



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
August 18, 2015**

The August Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Iorio, in the Pavilion.

Dave Chestnut (Acting 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. 54 members were in attendance.

President Iorio turned the meeting over to the chairman of the Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship Committee, Peter Lehmann, for the Scholarship Award presentation. Pete Lehmann presents Emily Dick with a check for \$500.00. Pete tells the members that Emily is off to Worcester College in the next week or two and had one of the best scholarship packages that the committee has ever seen.

President Iorio asked for a motion to accept the July company meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

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A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Mike Forgea, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

President Iorio asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Executive Board meeting in July.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

Checks over \$500 were written to Otis Elevator, National Grid, Visa Card, Dignum and Bame, Utica National, Michael Stafford, Verizon, Glendale, and Eastern Heating and Cooling.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Bob Falls Sr., to accept this report.

Tom Whittemore inquired as to what company Utica National represented.

Chris Linck responded that it was the new insurance carrier.

The motion carries.

President Iorio gives the Visa card report.

Charges over \$200 went to the Pot Belly Deli, Lowe's, and Giffy's BBQ.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of July was \$48,800.09.

Total expenses were \$51,763.97.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read various communications and bills.

The family of Wray Tibbitts Sr. thanked us for the flowers.

Other letters will be acted on during Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gave his report.

- If you have an issue with your gear (missing, broken, etc.) – fill out the form that is located in the mailroom at the Park Station and leave it for him.

- The FAST class started tonight here at HQ.

- On Saturday 9/26, there will be a Schodack Chief's Picnic at the Schodack Landing FD.

- On Saturday 9/12, we are attending the Greene County Fire Dept Parade. The step off in Palenville is at 2pm.

- Engine 9 is out right now for preventative maintenance.

- Thank you to Bob Falls Sr. for his years of service – Bob is moving out of state.

- October is approaching – Fire Prevention month – more TBA

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gave his report.

- Thank you to the members for making it to calls.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) had no report.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) was at the CO call on Troy Road with Engine 7's crew.

Jim Pendolino reports that there is an original and a refresher EMT-B class starting at RPI on 8/31.

Jim Trimmer reports that he is now in charge of the bar at the Park Station and the Banquet Hall Clean-up duties. He is looking to start a new list of people who want to bartend and/or clean up. See Jim for the sheets after the meeting.

Chris Linck asks Jim if there is going to be a TIPS class soon.

President Iorio states that there will be one in the early fall.

President Iorio gives the building use report.

Total profit for the month of July was \$4676.02.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Tim Boel reports that the contractor that was supposed to replace the North Station roof was fired.

RP Smith asks the President as to the status of the grills that were approved at the July meeting.
Bob Lehmann states that the grills will be purchased ASAP.

Jeff Tooker reports that the Golf Outing is on October 4 and it is an "all hands" event.
More to follow at the September Company meeting.

Nelson Williams states that he and Dave Chesnut found cracks in the Park Station lot that need to be filled. He asks the President if there was a possibility of having the company return to walk the lot prior to striping the lot.

Bob Lehmann reports that copies of the 100th anniversary budget are located downstairs in the Park Station Mail Room.

Mike Benson Sr reports that Pizza Night will resume on Saturday, September 12.
Workers will start around noon prepping the food.

Mike Benson Sr reports that Life Members Day will be on Sunday, September 20 at the Pavilion.

Jon Knapp is brought up on his six-month probationary status.
On a motion by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Chris Linck, Jon is to be moved to full member status.
The motion carries.

President Iorio addressed the Park Station video camera issues.
He stated that he went to the Board of Fire Commissioners (at their August meeting) with a letter of concern from the Fire Company regarding the cameras.
He read that letter to the Company, and he also read the response from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Rich Edberg asks why both the video and audio were shut off when only the audio was requested to be shut off.

Matt Sullivan asks why the company will be held liable per the fire commissioners.

Nelson Williams makes a motion, seconded by Rich Edberg, to have the President follow up with a letter that states that the Fire Company will not agree to the liability issues as stated by the Fire District.
The motion carries.

Chris Cargain expresses his displeasure with all of the letter writing.

Chris Linck explains the issues surrounding the damaged or missing equipment.
He states that he ordered the audio shut off on January 8, 2015.
He states the audio and video have been encrypted.

Matt Sullivan inquires as to whether or not the video and audio is still accessible via a FOIL request.

Chris Linck states that a FOIL request would have to be justified and that audio and video would have to be considered as part of this request.

President Iorio questioned whether or not audio was legal.
Matt Sullivan explained “one party consent”.

Matt Sullivan asked again as to why all of the cameras have been shut off.
Ed McCabe states that people have refused to drill at the Park Station.

Mike Benson Sr states that he originally made the motion because gear went missing.
He states that people have asked him about the cameras and now they are shut off.

Nick Madore asks about cameras being placed in the Main Station and the North Station.

Chris Dick states that he is addressing the issue as the Park Station chief.

Joe Winnicki suggests that we replace the cameras with audio-less cameras.

Tim Boel discusses the cameras and the importance of acting like adults.

Jim Trimmer suggests an email to the Board of Fire Commissioners to settle everybody down.

President Iorio ends the discussion by stating he will draft a letter to the Fire Commissioners expressing the Company’s concern over the liability of gear being damaged/missing, etc.

Bob Falls Sr. is requesting a move to Social member status due to a move out of New York state.
A motion is made by RP Smith, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to move Bob to Social status.
The motion carries.

Tim Boel asks how many years Bob has in the Company. It is about 12-13 years.
Tim Boel makes a motion, seconded by RP Smith, to award Bob Falls Life Membership Status.
The motion carries.

There is an open seat on the Board of Directors.
One letter was received – Mike Forgea is interested in the spot.
A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Mike Forgea.
The motion carries.

Bob Lehmann discusses the need for an air conditioning unit for the computer server room at the Park Station. He makes a motion to have the Fire Company spend \$5,000 and the Fire District will match that \$5,000 to have a unit installed in that room.
The motion is seconded by Rich Edberg.
A discussion ensues, and the motion is carried.

Jeff Tooker has a request from the East Greenbush CSD to use the Park Station as one of the pre-designated media sites for the new, required State Education Department / State Police school safety plans. This would only be for emergencies. A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Jim Trimmer.
The motion carries.

HVVFA Day at their Nursing Home is on 9/26. They are looking for financial support.
A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Tim Boel, to send them \$100.
The motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr is looking to have our softball team play in the Witko Softball Tournament on 10/3.
The cost is \$225.00. A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to sponsor our team.
The motion carries.

President Iorio states that the tickets for the Valley Cats will be at the will call window on 8/25.
Sign ups are due at the end of the meeting.

Chris Linck makes a motion to have a meeting of the Association of Fire Districts at our Park Station at some point in the fall. The motion is seconded by Jill Kaufman. The motion carries.

Tonight's 50/50 winner for \$51 is Joe Winnicki.

A motion was made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Alger, to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary