



**East Greenbush Fire Company
May Company Meeting
May 17, 2016**

The May Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:04 pm.

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

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

President Benson Jr. mentioned that tonight's moment of silence includes a reflection for Hubie Ashley, past chief of the Sherwood Park Fire Company, who passed away earlier this month.

On a motion made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, the secretary is to set aside a page in tonight's minutes for Past Chief Hubie Ashley. The motion passes.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 53 members were in attendance this evening.

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

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

32 checks were written in April.

Checks over \$500 were written to Otis Elevator, Chase Visa Card, Verizon, National Grid, John Sroka, Monolith Solar, Michael Stafford, and David Tuttle.

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report for both March and April.

Total income for the month of March was \$259,254.44 and total expenses were \$44,579.06.

Total income for the month of April was \$13,240.65 and total expenses were \$33,066.45.

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Mark Becker, to accept the 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 Mark Becker, and seconded by Eric Long, to accept the report as given. The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.

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

Report of the Officers

Car 1 is on vacation this week. Car 2 will give his report.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report, which is interspersed with Car 1's report.

- Thanks to the members for responding to the calls.
- Thanks to the members who assisted with YMCA Day.
- Thanks to the members for getting their driver training done in time.
- The drill schedule has been posted; however, changes will likely be made. Keep an eye on the website.
- Truck maintenance has been an issue - any mechanical issues will go to Sunnyside and apparatus issues will be serviced by Firematic.
- Thanks to Ed McCabe and Luke Palmer for dealing with Engine 8 and repairs.
- Rescue 11 needed to go to Sunnyside for repairs.
- Supplemental reports for vehicle information needs to be completed only if extrication and/or the vehicle is on fire. If you fill out a report, place it in the points bin.
- IAmResponding is running in a testing phase. The company-wide training will be on June 14.
- A Train-The-Trainer process will begin with the new Truck 11 will begin shortly.
- There will be a clean-up detail for the training house and surrounding property on Saturday 5/21.
- The North Station siren will be disconnected while the roof at the North is being completed.
- The East Greenbush Memorial Day parade on 5/28.
- The Rensselaer City Memorial Day parade will be on 5/29.
- There will be a line officer meeting on Thursday 6/2 at 7pm.
- A discussion ensued regarding the car vs. house at 6 Lincoln Avenue and the personnel issues surrounding the call.
- Training certificates were issued.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- Issues surrounding the gas meter on Engine 7.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- The BOP regarding officers in charge of the apparatus was reviewed.
- The zone boundaries BOP was reviewed.
- The following response BOP's were reviewed: structure fire, brush fire, smoke investigations, water emergencies, vehicle fires, wash-downs, fire alarms, traffic accidents, dumpster fires, confined space rescue, wires down, CO calls, and mutual aid / stand bys.
- The Annual Run for Help will be on June 12. Truck 11 will be needed.
- A Recovery Room is going in by the movie theatre.
- The hotel on Tempel Lane is progressing.
- Please close the doors when you leave for calls.
- Wear your gear.
- If you notice criminal activity at the pavilion, please call the police department immediately.

Mike Benson Jr. inquired about the Plymovent system at the Main Station.

A/C Dick replied that it is still OOS for Engine 7.

Mike Lansing reminded members to bring their gear and equipment when arriving at the scene of calls.

Luke Palmer thanks the members for responding to calls.

Tom Whittemore reports that the SCBA testing is done, thanks to all those who assisted.
Mike Benson Jr. reports out on the extrication drill.

RP Smith requests that members report and record when they take equipment off of the truck.

Linda Cook inquires with the company regarding Ladies Auxiliary membership and Company membership issues. David A. Cook clarifies and states that there needs to be a BOP change.

David A. Cook also states that no more than 46% of our membership (per NYS laws) can reside outside of our Fire District and/or protective district - which will also require a BOP change in the future.

Report of the Committees

President Benson Jr. gives the Buildings Use report for April.
Total income for the month of April was \$820.25, and total expenses were \$1178.00.
A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to accept the report.
The motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr. gives the Park Station House Committee report.

- The ice machine has been having issues as of late. Please report issues to President Benson Jr.
- If you know you will need lots of ice for a weekend party, please consider bagging it ahead of time.
- Cleaners and bar staff are needed. See Jim Trimmer.
- Steve Bakerian completed the sewer pipe vent. It smells much better.

David A. Cook stated that the issues with damage to the training house will be addressed through the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Chief.

Mike Benson Jr. gives the Pavilion report.

- Thanks to Mike Stafford and Chuck Hellmuth have spent a great deal of time and energy getting the Pavilion ready for the season, including a new paint job that was administered to the Pavilion via the work release crew from the Rensselaer County Jail on May 8.
- New lights were also put in.
- Thanks to Luke Palmer for spearheading the horseshoe pit project. This was allotted \$600 and it came in at \$350 or less.
- A discussion regarding the possible portable volleyball nets was had. A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Tom Chesser, to explore the possibility of creating a portable volleyball net system, not to exceed \$200.

The motion carries.

Chuck Hellmuth reports that the Pavilion has a new hot water heater and a new microwave.

The North Station House Committee gives their report.

- New roof project will start on June 8 or close to that, given the availability of Bruce Adams Roofers.
- Monolith Solar is slated to remove the solar panels during the week of May 23. President Benson Jr. made contact with them and stated that this was the agreed upon date.

Mike Benson Jr. reports that the Fish Fry total income was \$8,786.39 for those members who were absent last month.

The crew that chaired the Pancake Breakfast report that the total income was \$1,581.00. Thanks to all who assisted.

Greg Forgea gives the HVVFA Convention report.

- He will hook up with those who owe money for rooms.
- The food for Saturday night has been secured - dinner will be 5 or 5:30 pm.
- Those who want to come for the day are encouraged to come.
- If you ordered a uniform, they are in.

The 100th Anniversary Committee gave their report.

- My Place and Company will be doing food at \$22.00 a person.
- The Life Members celebration will be rolled into the festivities.
- Fireworks will shoot off around 9pm that evening via Alonzo Fireworks.
- There will be activities for the kids all day.
- There will be a band from 2pm to 6pm, and a DJ from 7pm on.
- Beer and alcohol will be provided. There will be bartenders and a shuttle service to your homes.
- Campers can park near the powerlines up by the firehouse if you want to camp.

Proposals for Membership

There are two new proposals for membership.

Bill Lindemann from Sunset Road is seeking active membership.

Elissa Wells from 2083 Brookview Road is seeking active membership.

These applications will be tabled for one month.

Election of New Members

Kyle Eschburn is up for election as an active members.

On a motion made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Luke Palmer, Kyle is voted into Active Membership.

The motion carries.

Six Month Probationary Review

Pat Knapek is up for his six-month probationary review.

On a motion made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Marc Iorio, Pat is moved to full membership.

The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Benson Jr. reports out on the Park Station Electronic Sign project.

A motion is made by Marc Iorio, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to proceed with the project, not to exceed \$2,500.

A lengthy discussion ensues.

President Benson Jr. stated that Brad Rose Landscaping will be handling the project.

A second quote was listed, but it was \$3500 higher than Brad Rose's \$1,992 quote.

Brad Rose's quote includes labor, block work, and the block was donated at half price to the Fire Company. The original bid from July 2015 was \$4,400.

Greg Forgea suggests having the first two parking spots striped off so people will not park there and block the sign.

Marc Iorio stated we should check to see if Quality will stripe it for free.

Dennis Kennedy inquired what the project consists of, and if we could do the project in-house.

Mike Benson Jr. described the project for Dennis and stated that we cannot do it in house.

The motion carries.

RP Smith reviews all of the quotes for the Main Station Apron Project.

As the chairman of this committee, he recommends going with the quote received by S. Leto for \$17,066.

The motion was made by RP Smith, seconded by Tom Chesser, to proceed with the work with this quote.

A lengthy discussion ensues.

RP reviewed the specifications of the quotes.

Nick Madore inquired about the guarantee of the work.

Greg Forgea asked about the scope of the work.

Frank Jenkins stated that blacktop was cheap now.

President Benson Jr. states that there is \$42,908 available in Maintenance Reserve.

Chuck Rossbach asked how long the work is expected to last.

RP Smith stated the last one lasted 22 years.

The motion carries.

RP Smith will coordinate with the Chief regarding the movement of apparatus during the duration of the work.

Greg Forgea and Luke Palmer discuss the sinkhole at the North.

A pipe issue may be to blame.

President Benson Jr. reads the list of names of those who owe dues this year.

Those who owe dues are Mike Benson, Jr., Paul Wells, Chris Cargain, Greg Forgea, Marc Iorio, Christie Cullum, Nick Stockman, Cameron Poli, Bill Sigsby, Jill Kaufman, Anthony Proulx, Nick Liuzzi, Chris Bertrand, Rich Hendrick, Luke Palmer, Nate Ziman, Jon Knapp, Ed Wallace, Jarett Riley, Mike Lansing, Josh Witko, Jake Hallenbeck, Rob Kanaly, Bob Fish, Jeremy Cook, Bryan Morgan, Dan Reyner, Anthony Gullo, Nick Field, Glen Cook, Sue Benson, Betsy Britt, Sara Crain, Christine Earing, Amy Forgea, Diane Forgea, Jess Iorio, Amy Johnson, Liz Losee, Erica Pues, Patty Steadman, and Emily Wood.

Good of the Order

Nelson Williams presents the company with Hubie Ashley's parade hat, Chief's helmet, fire inspector's badge, and life member's badge (with the year 1951 on it) as a donation from the family.

President Benson Jr. would like to donate money to the Schodack Landing for their generosity for donating the use of Guzzler Park for the softball team's home games.

A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Marc Iorio, to donate \$200.

The motion carries.

The Columbia PTSO is looking for a flag sponsorship for their golf outing.

On a motion made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Nick Madore, the Fire Company will sponsor a flag for \$200. The motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr. discusses a donation to the Service Dogs Association.

On a motion made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Mike Lansing, the Fire Company will donate \$200.

The motion carries.

Joe Lacivita inquires about the LOSAP points.

President Benson Jr. states that he should see George Forgea or Chuck Alger.

Jim Trimmer reviewed an increase in the bar prices, effective for all future rentals.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept the price increases.

The motion carries.

Marc Iorio recognizes Mike Forgea for all his hard work over the years, as Uncle Mike is relocating to Myrtle Beach.

Past Chief / Past President Mike Benson Sr. discusses the importance of the 100th Anniversary this year and would like to make a motion to have the November Company meeting, the December Chief's elections, and the December (Annual) Company meeting / Company elections in the meeting room at the Main Station. This motion is seconded by David A. Cook. The motion carries.

David A. Cook inquires with the President if Hubie Ashley's gear that his family donated will reside at the Park Station. President Benson Jr. answers in the affirmative.

Nick Madore states that he has Red Vest applications available.

A reminder that the Red Vest dinner will have a \$5.00 surcharge again this year.

Paul Benson states that checks are available for those that need them.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$46.00 to the winner - the winner is Marc Iorio.

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

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Recording Secretary

*This page of the May 2016
East Greenbush Fire Company
Meeting Minutes is hereby set
aside for departed
Life Member / Past Chief
Hubert "Hubie" Ashley.*

May Hubie rest in peace.