



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
June Company Meeting  
June 21, 2016**

The June 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.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 55 members were in attendance this evening.  
President Benson Jr. welcomed back Rob Kanaly from active duty in the military. He is on leave until June 30.

President Benson Jr. stated that the May minutes were sent via e-mail.  
A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes as posted.  
The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.  
36 checks were written in May  
Checks over \$500 were written to Eastern Heating & Cooling, Empire Merchants, Chase Visa Card, Center for Security, National Grid, Utica National, Dignum & Bame, Wojeski & Co., Glen Hewitt, Rosen's Uniforms, Verizon, and Pepsi.  
A motion was made Luke Palmer, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report for May  
Total income for the month of May was \$7,079.35 and total expenses were \$39,490.90.  
A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.  
The bill was paid in full with a total of \$5,098.80.  
Charges over \$200 went to Home Depot, Hudson Valley Mosaic Tile, Huck Finn's Warehouse, Homegoods, Cabela's, Dick's Clothing, and Restaurant Depot.  
A motion was made by Bob Reineke, seconded by Marc Iorio, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads the communications.  
Communications will be acted on during the Good of the Order.

## Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Thanks to all those who attended the HVVFA Convention and Parade this past weekend in Lake George.
- The Fire Company brought home three trophies (1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Marti Gras for Best Fire Prevention Message, Best Appearing Ladder, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dress Uniform for 25 and over.)
- Thanks to all those who assisted in getting apparatus ready, getting items to the Convention, and all the other hard work that goes with it.
- The "old" Truck 11 is still for sale.
- The "new" Truck 11 will remain at the Park station until placed in service. Training sessions will continue.
- Thanks to those who helped out with the recent Pub Ed details.
- The paving job at the Main Station is a bit behind schedule – stay tuned for announcements when apparatus will be returned to the Main.
- The fireworks sales are back in town.
- IAmResponding is up and running. Please let Car 1 know if you need help with it.
- Thanks for responding to calls.
- The drill on 6/28 will be a chief's drill – to get a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picture. Please report to the Park with your gear by 6:45 pm for a 7pm photo. There will be announcements on truck cleaning.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thanks to everybody for their responding to calls.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- No report.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- The medical building on Empire State Blvd will be opening July 12.
- The hotel on Tempel Lane is "wide open" in terms of floors not being completed – use caution if there is a call there.

Luke Palmer thanks the members for helping get the truck and other items secured for the HVVFA Convention.

Linda Cook inquires with the President regarding the check to the Ladies Auxiliary for the Fry Nights.

Paul Benson states that he hasn't received anything from the Chairman, Tom Chesser.

Mike Benson Sr. states that Tom Chesser has the information and he will give it to Paul.

Linda Cook also asks about the status of the text messages from the police department for calls.

Greg Forgea replies that the texts will stop within the next week and everybody needs to be IAmResponding.

## Report of the Committees

President Benson Jr. gives the Buildings Use report for May.

Total profit for the month of May was \$2,039.00.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept the report.

The motion carries.

Jake Hallenbeck & President Benson, Jr. give the Park Station House Committee report.

- There are missing hoses to wash cars, etc.
- There are issues with the AC, and service was performed.
- The ice machine in the kitchen was serviced again.
- If you are having a party and need ice, please come and bag it first.

President Benson, Jr. states that the Pavilion looks great and encouraged all members to keep it looking nice.

Mike Benson Jr. gives an update on the paving job at the Main Station.

- They are a bit behind schedule.
- They will hopefully be done soon.
- We will wait a week before putting apparatus back on it.
- The paving company damaged a cinder block on the corner of the storage garage. They will be fixing it.

Mike Benson Jr. discusses the Training House clean up on May 21.

- Thanks to all those who made it look nice.
- We may put down some white decorative stone around/near the flag pole or around the memorial.

George Forgea and President Benson, Jr. discuss the North Station Roof Project.

- The roof project should wrap up soon.
- There was an old tree blocking a sewer line that caused the sinkhole. It was repaired.

Greg Forgea gives the HVVFA Convention report.

- Thanks to all those who assisted, marched, and/or lent their support.
- There were 60 people in line.
- 2017 will be in West Glens Falls, 2018 and beyond will be elsewhere. Possibly downstate!
- Pete Lehmann reported that we had 29 Red Vests for the outing on Thursday.

Greg Forgea reports that the Hudson Mohawk Parade will be on July 16 in Philmont (Columbia County). We will meet at 8 or 9 am, and then proceed down there for a 1pm step off. Those marching will be fed at some point during the day.

George Forgea thanks Kathy Miller and Jean Mastin for making salads for the HVVFA Convention this past weekend.

Jeff Tooker gave a rundown of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 20.

- The original band (Jet Crash Boys) backed out, so we have Grand Central Station from 12pm-4pm.
- There will be kid-friendly events from 12-4 (Bounce House / Water Slide)
- The Life Members Day Celebration will kick off between 4pm and 4:30 pm.
- A DJ will set up between 5pm and 6pm.
- Fireworks will go off around 9:15 pm.
- There will be burgers and hot dogs for lunch, and chicken and ribs for dinner.
- Sign-up sheets will be up soon. Please sign up with the number of people coming so we can get an accurate count for lunch and dinner.
- Beer, wine, and liquor will be available with and after dinner. We have 2-3 bartenders coming.
- We will have rides home for those who need it.
- A full schedule will be emailed out in early August for the party on August 20.

President Benson Jr. stated that the Softball Team will take on Clinton Heights ("8 House") on Friday night down at Coyne Field. We will possibly play Averill Park on Wednesday, June 29. Details to follow.

President Benson Jr. stated that the Golf Outing is coming in September. Information will be forthcoming.

Chris Dick discussed the possibility of having three of our Explorers attend the Explorers Weekend at Montour Falls. We may use Utility 11 and "carpool" with Johnsonville.

### Proposals for Membership

There is one proposal for membership.  
Davis Kakely, of 19 Tamara Court, is seeking active membership.  
He is currently a junior at Columbia.  
His application will be tabled for one month.

### Election of New Members

Bill Lindemann of 1386 Sunset Road is up for election as an active member.  
On a motion made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Jim Pendolino, Bill is voted into Active Membership.  
The motion carries.

Elissa Wells is up for election as an active member.  
Linda Cook and Kathy Miller state that Elissa may actually be seeking Code 100 Membership.  
President Benson Jr. asks Linda and/or Kathy to reach out to Elissa to confirm her intentions, and that the application will be tabled until the July meeting.

### Status Changes

Matt Wasileski is requesting a status change from Military to Active.  
On a motion made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Greg Forgea, Matt is moved from Military to Active.  
The motion carries.

Gina Pendolino is requesting a status change from Code 100 to Active.  
On a motion made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Tom Chessner, Gina is moved from Code 100 to Active.  
The motion carries.

### Six Month Probationary Review

Jack Geary is up for his six-month probationary review.

President Benson Jr. spoke about Jack's schedule at the Police Department (C-Lines) and how he is moving to A-lines and may be able to come around more.

President Benson Jr. recommends adding three months to Jack's probation.

A motion was made by Tom Whittemore, seconded by Bob Lehmann, to extend Jack's probation to the September meeting.

The motion carries.

Nate Ziman is up for his six-month probationary review.

On a motion made by Chris Dick, seconded by Ed McCabe, Nate is moved to full membership.

The motion carries.

### Unfinished Business

The following members owe dues for 2016, per Joe Lacivita: Paul Wells, Christie Cullum, Nick Stockman, Jill Kaufman, Anthony Proulx, Chris Bertrand, Nate Ziman, Jon Knapp, Ed Wallace, Jarett Riley, Josh Witko, Jake Hallenbeck, Tracy Britt, Rob Kanaly, Bob Fish, Jeremy Cook, Bryan Morgan, Anthony Gullo, Nick Field, and Glen Cook. See Joe to pay your dues!

President Benson Jr. and Jim Trimmer report out that the women's restroom hand towel dispenser has been replaced.

### Good of the Order

President Benson Jr. states that the annual Valley Cats outing will be on July 26.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the firehouses soon.

The CSEA Local 688 (ODTA) donated \$100 to the Barbara Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mike Memole is the local president.

The Secretary will transmit a heartfelt thank you to Local 688.

Greg Forgea inquires about the solar panels at the North.

President Benson Jr. states that they will be placed back on the roof.

A heavy discussion ensued regarding the issues surrounding that.

No formal action was taken by the membership.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$60 to the winner - the winner is Dennis (Biff) Kennedy!

Food for next month is the Explorer Post.

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

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Recording Secretary