



**East Greenbush Fire Company
February Company Meeting
February 17, 2015**

The February Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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.

Acting Recording Secretary Benson Sr. called the rolls. 58 members were in attendance.

President Iorio stated that the February meeting minutes were sent out on February 1. A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept these minutes. The motion carries.

The January Executive Board meeting minutes were sent out on February 1. A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Mike Memole, to accept these minutes. The motion carries.

The January Review Board meeting minutes were sent out on February 1. A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept these minutes. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

Checks over \$500 were written to Hewitt's Contracting, National Grid, Verizon, Monolith Solar, Mark Becker, East Greenbush Little League, and the Town of East Greenbush.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Tom Gullo, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

President Iorio gives the Visa card report.

Charges over \$200.00 were made to Casey's, Restaurant Depot, and Paolo Lombardi's.

A redemption credit was also made for \$1,074.03.

A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Luke Palmer, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month was \$3,960.48, and total expenses were \$17,420.54.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Acting Recording Secretary Benson Sr. reads the communications.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

Utility 11 is to be used by the Fire Police to respond on the very cold days.

It will stage for I-90 by Exit 10.

Blue lights are back – interested people need to fill out an application.

There is an equipment replacement and replenishment form – if you are missing equipment, fill out the form and return to your station chief.

There have been 36 calls to date.

Engine 7's generator is out of service. Engine 7 has a portable generator.

CHFD is holding a Fire Officer 1 class Mondays and Wednesdays.

There is a new hotel on Temple Lane in the planning process. There is construction continuing on the North end of town; perhaps a Hampton Inn.

Anytime there is a gathering/training at the Park Station – Engine 9 will handle the call for service.

All truck CO detectors have been repaired.

The text message system was down in January.

Dress warm and be safe.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

He reports that he is going to South Dakota tomorrow for the final inspection on the truck.

Engine 7 needs to be cleaned, as some potential buyers are coming to look at it on Saturday.

Engine 9 will be going OOS at some point for paint repairs.

Captain Benson Jr. has revised the Driver Training for 2015 – it is under review.

Station Captains will be responsible for driver training.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) is absent this evening at a work commitment.

Car 1 reports on his behalf that OSHA make ups will take place in March.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

He thanks the members for their help with the recent pileups on I-90.

He reports that many hydrants have been opened in District # 3 and in the Schodack Protection District.

Lieutenant Lansing reports that tools have been purchased for the Main Station.

Foreman RP Smith reports that the drains on Engine 7 and Rescue 11 need to be drained after calls.

Kathy Schmidt gave a report on the Ladies Auxiliary.

The ladies will be donating books to children.

President Iorio gives the Building Use Report for January 2015.

A profit of \$765.00 was made for the month.

The Park Station House Committee reports that the sidewalks need to be cleared after snowstorms.

The North Station House Committee reports that the areas need to be cleaned up after use.

The Main Station House Committee asks when BFI is coming for trash.

A report was given for January's Pizza Night – they made a profit of \$573.09.
President Iorio thanks Dan Reyner and Nick Liuzzi for their efforts.

President Iorio gives the final P&L report for the November Paint and Sip.
A total of \$1,282.42 was made as profit.
A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Dan Reyner, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

Tom Chesser reports that Fish Fry nights are on 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, and 4/3.
They start at 4:30 and end at 7:30.

Greg Forgea gives a Convention Committee report.
Deposits for the hotel are due tonight. The final payment is due at the May meeting.

Tim Boel gives an Explorer Post 11 report.
Three members have moved up. Tim Boel reports that there are four youths that want to join as explorers but not old enough to be explorers, and would like the body to consider them as junior members in lieu of the explorer club status.
A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Lansing, to give the people who don't meet the qualifications for the Explorer Club to meet Junior Member status.
The motion carries.

The Security Committee gives their report.
The company would like to put three cameras into use.
The first camera will be on the trophy case / and facing outside from the hallway.
The second camera will be outside on the overhang.
The third camera will be downstairs facing the lounge.
The cameras will be tied into the District system, but with separate controls.
The committee would like to allocate no more than \$1,200 for this endeavor.
The fire company would manage the cameras through the Board of Directors and Board of Fire Commissioners.
The goal of this camera installation is to protect the Fire Company assets.
A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept this report and allocate the \$1,200.
The motion carries.

Vice President Benson Jr. gives an Installation Banquet report.
\$9,000 was spent – a \$3,000 savings – for 104 attendees.

Past President / Past Chief Benson Sr. installed the members who were not in attendance at the Installation Banquet in January.

President Iorio and Vice President Benson Jr. gave the President's Award to Jim Trimmer.

Chief Lehmann gives Kevin Hitchcock his Chief's award.

Jon Knapp's application was on the table to be approved.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Dave Cook, to accept this member into Probationary Membership.

The motion carries, and Jon Knapp was sworn in.

Ken Brown was brought up for his six-month probationary status.

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to move Ken Brown to Full Active Status.

The motion carries.

Nate Zimans was brought up for Junior Membership. This was tabled for one month.

Jack Backman-Grottoli was brought up for Explorer Membership. This was tabled for one month.

Resolution # 3 of 2015 (Job Postings) was up for a vote.

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Nick Madore, to approve this resolution.

The motion carries.

Resolution # 4 of 2015 (Committee List) was up for a vote.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to approve this resolution.

The motion carries.

President Iorio recognizes Jim Alcombright and his wife for cooking the chili and serving the chili for the Brown's Chili Cookoff on February 7.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., and was seconded by Jim Trimmer, to adopt a paper recycling program. The motion carries.

Tom Chesser reports on the worn-down treads on the Park Station stairs.

He holds a quote for \$4,000 to replace all of the treads. He will report back in March.

The North Station project will begin on May 1.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Tom Gullo, to hold an Explorer Fund Raiser on Sunday, May 3. This will be the hosting of a Boy Scout dinner.

Joe Lacivita requests a motion to place Mark Becker on military leave.

Mike Memole is looking to gather information from the Texas Roadhouse for a Dine and Donate.

A letter was received from the Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Association, soliciting a letter of support for Paul O'Brien for President of the HVVFA.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to send a letter of support for this candidate. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Tom Gullo, to send \$50 to Ernie Tubbs for the Stair Climb Fundraiser. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Linck, to sponsor a ½ page ad in the HVVFA Ad Book for the 2015 Convention. The motion carries.

Tonight's 50/50 winner was Kevin Hitchcock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary

(Special thanks to Past President / Past Chief Benson Sr. for covering for me tonight!)