



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
January Company Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

The January Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:05 pm.

A pledge to the flag was led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Rich Hendrick.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 58 members were in attendance this evening.

President Benson Jr. stated that the December minutes were sent via email.

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

President Benson Jr. stated that the Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2016 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting) were sent via email.

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

President Benson Jr. thanks Jeff Tooker and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their organization and attention to detail for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting and dinner on January 7.

President Benson Jr. stated that the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2016 were sent via email.

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

Checks over \$500 were written to Michael Stafford, Vinnie Mark, DeCresente, Chase Visa Card, Eastern Heating and Cooling, National Grid, Dignum and Bame, Park Lane Motel, and Bill Tighe.

A motion was made by Bob Reineke, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of December was \$7,465.03.

Total expenses for the month of December was \$40,742.53.

Treasurer Benson also gave his annual report.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Jill Kaufman, to accept this report as given.

The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full.

A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept this report as given.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.

There is a letter received by the Board of Fire Commissioners for District # 3, congratulating the Fire Company on 100 years of service.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Over 30 calls to date.
- Engine 9 is back in service. Thanks to the men who helped get it back in service at the Park.
- Engine 7 went OOS for an engine investigation. It is an MPG issue.
- OSHA schedule is out – see A/C Dick for details and make-up.
- Driver Recertification will be through A/C Tooker; they will start when it gets warmer.
- CPR will be taught on March 22 (Tuesday) at 6:30 pm.
- New boots have arrived and will be distributed shortly.
- Thanks to the Winterfest Crew
- The Board of Fire Commissioners is in the process of procuring a new Truck 11 – a demo unit. More information to follow in the next month or two.
- There will be an officers meeting on 2/4 at 7pm at HQ.
- New ID cards will be issued for each member – there will be a town-wide ID card standard.
- If there is an issue with a call and you need the Building Dept – have the dispatcher call the representative and then notify a chief if there is no chief on the call.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thanks for helping with Engine 9.
- A reminder that if we are all here for a meeting or training, Engine 9 will handle all calls.
- Congrats to Marc Iorio for completing the FAST class.
- Thanks to the Winterfest crew at Goff.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- A reminder that you don't get points if you don't sign the points sheets.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Boots will be distributed before OSHA on 1/26 (Tues)
- Thanks to the crew for cleaning up and getting Eng 8 back to the North

Captain Luke Palmer thanks those who helped with Engine 8.

Past Chief Pete Lehmann wishes the minutes to reflect a thank you to Jeff Tooker for organizing a wonderful evening on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and a thank you for the Smiths for loaning their storefront to us for the hour that we were there.

Past Chief David A Cook echoes Past Chief Lehmann's sentiments.  
David makes a motion, seconded by Nelson Williams, to extend an invitation to the Smiths to our 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Dinner in the form of two tickets, free of charge. The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Building Use Report for December 2015.  
Total profit for the month of December was \$728.00.  
Total profit for 2015 was \$39,075.20, and total bar profit for 2015 was \$9,943.00.  
A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

Membership Secretary Joe Lacivita reads the names of those with less than fifty (50) points during the calendar year 2015. Those members are George Lovely III, Nick Stockman, Nick Madore, David Schilling, Kris Raymond, Eric Long, Ty Harrington, Bob Fish, Jeremy Cook, and Bryan Morgan.  
President Benson Jr. reports that letters were sent to these members and their statuses will be discussed at the March Company Meeting.

Membership Secretary Joe Lacivita reads the names of those members who were deficient in their dues payments for 2015. Those members are George Lovely III, Nick Stockman, David Schilling, Kris Raymond, Ty Harrington, and Bob Fish.

Past Chief / Past President Mike Benson Sr gives the Pizza Night report.  
Total profit for the month of December was \$1,085.46.  
Mike states that the last Pizza Night will be on February 13.  
A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Frank Jenkins, to accept this report as given.  
The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Installation Dinner is on January 30 at the Hilton Garden Inn.  
Tickets are \$10 for a member, \$10 for that member's guest, and then \$35 for anybody else.  
5:00 pm is the start of the Cocktail Hour, and the program will begin at 6:00 pm.

Tom Chesser reports that Fish Fry Nights will run on March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.  
Start time is 4:00 pm each Friday afternoon.

Greg Forgea reports that the first installment for the rooms for the 2016 Convention is due right now.  
All rooms have been taken, and there is a waiting list.  
Greg also reports that uniform fittings will happen next week, and to see him if you need something.

Tom Whittemore reports that our website has new pictures on it.  
Greg Forgea asks if we can get some new pictures of the banquet hall on the website.  
President Benson Jr. replies that we will get new pictures.  
Bob Lehmann inquires if the online application can be removed.  
Tom Whittemore states that the Membership Committee will decide on that.

President Benson Jr. reads two proposals for membership in the Fire Company.  
Marcus Massaconi from 9 Pinewood Avenue, Schodack Center, is applying for Active Membership.  
Jarrett Riley from 38 Troy Road is applying for Active Membership.  
Both applicants were informed that their applications will be tabled to the February meeting.

There are no elections of new members this evening.

Nick Goyer has submitted a letter, requesting a change to Social status upon accepting a job offer from the City of Albany Fire Department.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Josh Witko, to accept this letter.

Jeff Tooker states that the Company will receive the letter with appreciate and regret.

The motion carries, with Bob Lehmann voting in the negative.

Jeff Wasileski has submitted a letter requesting to be moved from Social membership to Active membership.

A motion was made by Chris Dick, seconded by Greg Forgea, to move Jeff back to Active status.

The motion carries.

A discussion was held regarding the pavement situation on the apron at the Main Station.

Any movement was tabled until next month until quotes are obtained.

President Benson Jr. discussed the North Station door issue.

George Forgea states that the best solution would be to block the back door at the North.

President Benson Jr. states that he will table this discussion to February because work probably won't be able to start until March.

President Benson Jr. also discussed the need to fix the apparatus floor where Engine 8 is parked and the roof issue as well.

George Forgea points out that there are also generator issues at the North.

President Benson Jr. reports that there are also issues with the concrete near Truck 11.

Bob Lehmann states there could also be a floor issue there.

Mike Forgea reports that we may have a problem come springtime with water coming over from Witbeck's property. President Benson Jr. states that he will reach out to Witbeck's.

Mike Forgea also reports that the carpet in the women's room at the Banquet Hall is past its prime.

He would like to get prices to replace the carpet and the couch in there.

He suggested the installation of tiles and a new couch.

Mike Forgea will work with Mike Stafford and report back at the February meeting.

Greg Forgea reports a thank you for the Adopt a Family.

President Benson Jr. reads Resolution # 1 for 2016, which is the Executive Officers and Commissioners Contact sheet.

A motion was made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept Resolution # 1.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. reads Resolution # 2, which is the listing of Fire Company Job Descriptions for 2016. A motion was made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept Resolution # 2. The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Committee Assignments for 2016 have been passed around. This is Resolution # 3 for 2016. A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to accept Resolution # 3. The motion carries.

Past President Iorio took over and presented the 2016 Company Budget. He reviewed income and expense, line by line, and then took questions.

Mike Benson Sr. inquired about the decrease in funding for Life Members Day. Marc responded that extra monies can be pulled from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Line.

David A. Cook inquired about the monies received from the Fund Drive. He also asked how much money the company needs to raise in order to pay the bills. President Iorio replies that the monies are accounted for in the income line.

Mike Benson Sr. asked about beverage and food expenses, specifically about the accounting for alcoholic beverages. He asked about an inventory, and how it is reconciled, and is the inventory accounted for. A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding the accountability of alcoholic beverages. Mike Benson Sr. would like to see assets accounted for and expenses accounted for. Mike Benson Sr. would also like to investigate a possible increase in the cost of the bar packages. Marc Iorio reports that this may need to be looked at for the February meeting.

Marc Iorio reports that the Membership Secretary stipend was moved to \$400 due to the increased workload.

David A. Cook inquired about the station improvements line and the concern that \$1000 is not enough. Marc reported that the line David is asking about is for maintenance, not an overhaul.

Bob Lehmann states that we should perhaps think about setting up a building project for the next major project.

Chuck Alger inquires about the cost and benefits of the solar panels.

Marc Iorio states that the budget will be adjusted to add \$500 to the Life Members Day budget.

Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to amend the budget to reflect for the changes that have been suggested. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Tom Chessner, seconded by Vice President Lansing, to formally adopt the 2016 Budget, which is Resolution # 4 for 2016. The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. thanks Jeff Tooker and the committee for a great Christmas party, and Charlene and Joe Winnicki for the kids party.

President Benson Jr. reports that our 1099 forms will be mailed out from Wojeski's.

President Benson Jr. reports that a member's social will kick off the Installation Banquet weekend on Friday 1/29 at 5:00 pm in the member's lounge.

Vice President Lansing reports that Rob Kanaly is reporting for Basic Training in the United States Army on Monday 1/25.

Chris Dick reports that the old copy machine is broken.

President Benson Jr. states that we can fix it or surplus it.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by VP Mike Lansing, to surplus it.

The motion carries.

Joe Winnicki reminds us that the hard drive needs to be reclaimed.

Nate Ziman is tonight's 50/50 winner for \$77.00.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary