



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Monthly Company Meeting
November 17, 2015**

The November Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by President Iorio, in the Banquet Hall.

Rich Hendrick (Sgt at Arms) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for our departed members. Tonight's moment of silence also recognizes the recent passing of Coeymans Past Chief Rob Prior, who passed in a car accident recently.

Recording Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 48 members were in attendance.

President Iorio stated that the meeting minutes for October were distributed.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to accept the minutes as posted.

The motion carries.

President Iorio states that there was a joint Executive Board / Long Range Planning Committee meeting on November 10, and those minutes were distributed.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Lansing, to accept the minutes as posted.

The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

Checks over \$500 were written to Otis Elevator, First Niagara, Winding Brook Country Club, Chase Card Service, National Grid, Verizon, Monolith Solar, Coyne Electric, Curtis Printing, and JCB Specialties.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

President Iorio gives the Visa card report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Staples, Hannaford, Thompson Cigar, 4Imprint, WalMart, Thruway, Empire Wine and Spirits, and Restaurant Depot.

A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month was \$20,514.29. Total expenses for the month were \$42,482.33.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Recording Secretary Tooker reads various communications and bills.

It is noted that a gentleman from Bloomingdale Avenue, who was assisted by the crew from Engine 7, donated \$300 cash in a thank you note to the firehouse.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- * Engine 9 is back at the Park Station, but it remains out of service due to the paint issue.
- * Engine 7 has items (like the diesel engine) that need to be looked at. Fuel mileage is an issue.
- * The Technology Committee is meeting and will report back on technology items, such as IAmResponding.
- * The website shows pictures of members not wearing vests and/or gloves. Please wear these when appropriate.
- * The Pub Ed program is now complete for the year. Thanks to those who assisted.
- * Truck 11 Committee is working towards a new Truck 11.
- * The grills have arrived!

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- * He thanks the members for coming to calls.
- * There is and FDNY Hockey game coming to town. Details to follow.
- * Engine 8 needs to get to Sunnyside Garage for a battery repair.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- * He reminds the members of how fire alarms can turn into actual fire calls, as evidenced by the call last evening at Evergreen Commons.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- * He discussed the various new construction projects around the town.

RP Smith reminded members to utilize the after-use forms for the SCBA.

Also, he reminded us of the adapters on the front of Engine 7 need to be moved counterclockwise.

Greg Forgea reminded those who washed their cars in the bay to close the door so that leaves and other debris remain out of the bay.

President Iorio gives the Building Use Report for October.

Total income for the month of October was \$3,416.00.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Mike Benson Sr gives the Pizza Night report for November

A total profit of \$747.86 was recorded.

Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr reported that Zachary's Pastry Shoppe donated cookies and that \$96 was raised for the Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship Fund. A cake was also donated for the same reason in September.

He points out that people come support our fundraisers for the hard work that we do on the streets.

He thanks Kathy Miller, who is stepping aside from her dining room service at the Pizza Nights.

He also recognized Ed Wallace, who took care of a serviceman (who was in uniform) and his dinner.

The Golf Outing Committee will have a P&L statement by the December meeting, as money is still coming in, according to Chief Lehmann.

A/C Dick reports that the Annual Dinner is scheduled for December 4.

Cocktails will be served at 6pm, and dinner will be served at 7pm.

President Iorio asks the members to refrain from trying to flush items down the toilets and urinals.

Chris Dick requested cleaners for the event.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to have a special meeting of the East Greenbush Fire Company on January 7, 2016 to commemorate our 100th Anniversary.

The motion carries.

Jeff Tooker reports that more information will be available at the December company meeting regarding the meeting location and food that evening.

President Iorio reports that the Paint and Sip on November 12 brought in \$963.68 in income and another \$181.00 at the bar.

Vice President Benson Jr reports that the 100th Annual Installation Dinner is slated for January 30. Information will be emailed.

President Iorio reports that the children's Christmas Party will be on 12/19 at 2pm and the adult/members party will be at 6pm. Both parties will be at the Park Station.

President Iorio states that the by-law changes will be pulled and revisited for the March company meeting. He thanks Joe Lacivita for all of his hard work on the project, but some more changes are needed. Chief Lehmann discusses the differences between the company and the district and the language that is used.

President Iorio reports that there are three (3) applications at the front table for consideration.

John "Jack" Geary of Pointview Drive is applying for active membership.

Jack is a full time dispatcher with the East Greenbush PD.

Nate Ziman of Phillips Road is applying for active membership.

Nate is currently a junior at Columbia HS, and is an explorer. He turns 17 in December.

Gina Pendolino, of Troy Road, is applying for Code 100 membership.

President Iorio reports that Pat Knappek of 206 Park Drive is up for a vote into active membership.

Chief Lehmann reports that he has a P.O. Box in East Greenbush, and Mike Benson Jr voices his support for his active membership.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Nick Madore, to accept Pat Knappek into the company as an active member.

A lengthy discussion ensues regarding the membership of somebody who doesn't live in the fire district.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Nelson Williams, to move the previous question and force a vote. The motion carries.

A vote is taken. Pat Knappek is voted in as a member of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

A letter was received by Mike Memole, requesting the use of the Park Station to conduct a drill that would last 4-5 hours for the state emergency plans.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to approve this request.

A lengthy discussion ensues, with some members objecting due to Cuomo being governor at this time. The motion failed.

Chris Bertrand (on the Social Rolls) wrote a letter to return to active membership.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Benson Jr., to return Chris to the active rolls.

The motion carries.

Paul VanWormer (on the Social Rolls) wrote a letter to return to active membership in the Fire Police.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Nelson Williams, to return Paul to the active rolls.

The motion carries.

George Lovely III has been deficient in points and the Review Board has recommended action be taken on George. Our by-laws state that if a member doesn't make their points, they are to be placed on probationary status for no less than three, but no longer than six months.

On a motion by Nick Madore, and a second by Nick Liuzzi, George Lovely III is to be placed on probationary status and a letter will be sent.

President Iorio reports that snow removal bids are due by 12/15 at 6:00 pm.

President Iorio stated that he and Chief Lehmann met with representatives from the Greenbush Reformed Church regarding the sale of 682 and 684 Columbia Turnpike.

Mike Benson Sr elaborates on the details as a representative of the Long Range Planning Committee.

He states the Elders of the church are looking to see if we have any interest in this, and that their membership isn't really aware of these details yet.

He states that 684 Columbia Turnpike isn't really of use to us, but 682 Columbia Turnpike is.

Mike Lansing states that it is a good property to use for training.

Mike Benson Sr states that nobody really wants to live next to the firehouse.

Tim Boel makes a motion, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to authorize the President to offer \$120,000 for the property.

President Iorio states that \$120,000 may not cut it, as the assessed value is much higher.

Tim Boel states that \$120,000 is a good starting point.

Mike Benson Sr states that \$135,000 may be a better starting point.

Tim Boel amends his motion to have the President work between \$130,000 and \$150,000.

This motion is seconded by Nick Field.

Nick Madore states that they came to us as good neighbors and we should work with them.

Mike Benson Sr states that the fair market value is around \$167,000.

Tom Gullo inquires as to where the money is to purchase this property.

Mike Benson Sr states that we have lots of equity.

Tim Boel states that there are IDA loans and/or First Niagara loans available.

Tom Chesser points out that any agreement must come back to the company.

President Iorio calls for a vote, and the motion carries.

Bob Lehmann points out that we must keep this information confidential.

Greg Forgea requests funding for the Adopt-A-Family from the Genet Elementary School.
He is requesting \$300.

Greg's motion is seconded by Tim Boel.

The motion carries.

Nick Madore brings up that we should consider sponsoring another local family.

He made a motion to spend \$300. There was no second to this motion.

There was a reading of those who owe dues for 2015.

Those members are Paul Wells, George Lovely III, Nick Stockman, Mark Becker, David Schilling, Justin Plumley, Josh Witko, Kris Raymond, Eric Long, Ty Harrington, Bob Fish, and Glen Cook. These members must pay their dues or will be ineligible to vote in Chief's Elections or the Company Elections.

Mike Benson Jr. points out that Mark Becker is due to arrive home in December.

Tim Boel makes a motion, seconded by Mike Lansing, to donate \$100 to get Mark Becker some last additional calling card minutes until he arrives home to see his family.

The motion carries.

President Iorio reads a letter from the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fire District.

They are requesting that the company hold Chief's Elections on Thursday, December 3 at 7pm at HQ.

President Iorio reads the letters for those who are interested in running for Chief in 2016.

Bob Lehmann submitted a letter for Chief Engineer, 1st Assistant Chief Engineer, and 2nd Assistant Chief Engineer.

Chris Dick submitted a letter for 1st Assistant Chief Engineer.

Jeff Tooker submitted a letter for 1st Assistant Chief Engineer, 2nd Assistant Chief Engineer, and 3rd Assistant Chief Engineer.

Greg Forgea submitted a letter for 2nd Assistant Chief Engineer and 3rd Assistant Chief Engineer.

President Iorio asks if there are any additional letters.

There were none presented.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Tom Gullo, to close the nominations for Chief and Assistant Chief.

The motion carries.

President Iorio reminds the membership that there are Commissioner elections on December 8 from 6pm to 9pm at Headquarters.

President Iorio reads the Nominating Committee Reports from the three stations:

North Station:

Treasurer: Paul Benson

Financial Secretary: Christopher Cargain

Captain: Lucas Palmer, Matthew Sullivan, Christopher Cargain

Lieutenant: Lucas Palmer, Matthew Sullivan, Christopher Cargain, Nicholas Liuzzi

Foreman: Nicholas Field, Joseph Winnicki, Matthew Sullivan

Park Station:

Captain:	Marc Iorio
Lieutenant:	Marc Iorio
Foreman:	Rich Hendrick
Fire Police Lieutenant:	Mike Memole
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Rich Hendrick
Board of Directors:	Mike Memole, David A. Cook

Main Station:

Vice President:	Mike Benson Jr.
Recording Secretary:	Jeff Tooker
Board of Directors:	David A. Cook, Chuck Rossbach
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Rob Kanaly
Membership Secretary:	Joe Lacivita
Captain:	Mike Benson Jr., Anthony Proulx
Lieutenant:	Mike Lansing, Mark Becker
Foreman:	RP Smith, Bill Sigsby
Fire Police Captain:	Tom Whittemore
Fire Police Lieutenant:	Joe Lacivita, Nelson Williams

President Iorio states that the ballot box will be in the radio room and available for anyone who wishes to run for office and didn't make it onto the nominating committee report until 8:59 pm on Tuesday, December 8.

A letter was received from the Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department, seeking letters of support for Kathie Wood for the office of Director in the HVVFA.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Tim Boel, to submit a letter of support.
The motion carries.

A letter was received by the White Sulfur Springs Fire Department, seeking letters of support for Tom Totten for First Vice President of the HVVFA.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Mike Lansing, to submit a letter of support.
The motion carries.

RP Smith requests that we look into replacing the cracked tiles in the Banquet Hall.
RP will be tasked with getting quotes.

Tonight's 50/50 winner is our new member, Pat Knappek.

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary