



**East Greenbush Fire Company
January Company Meeting
January 21, 2014**

The January meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Marc Iorio. Rich Hendrick (Sgt at Arms) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for our departed members. Recording Secretary Jeff Tooker called the rolls, and 63 members were recorded in attendance.

President Iorio points out that the bar is open for refreshments. He politely requests that people not abuse the fact that it is open, or else the Vice President will close the bar for the remainder of 2014.

President Iorio stated that the meeting minutes from December have been emailed out. Greg Forgea makes a motion to accept the minutes as posted, and Matt Sullivan seconds the motion. The motion carries.

President Iorio stated that the Executive Board Meeting Minutes from January 16 were emailed out to the body. A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, and seconded by Jim Pendolino, to approve those minutes. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Nancy Baker gave her report. Checks over \$500 were written to Visa, National Grid, By-George Food, DeCresente, Rosen's Uniforms, JCB Specialties, Verizon, and to Chief Hitchcock for the Chief's Checking Account. A motion was made by Ed McCabe to accept the report as presented, and seconded by Jim Trimmer. Mike Memole inquires as to why the National Grid bill was lower. Nancy Baker replied that it was due to the solar panels. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his annual report for 2013. We currently have \$244,461.64 in assets in the bank. The detailed report is available for review with the Treasurer. The December 2013 Profit and Loss statement was also read. Income for the month of December was \$17,252.03 and expenses were \$37,580.64. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann and seconded by Dennis Kennedy to accept the report. The motion carries.

The Visa Bill was read by President Iorio. Expenses over \$200.00 were made at Hannaford, Sears, Pellegrino, Restaurant Depot, and Walmart. There was also a credit from Sears for \$294.30.

A motion was made by Nelson Williams, and seconded by Bob Reineke to accept the report. The motion carries.

Various communications were read by Recording Secretary Tooker. Several of these will be acted upon during Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Kevin Hitchcock) gave his report. There were 41 calls in December and 311 calls for 2013. T-11's aerial certificate is done, and the charging unit on Engine 9 was replaced.

Car 4 is in charge of OSHA. There is a boy scouts tour taking place tomorrow evening at HQ. Department physicals will take place on February 19 and February 20. Sign up sheets will go up in the Park Station Radio Room as soon as the times are confirmed with the doctor's office. Chris Linck inquired who was doing the physicals. Kevin Hitchcock stated the new company (Workfit Medical) was contacted because Community Care raised their rates drastically. Kathy Schmidt asked about college students. Chief Hitchcock replied that they can go to Workfit Medical on their own time when they are home.

Chief Hitchcock awarded Fire Police Certificates (December 2013 class) to A/C Lehmann, A/C Dick, A/C Tooker, F/P Hepp, FF Pendolino, F/P Whittemore, FF Sigsby, FF Morgan, and Foreman Winnicki.

Car 2 (Bob Lehmann) and Car 3 (Chris Dick) had no report.

Car 4 (Jeff Tooker) reminds those interested in any state classes to contact him, and the Apparatus Operator-Aerial Device Class starts on February 17 for those that signed up.

Captain Benson Jr. discussed the Truck Committee work. A contract was signed on December 27 and specs/other work will proceed ASAP.

The Chairman of the Board of Directions (Dennis Kennedy) stated the BOD will meet after the company meeting to nominate a new chair and a new purchasing agent for 2014.

Ladies Auxiliary President Jean Mastin stated she was stepping down as President and Kathy Schmidt will be taking over. She thanked the Fire Company for all their hard work.

Kathy Schmidt inquires what the course of action is when a member of the Ladies Auxiliary resigns. Past Chief/Past President Boel states that they need to resign from the Company as well. President Iorio stated that a letter needs to be sent to the Company.

President Iorio read the Building Use report for December 2013. Total revenue was \$4,028.60 with \$995.00 at the cash bar. Total profit was \$2,437.60.

2013 ended with \$39,961.46 profit for the hall, and \$10,425.00 for the bar.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, and seconded by Mike Memole to accept the report. The motion carries.

Membership Secretary Nick Madore read the report of those individuals who earned less than 50 points for the calendar year 2013. Those members are Jim Alcombright, Kevin Bisson, Tracy Britt, Steve Carknard, Glen Cook, Jeremy Cook, Devin Felton, Kim Hansen, Bill Harrison, Robert Hepp, Pete Lavin, Brian Morgan, Luke Palmer, Kris Raymond, Don Rugenstein, and Carl Schilling. It is pointed out that Carl Schilling is a life member.

Mike Memole asks if the Review Board has met yet. President Iorio states they will meet ASAP. Clark Roehr states that Bill Harrison is active military. VP Benson Jr states that Bill Harrison is non-active and is living in Schenectady. VP Benson Jr will make contact with Bill.

Dave Chestnut points out that Pete Lavin has gone social.

A motion was made by Mike Memole and seconded by Chris Linck to accept this report. The motion carries.

The Pizza Night Profit & Loss Statement is read by Chairwoman Linda Cook.

Total expenses were \$1,122.62 and total expenses were \$2,313.46. Net profit was \$890.84, and the Ladies Auxiliary accepted 25% of the net profit, or \$222.71.

Linda Cook points out that there are two remaining dates: February 8 and March 8.

Linda also states that this is her final season as Pizza Night Chair.

A motion is made by Jim Trimmer and seconded by Joe Winnicki to accept the report. The motion carries.

President Iorio states that the cocktail hour for the Installation Dinner this Saturday begins at 5:00 pm. Guests should park in the rear of the Troy Hilton and enter the banquet facility there. Todd Cullum inquires if there are still seats/tickets available. President Iorio tells anyone who needs tickets to see him immediately after the meeting.

Bell Jar Chair Tooker asks for a motion to move \$450.00 out of the Bell Jar account to pay for the Installation and Inspection Dinner. This motion was seconded by George Forgea.

The motion carries.

Past President/Past Chief Boel states that he has the new license in hand.

Workout Room Chair Joe Lacitiva makes a motion to purchase a mini-fridge and racks/hooks for clothing/shoes in the weight room, not to exceed \$400.00. The motion is seconded by Tom Whittemore, and a hearty discussion ensues.

Chuck Rossbach asks where the racks would go.

Joe Lacitiva states under the windows.

Bob Lehmann asks for the reason why racks are needed. Bob states that the weight room isn't a storage area and people will probably leave clothes there and it will smell awful.

Mike Benson Jr asks where the water will come from for the fridge. VP Benson also states that people should bring their own items, akin to the policy that Planet Fitness has.

Mike Memole points out that there is a perfectly good fridge in the kitchen.

Joe Winnicki reminds people to change their shoes while in there.

A hand count is requested by President Iorio. 26 members vote in the affirmative for this motion, and 18 are against it. The motion carries.

There were four (4) proposals for membership this evening:

1. Kyle Weaver, who resides on Ternan Avenue.
Kyle is a current Explorer, but will not be 17 until the next meeting.
President Iorio tables the motion for one (1) month.
2. Robert Ranaly, who resides on Elliot Road.
Robert is a current Explorer, but will not be 17 until the next meeting.
President Iorio tables the motion for one (1) month.
3. Erica Pues, who resides on Paul Street.
Erica is seeking Code 100 membership.
President Iorio tables the motion for one (1) month.
4. Fletcher Breland, who resides on Lakeview Avenue but is gainfully employed at the Evergreen Commons Nursing Home.
President Iorio tables the motion for one (1) month.

All four of these potential members were advised to see David A. Cook before leaving.

There was one (1) election of a member this evening:

1. Amy Johnson, who is seeking Code 100 membership.
Nick Madore spoke on her behalf and makes a motion to accept Amy.
A second was made by Vice President Benson.
The motion carries.

Resolution # 1 of 2014 (Officers for 2014) was presented to the body.

A motion was made by Mike Memole and seconded by Chuck Rossbach to accept the Officers for 2014. The motion carries.

Resolution # 2 of 2014 (2014 Budget) was presented to the body.

Nelson Williams went over the budget.

Mike Benson Sr points out that this is the final year for him and P/C Boel chairing the Golf Outing and somebody should probably step up or else we will lose \$15,000. A motion was made by Kathy Miller and seconded by Rich Edberg to accept the 2014 Budget as presented. The motion carries.

Resolution # 3 of 2014 (Property Management Job Postings) was presented by President Iorio. President Iorio directed anyone interested in applying for the positions to contact him in writing before the next Company meeting.

A motion is made by Mike Memole and seconded by Kris Raymond to accept this resolution. A hearty discussion ensues.

Dennis Kennedy objects to the Assistant Banquet Manager position and the \$500 stipend. President Iorio stated that it has been in the previous two budgets, but it hasn't been filled. Past President/Past Chief Mike Benson Sr. inquires if the Asst Banquet Manager would be eligible for the stipends that the Banquet Manager gets.

Tim Boel states that the Asst position is to assist the Banquet Hall manager when something goes wrong.

Joe Winnicki is concerned that the Asst Banquet Manager will become a "donkey" to the Banquet Manager.

Rich Edberg states that the Asst should get commission.

Nick Madore states that the Asst should get 100% of the commission if they do 100% of the booking.

Jean Mastin asks if a member is interested, can they apply for a position that is currently filled? President Iorio states that is correct, in writing.

President Iorio asks the sponsors of the motion if they agree to amend the motion to table the Banquet Manager and Assistant Banquet manager positions until February. The sponsors are amenable to this change.

David A. Cook states that somebody should be trained to do the job.

Jean Mastin states that if the current person isn't doing the job, the company should replace that person.

Jim Morgan states that the Asst Banquet Manager position is the same as the Vice President job that we currently have.

A vote was taken, and the motion carries.

Resolution # 4 of 2014 (Truck Bay Parking/Use Policy) was presented to the company.

A motion was made by Todd Cullum and seconded by Tim Boel to accept this resolution, and a discussion followed.

Todd Cullum stated that parking is tough at the North Station on Tuesday nights.

President Iorio stated that we should use our best judgment.

David A. Cook wants the wording changed to read "a chief" in lieu of "station chief"

A vote was taken, and the motion carries.

President Iorio states that the company will be purchasing Quick Books 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00 to update our books. This is a budgeted item.

There were many items for Good of the Order.

A letter came from Lynn Kane regarding a fundraiser for the Hopkins family (City of Rensselaer firefighter) whose unborn son has a medical issue. They are looking to use the hall for free on Sunday, February 9 for a pasta fundraiser. A motion was made by Lou Roher and seconded by Kim Hansen to allow this. Bob Lehmann reminds us that they are charged the non-profit rate and then reimbursed. The motion carries.

A letter came from Natalie Wagner, from the Derek Murphy Fundraiser Committee, looking to use the hall for no charge on March 29, 2014 for their fundraiser. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann and seconded by Chris Linck to allow them to use the hall for the non-profit rate and be refunded after the event. The motion carries.

A letter came from the Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department seeking an endorsement for Kathie Wood for the office of Director in the HVVFA. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to have the Secretary write an endorsement, and it was seconded by Chris Linck. The motion carries.

A letter was received by Past President/ A/C Tooker (in his capacity of Columbia Boys Track Coach) seeking a donation for the annual trip to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays in April. A motion was made by Mike Memole and seconded by Kim Hansen to donate \$200.00 to the Boys and Girls track program. The motion carries.

Tim Boel states that the East Greenbush PBA, under the direction of Sgt Ernie Tubbs, will be going to the Polar Plunge on February 15 if anybody is interested. Speedos and bikinis only.

George Forgea Sr thanks the company for their support during his illness.

President Iorio states that we are looking at getting a new copy machine.

President Iorio states that we will be attending the 4th Annual Brown's Brewery Firehouse Chili Cookoff on February 15.

President Iorio states that all 1099s will be issued this week. He also has the IT-245 forms for your \$200 (or \$400) tax credit for being a volunteer firefighter.

Mike Benson Sr states that the District would like to install a camera at the side entrance of the Park Station to allow the Secretary/Treasurer to buzz people in from the District office. He would also like a motion to increase the internet speed at HQ. This motion was seconded by Jim Morgan. Jean Mastin states that she works for Verizon. Rich Edberg wants to make sure that this camera can record digitally. The motion passes.

Mike Memole states that Mountain Dew is being placed in the soda machine at the Park.

David A Cook inquires if there is information regarding the solar panels somewhere.
Tim Boel states that there is an information packet at each controller at each house.

President Iorio thanked Charlene Schermerhorn for her work on the Kids Christmas Party, Jeff Tooker for his work on the Adult Christmas Party, Jean Mastin for her work in the Ladies Auxiliary, and Tim Boel for serving his second go-round as President in 2013.

The 50/50 was \$78.00 tonight, and the winner was Nick Field.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, and seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary