



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
March Company Meeting  
March 18, 2014**

The March meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Tooker called the rolls. 65 members were in attendance this evening.

The February meeting minutes were emailed out on March 7. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried.

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held on March 4. Those minutes were emailed out on March 17. A motion was made by George Forgea, seconded by Dave Smith, to accept these minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Nancy Baker gave her report as the Financial Secretary. 42 checks were written in the month of February for a total of \$19,937.01. Checks over \$500 were written to the Greenbush Reformed Church, Tecta America, Verizon, National Grid, Visa, and Michael Stafford. A motion was made by Bob Reineke, seconded by Mike Memole, to accept the report. The motion carries.

President Iorio gave the Visa report. \$10,039.52 was paid in full. Charges were made by Quick Books and Cyber Knight Limited and those charges were reversed. Charges over \$200 were made to the Hilton Garden Inn for our Installation Banquet, and to Pellegrino and Restaurant Depot for Pizza Night. A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Paul Benson gave his report as Treasurer. Our total income for the month was \$4,724.08 and our total expenses were \$29,921.53. A motion was made by Rich Hendrick, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept the report. The motion carries.

The Recording Secretary read a bevy of communications, including a thank you card from Joe Lacivita. President Iorio recognizes Joe in the audience, and the company welcomes him back.

Nick Madore gives his report as Membership Secretary. He states that nobody is in the arrears for dues for 2013, and he is collecting money this evening for 2014 dues.

The Chief of the Department (Kevin Hitchcock) gives his report. He states that there will be flashover training coming soon, and it will be held in the Port of Rensselaer. Also, if any members need physicals, they need to see the Chief for information.

Car 2 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report. He states that, following the April 1 deadline for OSHA make ups, gear will be pulled. He (or law enforcement) will go to people's houses if need be to collect gear, especially pagers.

Car 3 (Chris Dick) gives his report. He states that the new Engine should be here in November or December of 2014. Tom Whittemore asks if the progress will be online. A/C Dick replied in the affirmative.

Car 4 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report. The OSHA make up list will be emailed out tomorrow and also posted in the stations. Members have until April 1 to complete make ups. The training schedule (updated March 12) was also emailed out. There will be live burns at the Training Tower for drill on May 13 and May 27. Also, members were advised to check the calendar for updates on drills.

The Ladies Auxiliary (Kathy Schmidt) gave their report. The dinner in August for the company meeting will be hosted by the ladies. They are also looking to host some fundraisers to support the scholarship fund.

President Iorio gave the Building Use Report for February 2014. There were two rentals for revenue of \$550, and a total profit of \$215. Chuck Rossbach makes a motion, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Linda Cook gives the March Pizza Night P&L Report. Total profit for the last Pizza Night of the Season was \$1,278.71, with \$319.70 going to the Ladies Auxiliary. President Iorio thanks Linda and the crew for all of their hard work.

RP Smith gives a Main Station House Committee Report. He states that a light in the members room needs repair and quotes will be forthcoming.

Rick Williams gives the Park Station House Committee Report. He states that \$800.00 in new thermostats were installed in the truck bays due to people cranking the heat as high as it will go. He also reminded members that the gear dryer is for gear, not for towels and mats. He also noted that a beer tapper downstairs was broken, and incidents such as these need to be reported so they can be fixed. President Iorio points out that over \$10,000 went to National Grid last month for electricity, so please conserve.

Tom Chesser gives the Fish Fry night report. The dates are March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11, and April 18 (Good Friday). There will be a work detail Wednesday evening for food prep and Thursday evening for set up. Tom asks people to set tables up immediately following the meeting.

Tom Whittemore reports on the website. He is looking for volunteers to write stories to go with the pictures at incidents, and he also points out that the BOPs are on the members only area.

Tom Chesser states there is no report for the Constitution & By-Law changes.

Marty Miller gives his Archives report. He is looking for memorabilia for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

David A. Cook gives a Membership Committee report. He is looking to make a motion to have Patty Wade added back in as a Social Member. President Iorio states he would need to make sure that Patty was an active member for 2 years before being allowed to be social. Membership Secretary Madore states that she was active for over 2 years. David A. Cook makes a motion, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to move Patty Wade back into the Social rolls. The motion carries.

There was one proposal for membership. Russell Robinson, of 20 Troy Road, is seeking Active Membership in the Company. This proposal was tabled for one month.

Rob Kanaly, of Elliot Road, was up for election for membership after being tabled in February. A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept Rob into our Company. A discussion followed. After a few minutes of debate, Rob was elected into membership.

Trevor Moffit, of Janine Drive, was up for election for membership. A motion was made by Nick Liuzzi, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to accept Trevor into our Company. The motion carried.

Robert Hepp was up for his six month probationary review. A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept Robert as a full-fledged member. The motion carries.

Nicholas Ingham was up for his six month probationary review. Nobody has seen this individual for at least five months. A motion was made by Mike Benson Jr., seconded by Tom Gullo, to remove Nicholas from the rolls. The motion carries.

President Iorio stated that the Executive Board met on March 4 and appointed Mike Stafford as Banquet Manager for the remainder of 2014. A motion was made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Mike Benson Sr., to accept this nomination. The motion carries.

President Iorio states that he, along with VP Benson Jr. and Mike Stafford, interviewed three (3) candidates for the position of Assistant Banquet Manager. The Executive Board met immediately prior to this company meeting to nominate Linda Cook to the position of Assistant Banquet Manager. A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this nomination. The motion carries.

George Lovely has submitted a letter to return to Active status. A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to accept this status change. The motion carries.

President Iorio states that his driver's side mirror on his car was fixed after the incident on March 4. He is looking to see if anybody has information on this.

A letter was received by the S.W. Pitts Hose Company (Latham Fire) seeking an endorsement of Fred Pettingell for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the HVVFA. David A Cook points out that Fred was a member of Defreestville for a while. Pete Lehmann inquires as to what other position we have written a letter of support for this year. Recording Secretary Tooker replies that it was for a Director's position. Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Kris Raymond, to write a letter of support. The motion carries.

The Mahopac Fire Department has sent us a personal letter, asking us to be in their parade in August. We declined once already. Pete Lehmann requests that the Recording Secretary send the Mahopac Fire Department a letter respectfully declining their request.

The Suburban Council Coaches v. Cancer organization (led by Niskayuna HS) has requested a donation for their fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Last year, we gave \$25.00. A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Kris Raymond, to donate \$50.00. The motion carries.

RP Smith points out that some damage was done in the coat room at the Park Station and it should be fixed.

Chris Dick states that next week's drill will begin at 6pm with pizza and wings provided by Dominion Gas, with a seminar at 7pm.

Bob Lehmann states that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15 at the Park Station. He is looking for ideas.

Chris Linck passes on the gratitude from Schodack Valley FD for the assistance with a memorial service last week.

Bob Lehmann states that the money for hotel rooms in Lake George for the convention is due on April 15 at the Company Meeting. Also, uniforms will be coming in soon!

Tonight's 50/50 is \$74.00.  
The winner is Dave Smith.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn.  
The meeting is adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary