



**East Greenbush Fire Company
March Company Meeting
March 15, 2016**

The March Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:06 pm.

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

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Chris Linck, to set aside a page in the minutes for departed Life Member Anthony Padula. The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 50 members were in attendance this evening.

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

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

49 checks were written in February.

Checks over \$500 were written to Chase Visa Card, JCB Specialties, EA Morse, Eastern Heating and Cooling, National Grid, Verizon, East Greenbush Castleton Little League, Salon Floorwaxing, and Joe Bellville.

A motion was made Luke Palmer, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report as given. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of January was \$9,450.50.

Total expenses for the month of December was \$38,915.09.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept this report as given. The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full.

President Benson and Past President Iorio elaborate on the increased cost from the Installation Dinner regarding the beverage package and the miscommunication from the Hilton Garden Inn.

The Hilton Garden Inn will be refunding us a check for \$5,000 because of the due diligence of the President and Marc Iorio.

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

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.

Some communications will be acted on during the Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Please be sure to close the bay doors when you leave the bays with the apparatus.
- Please keep the trucks clean.
- Please keep the floors clean and keep your gear off the floors.
- If you see a training that is applicable to you, feel free to contact A/C Tooker and get yourself enrolled for the class.
- Photo ID's have been handed out. Please use them for Pub Ed, etc.
- Physicals are April 6 and 7 at the Park Station. A sign-up sheet is coming around. If you need to withdraw from your spot, notify Car 1 ASAP so that he is aware of it.
- IAmResponding is a work in progress.
- Thanks to those who attending the Columbia Girls Bowling Mini-Parade today.
- There will be a public vote on April 5 from 6pm to 9pm for the new Truck 11. Please be positive during your communications with the public regarding this truck.
- FIT tests will be conducted with the physicals – bring your masks!

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thanks to all those who were diligent regarding their OSHA make-ups.
- There are seven people left who owe OSHA.
- CPR recertification will be on March 22 at 6:30 pm at HQ.
- If you need OSHA make ups, see Car 2 immediately following the meeting.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- The apparatus operator recertification process will begin on Thursday. Check the stations and your email for additional information and deadlines.
- A reminder that if you are beginning the qualification process that you need to go out with a chief officer and then have a minimum of 10 hours driving and pumping.
- There are new CO alarms going into the schools that require the FD to respond when they activate – bad battery or not. They are being installed in June.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Please wear your safety vests when needed on calls.
- Please notify him of any missing gear.
- There are construction issues over at the Fairfield Inn.
- There is no hydrant over on Empire State Blvd.
- The Recovery Room project will start soon.
- The new Regeneron will be in Fire District # 1 (CHFD)

Captain Luke Palmer reminds us to remove our vests when donning SCBA.

Foreman Rich Hendrick reminds people using the Park Station to use different brushes for car washing.

Committee Reports

President Benson Jr. gives the Building Use report for February.

Total income was \$1,544.00 for the month.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that the Park Station had a water issue with all of the rain. It has been fixed.

He changed many of the light bulbs around the station.

Company storage was also cleaned up.

President Benson Jr. thanks Jake Hallenbeck, Nick Liuzzi, Nate Ziman, and Dan Reyner for painting the downstairs rooms. The final coat of gray will go on the walls in the next few weeks.

RP Smith reports that there will be a meeting regarding the blacktopping of the Main Station next Monday.

There are also issues with the roof vent.

The pipes had to be thawed out on February 14 by Steve Bakerian.

There needs to be additional insulation placed in the back room.

The North Station will be getting prices for the roof during the third week in March.

The Commissioners have approved a new generator for the North.

President Benson Jr. reports that the 101st Annual Installation and Inspection Dinner will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Chris Lavin reports that they are working on thank you postcards for the Fund Drive right now.

Tom Chesser states that the first two Fish Fry nights were a success – two to go.

Set up will be on Thursday evenings.

Greg Forgea discussed the 2016 HVVFA Convention.

There are no Marti Gras awards on Friday evening – they are rolled into awards on Saturday night.

There will be food served at various times over the weekend, making this a true family event.

President Benson Jr. and Greg Forgea echo the sentiments that there will be zero tolerance for any shenanigans that take place that jeopardize our placement in the dress parade.

President Benson Jr. states that the “young guns” will be chairing a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 24 from 8am to Noon at the Banquet Hall.

Jeff Tooker reports out on the 100th Anniversary Committee.

The party on Saturday, August 20 will have a live band (family appropriate) from 2pm to 6pm at the Pavilion.

Lunch and dinner will be catered (pig roast for dinner – Marc Iorio and President Benson Jr. are working on this) and whomever is still standing late at night will barbeque some snacks.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 pm at the Tooker residence for all who are interested in attending.

Proposals for Membership

There is one proposal for membership this evening.

A current explorer, Christie Cullum, has submitted a membership application.

On a motion made by Jeremy Cook, seconded by Kathy Miller, Christie is elected into active membership.

Unfinished Business

The blacktop quote will be tabled for discussion until the April company meeting.

The women's room renovation at the Park Station will be tabled until the April company meeting.

New Business

Mike Stafford proposes that we remove the Volleyball nets at the Pavilion and replace them with horseshoe pits.

A motion is made by Nick Madore, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to complete this task without exceeding \$600.00. Nick Madore is named the chairperson of this project.

Costs will be reported out at the April meeting.

The motion carries.

Mike Stafford reports that Steve Bakerian has informed him that the hot water heater at the Pavilion is nearing the end of his useful life. Steve Bakerian said that he would install a new one for free, and he is suggesting a 40 gallon tank.

Mike Stafford makes a motion, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to replace the tank at an estimate of \$300.00.

Jake Hallenbeck suggests a 20 gallon tank might suffice.

Mike Stafford states we need the 40 gallon tank due to rentals.

The motion carries.

Jim Pendolino states that the outside of the Park Station smells like sewer gas.

Vice President Lansing states a vent is needed to the roof.

Bob Lehmann inquires as to why a vent is needed to the roof.

Vice President Lansing states that the grinder downstairs is too big for the infrequent usage of the facilities here at the Park Station.

Vice President Lansing states that he will return to the April meeting with quotes for a vent.

Bob Lehmann suggests perhaps having a quote for the inside as well.

Good of the Order

President Benson Jr. congratulates Greg Forgea and Jeremy Cook on the births of their respective sons.

East Greenbush Softball League is requesting a donation from the Fire Company.

President Benson Jr. states that we have traditionally sponsored a team and an outfield sign, which costs \$450.00 this year.

On a motion made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Luke Palmer, the motion is carried.

A letter was received, requesting the support from the Fire Company for John P. Farrell, Jr. to the position of 2nd Vice President for FASNY for 2016.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to have the secretary send a letter of support for Mr. Farrell, Jr. forthwith. The motion carries.

Chief Lehmann states that the annual Town of East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 28. This being our 100th Anniversary, it would be nice to have a large contingent. The parade will be eastbound this year, terminating at the VFW on Hays Road. Line-up is at 9am with step off at 10am.

Marc Iorio states that discussions are ongoing regarding the property for sale next to the training house.

George Forgea thanks the painters who painted the room where the Commissioners meet.

Pete Lehmann states that he has 100th Anniversary window stickers on sale for two U.S. dollars.

David A. Cook entertains us with an array of historical photographs.

Hubie Ashley was sent flowers to his hospital room.

Tom Whittemore is tonight's 50/50 winner. The 50/50 amount was \$71.00.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary