



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Monthly Company Meeting
December 15, 2015**

The December Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Iorio, in the Banquet Hall.

A Pledge to the Flag was led by our Sergeant at Arms, Rich Hendrick.
A moment of silence was held for our departed members.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. At the time of the roll call, 58 members were in attendance.
Attendance will be rechecked for voting purposes later on during the meeting.

Vice President Benson Jr. reports that Mark Becker is back in the United States and is currently located in Texas. They are working to get him home for Christmas, but the closest airport may be in Rhode Island. More details will be forthcoming.

President Iorio stated that the November meeting minutes were sent out on November 28.
A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept the minutes as posted.
The motion carries.

President Iorio states that the Chief's Election minutes were sent out on December 6.
A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Luke Palmer, to accept the minutes as posted.
The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.
Checks over \$500 were written to Eastern Heating and Cooling, Chase Visa Card, Empire Merchants, Bob Lehmann (for Chief's Account), Mike Stafford, Verizon, and National Grid.
A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report.
The motion carries.

President Iorio gives the Visa Card report.
Charges over \$200 were made at Dinosaur BBQ (Park Social), Saratoga Paint and Sip, Price Chopper, Boscov's, Pellegrino Importing, and Restaurant Depot.
A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of November is \$15,943.10.

Total expenses for the month of November are \$32,833.39.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Membership Secretary Joe Lacivita gives his report.

A list of members in the arrears for dues was read, and those members in attendance this evening were reminded to see Joe before voting begins to be eligible to vote.

A motion to accept the report was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Nelson Williams.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read the various communications, which consisted mainly of Christmas cards.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gave his report.

- Many people have made their minimum requirement for calls this year, but if you haven't, please show up!
- The AED pads have been replaced on the apparatus.
- Good job to the crews at the trailer fire behind the Hannaford plaza.
- The Board of Fire Commissioners approved a purchase of a Bullex Fire Extinguisher Training System that will hopefully be here soon.
- Truck 11 passed the aerial inspection.
- There is construction on the Route 4 / Exit 9 / Tempel Lane area.
- Congrats to those to passed FF 1 last night.
- Hannaford Plaza is working on fixing the Knox Box issues.
- The Regeneron Project on Tempel Lane will be primarily in District # 1 (CHFD).
- An overview of the year was given.

President Iorio recognized Josh Witko in attendance this evening as a new officer for the East Greenbush Police Department.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gave his report.

- Thanks to the Truck Committee for all the help during 2015.
- Thanks to the Park Station for assisting.
- Please shave your beards for SCBA purposes.
- He recognized Paul Wells, Robert Kanaly, and Jill Kaufman for their FF 1 graduation.
- He also relayed the fact that FF Kaufman earned a score of 100% in the FF 1 class, which is believed to be the first one in NYS.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- Thanks to the Main Station officers who handle 95% of the issues internally at the Main Station, making Car 3's job a whole lot easier.
- Nick Peter offered his gratitude to the men who showed up to assist with his burst pipe the other evening.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gave his report.

- Thanks to all who have shown up during the past year.
- There is a solar project being installed at Target.
- Riverside Auto Parts is being re-occupied.
- 44 Troy Road will now be a business.

President Iorio gives the Building Use report for November 2015.

Total profit for the month of November was \$3,044.66.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

RP Smith asks the members to use caution when pulling into the Main Station for calls.

Captain/VP Benson Jr. asks those who park near the garage to pull up to the garage so cars can fit around your car.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that the Park Station is having some issues with their drains.

Chris Dick reports that the Annual Dinner was a success and that he is retiring, and this was his last Annual Dinner. The membership thanks Chris for his hard work.

Mike Benson Sr. gives the Pizza Night report.

Total profit for the night was \$715.61.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Jeff Tooker gives the 100th Anniversary Committee report.

There will be a special meeting for members / life members only on Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 pm.

A detailed email will be coming out right after Christmas with specifics.

Mike Benson Jr. reports that there are sign-up sheets available for the Installation Dinner.

The cost is \$10 for a member and \$10 for their guest. Additional guests are subject to an increased cost. Blocks of rooms are available as well, with the code EGFC.

President Iorio reports that the Kids Christmas party will be Saturday at 2pm.

Charlene Winnicki reports that Santa will be arriving at 2:45 pm.

President Iorio reports that the Adult party will begin at 6pm.

David A. Cook speaks on behalf of the Membership Committee regarding the admission of members from outside of Fire District # 3 and the Schodack Center Protective District.

Greg Forgea spoke regarding the deposit money needed for the 2016 Convention in Lake George.

The company needs to write a check for \$2,000 tonight for the Park Lane Motel reservation.

The first installment of room payments (\$135) is due at the January Company meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Nick Madore, to direct the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to write and send a check for \$2,000 to the Park Lane Motel.

The motion passes.

Financial Secretary Cargain confirms the name of the hotel.

Greg Forgea makes a motion, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to spend an additional \$100 for a hole sponsorship at the convention's golf outing, as the trophy sponsorships have disappeared. The motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr. notes that they will be hit up for our Golf Outing come summertime.

President Iorio states that two additional Paint and Sip fundraisers are scheduled for 2016. They will be on February 29 and November 18.

There are no proposals for membership this evening that require a first read.

There are three proposed members up for a vote.

John (Jack) Geary is up for a vote.

On a motion made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Mike Benson Jr., John (Jack) Geary is voted into active membership of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

Nate Ziman is up for a vote.

On a motion made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, Nate Ziman is voted into active membership of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

Gina Pendolino is up for a vote as a Code 100 member.

On a motion made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Jim Pendolino, Gina Pendolino is voted into Code 100 membership of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

There are three members up for their six-month probationary vote.

David Schilling is up for his six-month probationary vote.

A motion was made by Mike Benson Jr., seconded by Greg Forgea, to table his probationary vote for one month, as David has not reached out to A/C Forgea for gear as of yet. The Chief's office will reach out to David.

Greg McMullin is up for his six-month probationary vote.

On a motion made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Luke Palmer, Greg McMullin is removed from the membership rolls of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

Jill Kaufman is up for her six-month probationary vote.

On a motion made by David A. Cook, seconded by Jeff Tooker, Jill Kaufman is to be moved to full, active status of the East Greenbush Fire Company. The motion carries.

President Iorio reports that Al Campisano, an Elder for the Greenbush Reformed Church, will be meeting with his congregation on January 17 to discuss the sale of property on Columbia Turnpike.

President Iorio and Mike Benson Sr. will be the go-to people on the Fire Company side.

President Iorio reports that the Executive Board met immediately prior to this meeting to award the snowplow bid for the calendar year 2016.

There was one bid received from Mike Stafford in the amount of \$3500.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, to award the bid to Mike Stafford. The motion carries.

The election of company and line officers for 2016 took place.

President Iorio read the ballot for uncontested races for Company Offices for 2016.

President: Mike Benson, Jr.

Vice President: Mike Lansing

Recording Secretary: Jeff Tooker

Treasurer: Paul Benson

Financial Secretary: Chris Cargain

Membership Secretary: Joe Lacivita

On a motion made by Chris Linck, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, Chris requests the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for this slate of officers. The motion carries.

Election Chairman Pete Lehmann is designated by the President to conduct balloting.

Pete Lehmann asks the current chiefs (Bob Lehmann, Chris Dick, Jeff Tooker, and Greg Forgea) to act as tellers this evening.

There is a contested race for Sergeant at Arms.

President Iorio asks if anybody wishes to remove their name.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Nick Madore, to close nominations. The motion carries. Ballots were distributed.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Rich Edberg, to close voting. The motion carries. Ballots were counted.

After the tellers counted the votes, Election Chairman Pete Lehmann states that Richard Hendrick is the Sergeant-at-Arms for 2016.

There is a contested race for the two (2) Board of Directors spots.

President Iorio directs the membership to remove Mike Memole's from the ballot, as Mike requested of the President prior to elections.

President Iorio asks if anybody else wishes to remove their name

Tom Chesser states that Marc is already on the board for one year as a Past President.

President Iorio states that he is in the running for the three year term.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Chuck Alger to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Kathy Miller, to close voting. The motion carries.

Ballots were counted.

After the tellers counted the votes, Election Chairman Pete Lehmann states that Marc Iorio and Chris Linck will serve as Directors for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

There is a contested race for Captain.

President Iorio directs the membership to remove Ed Wallace's name from the ballot, as Ed requested of the President prior to elections.

President Iorio asks if anybody else wishes to remove their name.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed.

A motion was made by Rich Hendrick, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to close voting. The motion carries.

Ballots were counted.

After the tellers counted the votes, Election Chairman Pete Lehmann states that the Captains for 2016 are Michael Benson, Jr., Chris Cargain, Marc Iorio, Mike Lansing, and Luke Palmer.

There is a contested race for Lieutenant.

President Iorio directs the membership, upon receiving the ballot, to remove the names of Chris Cargain, Marc Iorio, Mike Lansing, and Luke Palmer, as they have just been elected Captain.

President Iorio asks if anybody else would like to remove their name from the ballot.

Bob Lehmann inquires with Anthony Gullo as to the date of his 21st birthday.

A discussion ensues regarding the eligibility of having Anthony Gullo on the ballot.

The by-laws are consulted, and the by-laws are silent on the nomination and election process with regards to age.

President Iorio, as Parliamentarian of the meeting, allows the election to proceed.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Memole, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed.

A motion was made by Mike Forgea, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to close voting. The motion carries.

Ballots were counted.

After the tellers counted the votes, Election Chairman Pete Lehmann states that the Lieutenants for 2016 are Mark Becker, Todd Cullum, Anthony Gullo, Nick Liuzzi, and Matt Sullivan.

There is a contested race for foreman.

President Iorio directs the membership, upon receiving the ballot, to remove the name of Matt Sullivan, as Matt was elected Lieutenant earlier.

President Iorio asks if anybody else would like to remove their name from the ballot.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to close voting. The motion carries.

Ballots were counted.

After the tellers counted the votes, Election Chairman Pete Lehmann states that the Foremen for 2016 are Nick Field, Rich Hendrick, Bill Sigsby, RP Smith, and Joseph Winnicki.

There is an uncontested race for Fire Police Captain and Fire Police Lieutenant.

Tom Whittemore is running for Fire Police Captain and Joe Lacivita, Nelson Williams, and Mike Memole are running for Fire Police Lieutenants.

Mike Memole requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

This leaves a Fire Police Lieutenant's position open, and President Iorio opens the floor to nominations.

Having no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to close nominations. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Tom Whittemore as Fire Police Captain, and for Joe Lacivita and Nelson Williams for Fire Police Lieutenant. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Mike Benson Jr., to nominate Chuck Hellmuth as the HVVFA Delegate for 2016 with Tim Boel as the alternate. The motion carries.

A motion was made by George Forgea, seconded by Mike Benson Jr., to nominate Greg Forgea as the HMOVFA Delegate for 2016 with Nick Liuzzi as the alternate. The motion carries.

Mike Benson Sr. informs the membership that Chris Linck declined to run for re-election on the Board of Fire Commissioners and will be stepping down on December 31. The membership thanks Chris for his years of service and dedication.

President Iorio gives a short speech thanking the membership for his time as President and wishes the new President the best of luck. Elwin Michel states that President Iorio did a "helluva job" as President. President Iorio states that it was only because of the help of Past Presidents Boel, Benson Sr., Chesser, and Tooker did the job become easier.

50/50 for the evening was \$83. Tonight's winner was Mike Lansing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Alger.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary