



**East Greenbush Fire Company
February Company Meeting
February 16, 2016**

The February Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:04 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. 50 members were in attendance this evening.

President Benson Jr. stated that the January minutes were sent via e-mail.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Jim Pendolino, 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, Chase Visa Card, Bob Lehmann, Verizon, Town of East Greenbush, Upstate Sounds, and Michael Stafford.

Chris also gave a report of the checks written during 2015.

A motion was made Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of January was \$10,559.47

Total expenses for the month of December was \$29,831.10.

A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept this report as given.

The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full. Charges over \$200 went to Dinosaur BBQ, Staples, Walmart, Restaurant Depot, Pellegrino Importing, and Duffy's Equipment.

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

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Thanks to the members for responding to calls.
- We will be hosting a Firefighter II class.
- A call was received from the chief of the Mountain View FD, commending the actions of Nick Liuzzi and Jake Hallenbeck at the recent 2nd alarm fire in Defreestville.
- Please take care of your gear and equipment.
- Please clean the trucks.
- "I Am Responding" was approved. The details are forthcoming.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thanks for the help at recent calls, such as at the water emergencies.
- Thanks for attending fire calls.
- Be aware of "pack rat" living situations at fire calls.
- OSHA – one more class on 2/23, make ups are scheduled.
- There will be hydrotesting for SCBA bottles in March – the goal is to keep ¾ of the bottles in service at any given time.
- Names of those who need to make up OSHA was read.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) has no report at this time.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Thanks to the men for coming to calls.

Linda Cook asks for information to be forwarded to her for dissemination to the Ladies Auxiliary.

President Benson Jr. requests that the membership take care of the Banquet Hall, especially when members are guests at the function at the hall. Mike Memole asks what happened.

President Benson Jr. stated that garbage and junk was left all over the place.

President Benson Jr. gives the Building Use Report for January 2016.

Total profit for the month was \$1,134.00.

Mike Benson Sr. gives the Pizza Night report.

February was the last Pizza Night for the season, as the March Fish Fry Nights will be starting.

Thanks to Linda Cook for all her help as co-chair.

The net profit for February was \$748.87.

A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Vice President Lansing stated that the Installation Banquet was a success.

If anybody has any questions, comments, or concerns about the dinner, please see VP Lansing.

Chris Dick commends the Installation Banquet committee.

Tom Chesser reports that the Fish Fry nights are on March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.

This is an all hands event, with the dinners starting at 4:30 pm each Friday.

VP Lansing asks people to see him for anybody interested in purchasing ad space on the placemats.

Greg Forgea reports that all of the rooms are gone for Convention '16, and the food has been ordered.

Jeff Tooker reports that there will be a 100th Anniversary Party all day and all night on August 20 at the Pavilion. More details will follow at the April meeting. The committee will meet in late March.

Marcus Massaconi of 9 Pinewood Avenue, Schodack Center, is up for a vote to probationary membership. On a motion made by President Benson Jr., seconded by Kathy Miller, a vote is taken. Marcus is voted into active membership.

Jarett Riley of Troy Road is up for a vote for probationary membership. On a motion made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Jim Alcombright, a vote is taken. Jarett is voted into active membership.

George Lovely III is brought up for his three-month probationary review, as requested by the membership back at the November meeting.

On a motion made by President Benson Jr., seconded by Greg Forgea, a vote is to be taken to remove George Lovely III from the membership rolls of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. states that he will transmit a certified letter, return receipt requested, to George Lovely III.

Ty Harrington is brought up due to a letter that he transmitted to the company regarding a possible enlistment in September of 2016. Ty's letter also suggested that he understands if he is removed from membership.

On a motion made by Rich Edberg, seconded by RP Smith, a vote is to be taken to remove Ty Harrington from the membership rolls of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

There is a question as to the eligibility of Ty to be a social member.

President Benson Jr. states that Ty does not meet the requirements for a social member as outlined in Article 2, Section 5 of our by-laws.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. states that he will transmit a certified letter, return receipt requested, to Ty Harrington.

A discussion ensues regarding the North Station doors.

There is a quote for \$2,249.60 from Center for Security for the door project.

This is motioned to the floor by Bob Lehmann, seconded by George Forgea, for discussion.

The motion passes.

There is work needed for completion on the back hallway at the North Station near the cinder blocks.

On a motion made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Jim Pendolino, the repairs are to be made.

The motion carries.

Mike Stafford gives a report on the condition of the women's room at the Banquet Hall.

There are three quotes available to install the laminate floor.

\$1900, \$2475, and \$2665 are the costs.

Rich Edberg inquired about the reason for a couch in there, and Chris Dick inquired if the mirror would be replaced.

Mike Forgea expresses concern with a laminate floor and the amount of water/spilled drinks in the restroom.

Pat Knappek states that tile may be a better option.

Mike Lansing suggests a ceramic tile.

A motion was made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Mike Benson Sr, to table this discussion to the March meeting so that prices can be obtained for a tile floor. The motion carries.

RP Smith reports that action is needed in regards to the Main Station apron.

VP Lansing states that the committee will get quotes for the apron.

President Benson Jr. reports that information and a possible proposal will be passed along from the Greenbush Reformed Church regarding property that they want to sell us.

Mike Benson Sr. comes back to the Main Station apron issue and states that it needs to be addressed in a timely manner.

President Benson Jr. reports that that a committee will meet and discuss the quotes.

President Benson Jr. reports that the meeting room that the commissioners use for meetings needs to be updated with fresh paint and new furniture.

Eagle Matt Lee Fire Company is looking for a sponsorship for their ad book.

A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to sponsor a 1/8 page ad at the cost of \$50. The motion carries.

East Greenbush Castleton Little League is looking for sponsorships for their teams and signs for the upcoming season. A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Mike Memole, to sponsor the "combo package" for \$550, which is a team and a sign.

Mike Memole inquires if they will update the sign for our 100th Anniversary.

Bob Lehmann states that the Little League orders the signs, not us.

The motion carries.

The Hudson Mohawk VFA is looking for ad sponsors for their ad book.

On a motion made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, the company will sponsor a ¼ page ad. The motion carries.

The HVVFA is looking for sponsors for trophies for the parade in Lake George.

On a motion made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Matt Sullivan, the company will sponsor a trophy for \$100 in recognition of our 100th Anniversary. The motion carries.

Vice President Lansing was tasked with the swearing in of the officers not in attendance at the Fire Company Installation Banquet.

President Benson Jr. awarded the 2015 President's award to Paul Benson.

Mike Benson Sr. reports that Tony Padula is ill at Evergreen Commons.

VP Lansing reports that the weight room was cleaned up and thanks to Nick Madore for the wiring.

David A. Cook brought us down memory lane with some historical photographs.

Pete Lehmann was tonight's 50/50 winner with \$63.00.

On a motion made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Alger, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tooker - Recording Secretary