

East Greenbush Fire Company Annual Company Meeting & Company Elections December 16, 2014

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by President Marc Iorio. (There was an alarm for an odor of natural gas near Exit 9 of I-90 at 6:45 pm.)

Rich Hendrik (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. 68 members were present for tonight's meeting.

President Iorio stated that the November meeting minutes were sent out on November 20. A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

President Iorio stated that the Chief's Election meeting minutes were sent out on December 7. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes at posted. The motion carries.

Nancy Baker gave the Financial Secretary's report for both October and November.

Checks over \$500 were written in October to Otis Elevator, Visa, Eastern Heating and Cooling, Offshore Pier, Tim Boel, Hewitt's, Monolith Solar, Ed Wallace, National Grid, Verizon, Strikes and Spares, Rosen's Uniforms, Dignum and Bame, and Curtis Printing.

Checks over \$500 were written in November to Visa, National Grid, Tri-City Valley Cats, Mike Stafford, Bill Tighe, Glendale, Verizon, and Rensselaer Banquets.

A motion was made by Tracy Britt, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report as read. The motion carries.

President Iorio gave the Visa Card report.

Purchases over \$200 were made at Restaurant Depot and Pellegrino Importing. A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept the report as read. The motion carries.

Paul Benson gave the Treasurer's report.

Total income for the month of November was \$15,530.13.

Total expenses for the month of November were \$16,448.57.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Mike Lansing, to accept the report as read.

The motion carries.

Nick Madore gives his annual Membership Secretary's Report.

A motion is made by Rich Edberg, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the report as read.

The motion carries.

Recording Secretary Tooker reads various communications.

Some will be acted upon later on in the Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Kevin) gives a brief report.

He thanks the members for their service and for their support in his years as Chief and Assistant Chief. Tim Boel reminds Kevin that he no longer has to march in the back of the line and welcomes him into the Past Chief's ranks.

Car 2 (Bob) gives his report.

He wishes those running for the various offices this evening the best of luck.

Car 3 (Chris) gives his report.

He discussed the truck committee and thanks the members for their service.

Car 4 (Jeff) gives his report.

He thanks the members for their service and reminds everybody that a FF 1 class will begin January 8 at our station.

Emily Proulx gives a report from the Ladies Auxiliary.

They are still selling Hoffman's Car Wash tickets.

President Iorio gives the Building Use report for November 2014.

A motion was made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

There are no reports from the House Committees.

Mike Benson Sr. gives the Pizza Night Report.

The total profit for the night was \$140.86.

He states that there was issue with the wings that were ordered.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept the report.

The motion carries.

Chris Dick discussed the issues surrounding the Annual Dinner.

Rick Williams recommends taxis for next year.

Mike Benson Jr. discussed the 99th Annual Installation Banquet, slated for January 24, 2015. Cost is \$15/member, \$20/guest. Cocktails will be at 5pm, and dinner will be served at 6pm. Checks need to be in to VP Benson by January 13.

Jeff Tooker discusses the Member's Christmas Party.

The kids party will be at 2pm, and the adults party will be at 6pm.

Tim Boel reports on the Explorer Post 11.

They are looking for more people to join.

President Iorio gave a report regarding the Paint and Sip Fundraiser.

He stated that with a fundraiser with only six members working, we raised about \$1000.00.

Ed McCabe discussed the Member's Social Hour held in December.

They had about 20 people present.

The next one will be during the third week in January.

There are no proposals for membership.

An application was received last month from Courtney Unser for the Explorer Post 11.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept this application.

The motion carries.

An application was received last month from Nick Stockman for Active Membership. A motion was made by Mike Benson Jr., seconded by Bill Sigsby, to accept this application. The motion carries.

An application was received last month by Paul Wells for Active Membership. A motion was made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Mike Lansing, to accept this application. The motion carries.

Justin Plumley is brought to the floor for his six-month Probationary Review.

A discussion ensues regarding his ability to serve as an Active Firefighter.

A motion is made by Chris Dick, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to table his Probationary Review for 1 month, thus keeping him a Probationary member. The motion carries.

A motion is made by Rich Edberg, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to remove Kyle Weaver from the rolls. The motion carries.

Nelson Williams and President Iorio give a report about the work being done in the Banquet Hall.

President Iorio discusses the snowplowing bid for the Park Station. It is for \$3,500 for Mike Stafford. A motion is made by Nick Goyer, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the Executive Board's recommendation for the bid. The motion carries.

George Forgea gives a thank you from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

President Iorio reads a request from Jim Condo at the East Greenbush Police Department to use the training room downstairs for Saturday 4/18 and Saturday 4/25, as well as for Friday 3/6 and 3/20.

Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion, seconded by Rick Williams, to install three (3) cameras for use at the Park Station for 2015. A discussion ensues.

Bill Sigsby points out that we need 4 cameras – cameras need to be looking at one another.

Kevin Hitchcock asks about cameras at the Main and the North Stations.

Paul Benson states that money will need to come in to cover the costs.

Mike Benson Sr. agrees to rescind his motion until January's meeting to let Bill Sigsby come back with prices.

David A. Cook states that a Chief's trumpet has gone missing from the Main Station.

Mike Lansing states that he has it in his possession and was cleaning it.

President Iorio reads the ballot for Executive Officers.

President - Marc Iorio

Vice President - Mike Benson, Jr.

Recording Secretary – Jeff Tooker

Treasurer - Paul Benson

Financial Secretary - Chris Cargain

Sergeant at Arms - Rich Hendrick

This is an uncontested slate of candidates.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to close nominations and have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates. The motion carries.

There is a contested election for the two (2) Board of Directors positions.

President Iorio has reported that Creig Cullum has withdrawn his name from consideration.

George Forgea rises and removes his name from consideration.

That leaves two (2) candidates - Marty Miller and Tom White.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Alger, to close nominations and have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates. The motion carries.

There is a contested election for Membership Secretary.

President Iorio asks Pete Lehmann to act as Chief Teller for the evening, and the current Chiefs will act as Tellers. A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to close nominations.

The motion carries, and the ballots are cast.

Joe Lacivita is elected as the Membership Secretary for 2015.

President Iorio reads the ballot for Fire Police elections.

Captain - Tom Whittemore

Lieutenants (three positions) - Joe Lacivita, Nelson Williams, and Mike Memole.

This is an uncontested slate of candidates.

A motion is made by Chris Dick, seconded by Tom Gullo, to close nominations and have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates. The motion carries.

President Iorio reads the ballot for Captains.

Greg Forgea's name was removed due to his election as 3rd Assistant Chief for 2015.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by George Forgea, to close nominations. The motion carries. Ballots are cast. A motion to close balloting was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Dan Reyner. The motion carries.

The Captains for 2015 are Mike Benson, Jr., Chris Cargain, Anthony Proulx, Ed Wallace, and Josh Witko.

President Iorio reads the ballot for Lieutenants.

Ed Wallace and Josh Witko are removed, as they were just elected Lieutenant.

This leaves Mark Becker, Todd Cullum, Marc Iorio, Mike Lansing, and Luke Palmer.

This is an uncontested slate of candidates.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Elwin Michel, to close nominations and have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates. The motion carries.

President Iorio read the ballot for Foremen.

Ed Wallace and Luke Palmer are removed from the ballot, as they have been elected for other offices. George Forgea requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Alger, to close nominations and commence balloting. The motion carries.

Ballots are cast.

The Foremen for 2015 are Nick Field, Rich Hendrick, Bill Sigsby, RP Smith, and Joe Winnicki.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to appoint Tim Boel the HVVFA Convention Delegate, with Chuck Hellmuth as the alternate. The motion carries.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Tim Boel, to appoint Mike Benson, Jr. as the Hudson Mohawk delegate, with Nick Madore as the alternate. The motion carries.

Bob Lehmann states that he has winter hats for sale.

Kevin Hitchcock thanks Joe Lacivita for his service as Fire Police Captain.

Mike Benson Sr. thanks Nancy Baker for her service as Financial Secretary.

A letter was received by the West Glens Falls Fire Company, seeking an endorsement for Chris Kilmartin as a Director for the HVVFA. Pete Lehmann states that he is a friend of the EGFD. A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Tim Boel, to write a letter of support. The motion carries.

Nelson Williams is the winner of tonight's 50/50.

A motion is made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker Recording Secretary