for Security was contacted and they stated that the door was broken due to malicious manners, damaging purposely. From their evaluation of the door and locking mechanism they believe that someone has hung from the door purposely. The President canvassed the membership....Does anyone know what happened to this door? He asked again a second and third time... Does anyone know what happened to this door? No one has come forward at this time. President Boel states that he and the Fire Company members cannot accept vandalism or significant ignorance. This door incident has occurred within the past 45-60 days. Past Chief & Past President Mike Benson Sr. advises that he and many senior members spent countless hours on the Building Committee for this new Park Station. That Members Lounge is for the Members to chill out and relax and have a good time, not to damage doors and other items. If there are members purposely damaging doors and other equipment that is completely unacceptable and they should suffer the consequences. The President advises all members that specific items in the company refrigerators or walk in coolers are not meant for the member's food consumption. If it is not your food items please do not consume them.

At the North Station there is a gasoline thief. The President advises any member that is stealing gas to stop. Stop stealing our gasoline you thief(s)!! If a member is caught stealing gasoline you will have the President's size 15 up your rear end. The President advises further that if a member is caught stealing they will be terminated from this Fire Company. The 5 gallon gas can has been filled 4 times. Captain Greg Forgea also emphasizes to the membership that the North Station truck bay trash cans are not meant for members to dump their continuous Dunkin Donuts trash. Stop doing this; this has been happening too much!

R.P. Smith makes a motion not exceed \$150.00 for the moldings for the bay doors at the Main Station. This should be done soon reports R.P. Tom Chesser seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Golf Outing- President Boel and Mike Benson Sr. report that the total profit for the EGFD Golf Outing is \$12,575.00. Mike Benson Sr. appreciates all the hard work that each member put in for the day. Mike also points out that Ed Wallace went above and beyond in saving money when purchasing the steaks. A couple of hundred dollars were cut by purchasing the steaks elsewhere. Apparently it was a comedy show with Mike Lansing making a ton of money at his hole by squeezing money out of almost every golfer. President Boel emphasizes to all members that when an event is termed "An all hands event" it is meant as that. There should be no one downstairs in the member's lounge watching football or playing X-box games.

Uncle Marty's Chili Cook-off- The total expenses for this event was \$146.66. The expense comes out of the Fraternal Events Not Classified budget line.

Weightroom Floor- President Boel emphasizes that we need to get moving along with this project. We do not want the fiscal year to pass by.

The EGFD Pancake Breakfast has been re-scheduled for November 17th.

Website- The updated bar pictures need to be updated onto our website.

Uniforms- Greg Forgea kindly asks if the member or members who moved equipment to block the shelving and blocked access for flags and other equipment can return the room the way it was. We need to move things around better in that room so everyone can have access to what they need in Company Storage.

Annual Dinner- Chairman/Assistant Chief C. Dick reports that the entertainment is being evaluated, and there will an answer at the November meeting.

Training House- The dumpster at the Main Station is are being filled way too much, police the training building. Let's replace the windows if they become damaged. The money comes out of the district line, not from the fire company. We own the building but the Fire District is responsible for the clean-up etc, it's a training facility.

Convention- Chairman Greg Forgea reports that there are no rooms left at the Olympia Hotel in Lake George for the Convention in 2014.

Publications- Past Chief Lehmann reports that articles have been sent to the usual periodicals.

Nominating Committee- Pete Lehmann (North) (Chairman), Marty Miller (Main), Rick Williams (Park). Kathy Miller will also be assisting on the committee. The Election Committee Chairman will be Past Chief Pete Lehmann.

Constitution and By Law Changes- Chairman Tom Chesser reports that one proposal has been received which focuses on Article 5, Section 1. The proposed changes are outlined below. This was proposed by members Mike Benson Jr. and Bob Lehmann. This will be posted for one month and voted on at the November meeting. R.P. Smith makes a motion to have this posted for one month. Tom Chesser seconds the motion. The motion carries with member Mike Memole in opposition.

Section 1-Officer Class

Paragraph 3- Currently reads... "Line officers shall consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Foreman for each truck the Company operates.

Proposed Change- *"Line Officers shall consist of one (1) Station Captain, 1 Lieutenant per truck, and 1 foreman per truck the company operates. The duties will herein remain the same for each respective Line Officer position. The election process will remain the same.*

Paragraph 4- Currently reads..... "Officers of the fire police squad shall consist of one Captain and three Lieutenants."

Proposed Change- *"Officers of the Fire Police Squad shall consist of one Captain and one Lieutenant." The election process will remain the same.*

Membership Committee- Past Chief/Chairman D.A Cook reports that his committee needs more applications.

The next Pizza Night is October 26th and then November 9th.

Murder Mystery Dinner- This event is sold out. 150 people will be in attendance. Food will be served beginning at approximately 5:45pm or 6:00pm. Event workers are asked to be at the Park Station around 3:00pm.

EGFD Casino Night- November 30th, Saturday.

Long Range Planning Committee- The committee will be meeting on Monday Night October 21st at 7:30pm.

Installation Dinner- As stated previously the event is January 25th, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street in Troy. If any member wants a room to stay overnight the group rate is \$89.99. There should be absolutely no drinking and driving. Stay overnight if you think you will be drinking excessively reports V.P. Marc Iorio.

Chief's letters need to be in at the November meeting. The letters need to be signed by the candidate and seconded.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Nick Field has submitted an application for active membership. He works for the NYS Thruway Authority and resides at 2467 Reno Road by Blueberry Meadows in Schodack Center. He has 13 years of active fire service with the East Schodack Fire Company. His application will be tabled for one month and will be voted on at the November meeting. He has paid his \$10.00.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nick Ingam residing at 737 Columbia Turnpike submitted an application for active membership. R.P. Smith makes a motion to accept Nick as a new member. Mike Lansing seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President T. Boel informs the members that the Exempt Firefighter certificates will be presented next month. There is now a bottle return cabinet in the hallway near the kitchen. This was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Benson Sr. inquires about the possibility of having surveillance cameras installed. Mike believes the Board of Fire Commissioners will possibly be willing to put some funds toward this. It seems that criminal mischief at and in the fire stations is becoming quite excessive and is not going to be tolerated. Mike Benson Jr. points out that Clinton Heights Fire Department has surveillance cameras and those cameras worked in their favor. One of their own members, now former member Gregory Hart is currently incarcerated because he burglarized their station,

stealing money out of a fire company safe along with a couple of other things. They had issues with this member in the past and he was caught due to the camera during overnight hours.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ed Wallace makes a motion the Fire Co. order a plaque of appreciation for Price Chopper. They saved us approximately \$1,000.00 for the golf outing. Chris Cargain seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

Chuck Hellmuth has a mystery to solve. Someone stole the lemon and limes from the Banquet Hall bar. He went shopping for the said items on a Friday and placed them at the bar. He came back Saturday and the said items were stolen.

Tom White makes a motion we donate \$100.00 to the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Fireman's Association. Ed Wallace seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Tom White reports that Dan Mercx and Ron Mercx's mother passed away. Both members are Life Member's however Ronny is not in good standing. Tom makes a motion to forward each of them a \$25 gift card for condolences. This just happened within the past few days. Dave Becker seconds the motion and says he'll take care of getting them the gift cards.

Vice President Marc Iorio reports that the Blue Light is in dire need of material. This will continue thru November. After that we'll see.

The 50/50 winner of \$63.00 is Elwin Michael yet again. The Park Station personnel have the food detail for the November meeting. Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Tooker seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm with 49 members in attendance. The last page of these minutes is set aside for departed Life Member Al Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr.

Recording Secretary

*****This page of the meeting minutes is set aside for Life Member Al Smith.
Rest in peace Al.