

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY

DECEMBER MEETING

December 17, 2013

The December 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 November meeting minutes. Chuck Alger seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker reports that 62 checks were written for the month of November. Thirteen (13) checks were written for over five-hundred dollars. Past President Jeff Tooker makes a motion to accept the report. Chris Dick seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT

President Boel reports that the previous balance of \$3,913.37 was paid in full and received by Chase Bank on November 9th. The new balance is \$5,226.86. There were seven purchases made for over two-hundred dollars and is as follows: October 24th at Peligrino's for \$795.33 (Pizza Night), October 25th at Peligrino's for \$296.45 (Pizza Night), October 30th for \$344.78 at the Restaurant Depot (Chicken Parm Night), November 5th at Home Depot for \$224.07 (Fitness Room) , November 6th at Inc Stores for \$1,761.90 (Fitness Room), November 7th at Restaurant Depot for \$918.13 (Pizza Night), and November 8th at Peligrino's for \$336.48 (Pizza Night).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Paul Benson reports the total income for the month of November was \$18,873.02. A majority of the income came from fund raising income. The total expenses were \$38,445.58. The current total assets for the EGFD totals \$265,000.65. Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the report, Past Chief Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership Secretary Nick Madore read a list of members that owed dues for the year of 2013. He stated that most of the members have since paid him prior to the start of the meeting so they could vote.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Car 3- Chris Dick reports and thanks the members for their support for this past year. Chris reports that approximately 6-8 calls during the middle of the night have gone to re-dispatches. We need to do what we can for calls. We need driver's so we can answer our calls. Chris also reports that on December 9th the truck bid was awarded to Spartan. Chris thanked the members of the truck committee for getting to this point. The contract should be signed within the next couple of weeks. Spartan has been around since 1936 and the city of Albany has received their new truck and the New Hyde Park FD down in Long Island also received a new Spartan truck.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN

Captain J. Lacivita reports that the newer members of his squad have completed the Fire Police class along with members of the fire department. He thanked the department for the assistance at calls.

Board of Directors- Leaky ceiling in kitchen. Roofer will be contacted to address and assess.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Buildings/Building Use Report- The total revenue for the month of November was \$700.00. The total expenses for the month were \$220.50. The total profit is \$479.50. The year to date Banquet Hall and Pavilion income is \$35,932.86. The year to date Banquet Hall bar is \$9,430.50. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report, Jim Morgan seconds the motion, and the report is accepted. Paul Benson reports that members need to make sure to turn the hose off and clean the floor after they are complete washing cars. Brushes also need to be put away. Todd Cullum also states to shut the lights off when no one is in the truck bays. Greg Forgea inquires to the President about what to do when the key fobs do not work. President

Boel reports there is an "in case of emergency" key at the PD. There was an issue a few days ago when the keys fobs were not working correctly. The problem has since been corrected and all key fobs work. R.P. Smith reports the dumpster at the Main Station is overflowing, as of this meeting do not put any more garbage in the dumpster. There is also a new fridge in the garage. Mike Benson Jr. reports the new fridge will soon be moved into the Main Station. The fridge will be utilized for bottles of water and other cool liquids.

Fitness Room- President Boel thanked Joe Lacivita for all of his hard work on the project of this new weight room. The TV's will be will be mounted tomorrow. The new equipment will be assembled this week and the fitness room will be open for business on Sunday. Please do not wear boots and dirty sneakers in the fitness room. The tread on the treadmill was ruined previously due to so much dirt being in the track. We are still waiting to hear back on the stair stepper from Planet Fitness.

Fund Drive- The checks are coming in much faster now. Chris Lavin will no longer be the Chairman of this committee next year.

Installation Dinner- V.P. Iorio reports the dinner is on Saturday, January 25th. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Cocktail hour is at 5pm and the dinner ceremony starts at 6pm. If you need tickets see Marc or V.P. elect Mike Benson Jr. The DJ is Upstate Sounds (Jason Seeburger).

Pizza Night Report- Vice President Iorio reports the total income for the event was \$1,777.00. The total expenses were \$1,136.13. The total profit for the Fire Co. is \$340.87 after a \$300 start-up bank and 25% to the Auxiliary (\$85.20). Past President/Chief Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion to accept the report. Joe Winnicki seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Uniforms- Asst. Chief Lehmann will be submitting or has submitted a bill for purchase of new parade shoes.

Annual Dinner- Chris Dick thanked his committee and the people that cleaned after the event. Firehouse was spotless.

Convention- next installment is due in March.

EGFD Golf Outing- First Sunday in October 2014. This will also be the last year for Tim Boel and Mike Benson Sr. chairing this event.

Fire Company members congratulated Lieutenant Sullivan on completing his graduation from the NYS Police Academy.

Explorer Post 11- The charter was in jeopardy, however the proper paperwork has been completed and there is not an issue.

Fish fry Night- Chairman Tom Chesser reports the Fish Fry Nights will occur on the following 5 Fridays: March 21st , March 28th , April 4th , April 11th , and April 18th.

Grants- Chris Cargain reports in process of getting info on FEMA Grant, grants are in Nancy Fitzgerald's name.

100th Anniversary- Jeff Tooker reports his committee will begin meetings in March.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Amy Johnson submitted an application for Code 100.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ty Herrington residing on Blueberry Meadows Lane submitted an application for active membership last month. Chris Linck makes a motion to accept Ty as a new member. R.P. Smith seconds the motion and Ty is the newest member of the Fire Company.

SIX MONTH PROBATION

Kim Hansen is eligible for full firefighting duties. Captain Mike Benson Jr. spoke on her behalf. She has attended drills and makes calls when she can, she's finishing up her master's degree. Mike makes the motion to make her a fully-fledged firefighter. R.P. Smith seconds the motion. Motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Firefighter Exempt Certificates were handed out to Mike Memole, Joe Winnicki, Greg Forgea, Rich Edberg, Todd Cullum, Craig Cullum, Nelson Williams, and Bob Lehmann. There is no new business to come before the company.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following candidates were unopposed for their positions for 2014: Marc Iorio for President, Mike Benson Jr. for Vice President, Nancy Baker for Financial Secretary, Paul Benson for Treasurer, Jeff Tooker for Recording Secretary, Rich Hendricks Jr. for Sgt of Arms, Rick Williams for Board of Directors and Dave Chesnut also for that same position. Mike Benson Sr. makes the motion for the Secretary to cast a ballot for those candidates and their designated positions. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion and the motion is carried. There was a contested race between Nick Madore and Mike Memole for Membership Secretary. After an election Nick Madore was awarded the position of Membership Secretary for the year 2014.

The following candidates were unopposed for the position of Captain for the year 2014: Mike Benson Jr., Tom Chesser, Rich Edberg, Greg Forgea, and Matt Sullivan. Jeff Tooker makes a motion to cast one ballot. Todd Cullum seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

The following candidates were unopposed for the position of Lieutenant for the year 2014: Mark Becker, Todd Cullum, Marc Iorio, Mike Lansing, and Josh Witko. R.P. Smith makes a motion to cast one ballot for the said candidates. Chuck Alger seconded the motion and the motion is carried.

The following candidates were unopposed for the position of Foreman for the year 2014: George Forgea, Nick Madore, R.P. Smith, Ed Wallace, and Joe Winnicki.

Fire Police Squad- The following candidates were unopposed for the Fire Police Squad for 2014: Joe Lacivita (Captain), Mike Memole (LT), Tom Whittemore (LT). Nelson Williams was nominated by Joe Lacivita off the floor for the open vacancy of LT. Chuck Alger seconds the motion. Pete Lehmann made the motion to close the elections. Matt Sullivan seconds the motion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Snow Plow contracts were awarded to Elwin Michael (North Station), D.A. Cook (Main Station), and Mike Stafford (Park Station) for the year 2014.

Convention Delegate for the Hudson Valley parade is Tim Boel and the alternate is Chuck Hellmuth. They were nominated by Pete Lehmann and Chris Linck. All members were in

favor. The convention delegate for the Hudson Mohawk or Greene County parade is Greg Forgea. The alternate is Nick Madore. Jeff Tooker and Josh Witko made the motion. All members were in favor. There was no one interested in being the FASNY delegate as of this meeting.

The EGPD has requested use of our training room for January 2nd. They have an envelope mailing and stuffing that they are completing. Chris Dick makes motion for use of the training room for PD. Dan White seconds and the motion is carried.

Car 3 reports there will be an EMT B class starting on January 22nd at RPI. The class ends May 15th.

Past Chief R. Williams thanked the Fire Co for the fruit basket he received.

Mike Memole thanked the Auxilary for decorating the hall.

President Boel gave his speech and states that he plans on going to fire calls. Our job is to answer the calls we are dispatched to and respond with sufficient crews. If we don't answer the calls then someone else will and we don't want that. The firehouse is a fun place and hopefully it will continue to be a fun place to be. The President thanked his cabinet and all the members for all of their hard work. Past President Pete Lavin submitted a letter for membership change from active to social. R.P. makes motion move Pete to Social. Matt Sullivan seconds and the motion is carried. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to support Rich Penney for President of the Hudson Valley. Chris Linck seconds the motion. Motion carried. Pete Lehmann makes motion to support Paul O'Brien for the position of 1st Vice President for the Hudson Valley. Chuck Hellmuth seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Mike Benson Sr. thanked Ed McCabe for his fine job during his term as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners this past year. He has been re-elected as Commissioner.

Engine 7 has the food for the January 2014 meeting. Tom Whittemore won the 50/50 for \$59.00. Elwin Michael makes a motion to adjourn. Greg Forgea seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm with 52 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson Jr./Recording Secretary

