



**East Greenbush Fire Company
April Company Meeting
April 19, 2016**

The April Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:10 pm.

President Benson, Jr. declared that a quorum of members was present at tonight's Company Meeting, in light of the fact that many members were down at the brush fire off of the Hays Road railroad tracks.

A pledge to the flag was led by tonight's acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Dave Chesnut.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 28 members were in attendance this evening.

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

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain is at the large brush fire.

Past President / Past Chief Mike Benson Sr. gives the report in Chris' place.

47 checks were written in February.

Checks over \$500 were written to NYS Sales Tax, Otis Elevator, Chase Card Services, National Grid, and Verizon.

A motion was made Tom Gullo, seconded by Bob Reineke, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson is absent this evening.

President Benson Jr. states that his report will be given at the May Company Meeting.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full.

Charges over \$200 went to Restaurant Depot (Fry Nights), SQ Nationwide Maintenance (Building Maintenance Services), and Home Depot (Property Improvements).

A motion was made by Past President Benson Sr., and seconded by Dave Chesnut.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.

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

Cars 1, 2, and 4 are at the large brush fire.

President Benson Jr. states that they will read their reports at the May meeting.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- He gave an overview of the brush fire operation for those who didn't make it to that call.

- A reminder that Driver Recertification must be done by April 30.

Captain Benson Jr. discusses next week's live burn.

Committee Reports

Mike Benson Jr. gives the March 2016 Buildings Use report.

A total of \$422 was brought in as profit.

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

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. discusses the fire alarm issues at the Park Station.

President Benson Jr. discusses the great job that Jake Hallenbeck is doing with the Park Station.

Mike Memole stated that the bathrooms were filthy after the department physicals.

President Benson Jr. states that he will deal with the issue next time there are physicals.

President Benson Jr. states that the old volleyball nets were removed in anticipation of the new horseshoe pits.

Jim Trimmer recommends that we have a portable volleyball net set up for those rentals that would like to play volleyball. He will look into a setup.

George Forgea reports that the door project is being completed at the North Station.

There are key fob replacements as well.

President Benson Jr. states that the Fish Fry report will be given at the May Meeting.

President Benson Jr. states that the pancake breakfast fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 24.

There have been many items donated by Hannaford.

If members are available to work, they are asked to work!

Mike Benson Sr. states that there are pancake breakfast signs downstairs to display at the intersections.

Jim Alcombright reminds the members to clean the griddles.

President Benson Jr. states that those people who owe money for rooms at Convention need to see Greg Forgea to settle your bill.

Jeff Tooker gives a brief rundown of the 100th Anniversary Party slated for Saturday, August 20.

Food will be decided upon by the May Meeting.

A more detailed schedule of the events on 8/20 will be at the June meeting.

Mike Benson Sr. states that he and Linda Cook will be rolling Life Members Day into the celebration on August 20. There will be additional monies available for gifts, etc.

Proposals for Membership

There is one proposal for new membership.

Kyle Eschburn, who resides at 1615 Columbia Turnpike in Schodack Center, would like to apply for Active Membership. President Benson Jr. states that his application will be tabled to the May Company Meeting.

Tracy Cullum would like to move from Code 100 Membership to Active Membership.

A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to approve this change in status. The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Mike Stafford gives a report on the status of the refurbishing of the women's room at the Banquet Hall. On a motion made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Tom Gullo, permission from the membership is given to proceed with the project, not to exceed \$2,600.00. The motion carries.

Mike Stafford reports on the sewer odor issue by the Banquet Hall.

He states that Steve Bakerian will donate his labor to fix the issue.

Drilling will cost too much money.

He will set up a 2" PVC pipe vent along the brick to bring the odor away from the building.

He estimates it will be a couple hundred dollars in materials.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Tom Gullo, to proceed with this project, not to exceed \$500. The motion carries.

Mike Stafford reports on the landscaping for the electronic sign on Phillips Road in front of the Park Station. He has a single quote for \$2600 for the work to be completed through Brad Rose Landscaping. The original quote was \$4500, but the quotes were \$2600 with the blocks coming in donated through Zapalla Block.

Ed McCabe asks if there were other quotes or bids. Mike Stafford replied no.

President Benson Jr. states that he and Mike Stafford have been in contact with Stephanie Rose and will report back at the May meeting with a projected, final cost for the project with Stephanie Rose working with the Fire Company on the donation aspect.

After a discussion, this project will be tabled to the May meeting.

Mike Benson Sr. suggests reaching out to Breedlove or Emerick.

Mike Stafford discusses the possibility of purchasing a zero-turn radius mower for the Park Station grounds. There was a lengthy discussion over purchasing versus leasing.

This purchase will be tabled to the May meeting.

Jim Trimmer discusses the broken status of the women's room hand towel dispenser.

Nick Madore suggests replacing it with an electric hand dryer.

Kathy Miller opposes this idea.

Jim Trimmer will continue to investigate repairs or replacement.

President Benson Jr. and George Forgea discuss the North Station roof project. Monolith will charge \$2,200 to remove and then replace the solar panels. However, they will donate the \$2,200 back to the Fire Company as a donation. The bids are as follows: Phelps \$28,800, Weatherguard \$35,000, Bruce Adams \$25,000. President Benson Jr. and George Forgea both recommend Bruce Adams. A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to proceed with Bruce Adams. Mike Benson Sr. states that this project has been pushed out four years and it's time to get going. After a lengthy discussion, the motion carries. Tom Gullo asks about the possibility of getting the solar panels onto the side of the firehouse instead of on the new roof. A lengthy discussion ensues.

President Benson Jr. discusses the Main Station Apron Project. A quote for \$9,800 was received for the project. Nick Field discusses the importance of having a good concrete base for the apparatus. The project will be tabled to the May meeting in order to obtain more quotes.

New Business

Mike Benson Sr. discusses the potential purchase of the property adjacent to the Training House. There are issues with the church that still need to be worked out. He will keep the membership updated.

David A. Cook discusses the importance of keeping the Training House neat and tidy. Mike Benson Sr. states that Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) has a plan to maintain the facility. There is a discussion of missing gear from the Main Station. Kathy Miller reminds the members to close the doors when they leave for a call.

Good of the Order

Tom Chesser gives the Fish Fry night report. Income was \$12,327.30, expenses were \$5,838.48. Total profit was \$6,488.82 + \$1,010.00 in placemats. Bar income was 1,936.45 for the four nights. Total income for the Fire Company was \$8,786.39. A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Kathy Miller, to approve this report. The motion carries. Tom is given a round of applause by those in attendance for his hard work.

President Benson Jr. reports that the family of Anthony Padula made a \$500 donation to the Fire Company. David A. Cook requests that those monies are allotted for the scholarship fund. President Benson Jr. states that the money will go into the scholarship fund.

FASNY is looking for Ads for their Ad Book for their Convention. The cost for a ¼ page is \$75. A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Tom Gullo, to approve this purchase. The motion carries.

The East Greenbush PBA is looking for flag sponsors for their golf tournament.
A motion was made by Mike Benson Sr., seconded by Ed McCabe, to sponsor a flag for \$100.
The motion carries.

Coeymans Fire Company is looking for a flag sponsor for their golf tournament.
A motion was made by Mike Benson Sr., seconded by Mike Memole, to sponsor a flag for \$100.
The motion carries.

Linda Cook discusses the membership status of those ladies auxiliary members who leave Code 100 membership – are they still members of the company?

A discussion ensues.

David A. Cook states that he will convene the Membership Committee and report back at the May meeting.

David A. Cook and Mike Benson Sr. discuss the purchase of the new Truck 11.

President Benson Jr. discusses the key job issues.

Mike Benson Sr. states that there is paperwork and it is to be submitted to the District Secretary.

President Benson Jr. reports that the District is looking to use the hall from 6pm to 10pm on Tuesday, May 17, for their referendum vote to sell the old Truck 11.

He states that our company meeting will be in the Pavilion.

(Pete Lehmann – the Coors Light Summer Series starts early this year!)

A motion was made by Tom Gullo, seconded by Nick Madore, to allow the District to use the hall.
The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. reads a letter from Rob Kanaly, who is serving our country.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary