



**East Greenbush Fire Company
July Company Meeting
July 20, 2016**

The July Company Meeting was called to order by President Mike 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.

Acting Secretary, Past President Marc Iorio called the rolls. 51 members were in attendance this evening.

President Benson Jr. stated that the June minutes were sent via e-mail on June 22nd by Secretary J. Tooker.

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

President Benson Jr. stated that the Executive Board meeting minutes, covering the issue of the solar panels, the contracts of Monolith Solar and the roofing contract. These minutes were emailed out earlier on Tuesday July 20 by Secretary Tooker. A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach to accept the special meeting minutes. Luke Palmer seconds the motion to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

46 checks were written in June.

Checks over \$500 were written to S. Leto Brothers Paving, Allied Waste Services, Michael Stafford, SMG-Monolith Solar, Republic Services, Chase Card Services, National Grid, Crescent Moon Catering, Park Lane Motel, Otis Elevator Company, Bob Lehmann, EGFD Ladies Auxiliary, Country True Value, NYS Liquor Authority, and Verizon Wireless.

President Benson points out there were many expensive items on there. Mostly due to convention and points out that Assistant Chief Forgea did a great job with the convention.

A motion was made Matt Sullivan, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept the report as given. The motion carries.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report for June 2016.

Total income for the month of June was \$37,707.02, mainly from the Foreign Fire Insurance Income Check of \$31,121.93 and total expenses were \$47,463.78.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

Monthly Visa Bill Report

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The previous balance of \$1,402 was paid in full. The new balance is \$14,608.65. Purchases over \$200 Duffy's Tavern, \$206.55 –Convention Hudson Valley Tile- \$300.00 -Pavilion

Northway Transport Refrigeration- \$1,055.75-Convention Empire Wine & Spirits-\$370.44-Convention Oriental Trading Co- \$260.95-Convention Restaurant Depot- \$1,089.387-Convention Park Lane Motel- \$3,630 & \$2,000-Convention The Garrison- \$289.00-Convention. President Benson informed the membership that the purchases at the Park Lane Motel were to pay the remaining balance of the hotels for this year, and to secure blocks of rooms for next year's convention which is being held in West Glens Falls.

A motion was made by Matt Wasilewski, seconded by Joe Winnicki to accept the report as given. The motion carries.

There were no communications this month per Acting Secretary Iorio.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- During the last month, Wells has been in the station. If you need to use your Knox box be on 12-1 on the 800 radio. Joe Winnicki asks if there are any tricks with the Knox box, Chief Lehmann indicates there are no tricks, it should work without issue.
- Truck 11's gas meter is currently out of service, it is being installed on the new truck.
- Chief appreciates the attendance at the Hudson Mohawk parade, everyone had a great time and we looked awesome.
- The drill schedule will be updated on IAMRESPONDING very soon, please stay tuned as we are working out this system.
- Lastly, he will touch base with the ladies auxiliary on Code 100 procedures.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thanks to everyone for their attendance at the 4th of July poopy fire. It went out as a working structure fire. He says we went through about 10,000 gallons of water and the tanker relay was definitely needed. Thank you for all attendance at calls in general.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) was not present due to a work conference.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- The medical building on Empire State Blvd is locked up, there is no electricity in the building after 5 PM.
- The new hotel on Temple Lane, the curbs are in, please be aware of further construction.

- Please remember extrication gloves for extrication and fire gloves for fire, and generally proper PPE at all times.
- Thanks for coming out Saturday at the Hudson-Mohawk parade for a great time.

Fire Police Captain Whittemore reports that after the meeting there will be a brief meeting with the lieutenants and any other officers regarding issues with the airpicks. If any Lieutenants are not able to meet tonight please see him.

Report of the Committees & Building Use Report

President Benson Jr. gives the Buildings Use report for June. There were 4 Banquet Hall Rentals and 9 Pavilion Rentals. Total profit for the month of June was \$3,154.50.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept the report.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. advises the membership that he and Past President Iorio have been working on updating the liquor license for the Banquet Hall (Catering License). Once the license is received, we are valid from July 31, 2016-July, 31, 2018. We should be receiving the updated license soon in the mail. We are also in the process of updating the records, so if you received an email from Past President Iorio or myself, please respond back in a prompt manner.

Jake Hallenbeck gives the Park Station House Committee report.

- Jake noted there is a strong odor in the members lounge. The refrigerator is out of commission and is leaking, the food is spoiled and smells awful. The soda gun is also acting up. Chuck Hellmuth said that Pepsi has fixed the gun, thanks to Nick Liuzzi for mopping the mess. Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion to purchase a new refrigerator, it is seconded by Bob Lehmann. The motion carries, Treasurer Paul Benson was the lone nay. President Benson also advises Jim Trimmer to contact Pepsi again and have them fix the soda machine gun correctly and advise them that soda continues to spill out onto the floor.

-Vice President Lansing met with a contractor regarding the fire alarm system, that has been acting up for years and has been a major issue as of late. He notes if Simplex was contacted it would cost us upwards of \$5000-\$7,000. Brad Gallotta is helping us out big time and is already making progress. We will have further information on this project next month. He will continue to evaluate the alarm and he can order parts as needed from Simplex since has worked on other alarm systems that are the same as ours. We do apologize for the inconvenience of the annoying alarm when members are downstairs.

President Benson, Jr. states that Brad Rose Landscaping will be here in the coming weeks to start the sign project. Also, and we're beating a dead horse, but please do not raid the coolers on the weekends, please bag your ice prior to the weekend, its not difficult. This weekend however worked out perfect with a sign being placed on the ice machine to remind the members of events occurring in the Banquet Hall.

Pavilion Chairman Chuck Hellmuth asks to please not lock the doors, but close them, to the pavilion during the weekend. Chuck has had issues with rentals being locked out. Greg Forgea notes this has been a pokemon stop, so please be aware of this and kindly ask the Pokemon players to move along.

Joe Winnicki proposes, seconded by Nick Liuzzi to have a sign put up to indicate No Trespassing, that this is private property. Some discussion ensues. Jim Trimmer explains the Pokemon phenomenon, Past President Iorio points out that we need to maintain a welcoming atmosphere at the pavilion and while he agrees that we cannot have trespassers, signs may disrupt the pavilion character. After further discussion, it was determined that it was not in the best interest of the fire company to place signs at the pavilion. The motion was retracted.

RP Smith gives the Main Station House Committee Report.

-Leto Paving has corrected any damage they have done. The grass has been seeded, please do not drive on the seeded area, there are tire marks and footprints already! RP is happy with the overall paving job. President Benson Jr. reiterates all issues have been corrected, we voted on this as a company and overall they did a good job at a good price. The other bids that were received were way too high.

RP asks for \$550 for driveway sealant, seconded by Matt Wasilewski. This would be an in house project. Greg Forgea asks if the puddles should be addressed before sealing. A lengthy discussion of puddles ensues. Vice President Lansing noted that there are some bad spots in the pavement without warranty, if we don't seal it, we could lose some of the integrity of the lot. Joe Winnicki asks if were brushing or spraying. RP says it would be a brush job. A vote is called by President Benson. All are in favor, the motion carries.

Lil' Overhead Door was at the Main Recently to fix the detached garage door, at a minimal cost. They are sending an estimate for replacement, even though RP feels it's not necessary. There may be more information on this in the coming months.

President Benson Jr. reports that the area in front of the training house is a mess because of the construction with crosswalks and sidewalks, so be aware of all the equipment and materials. Vice President Lansing notes that the flag pole is sideways. Mike Lansing and Mark Becker would like to spruce up the front of the training house, he is asking for \$600 for blocks, stone and other materials to complete this in house project. Motion made by Vice President Lansing seconded by Matt Sullivan, all in favor.

President Benson Jr. notes North Station Roof project is complete, the solar panels are back on per the minutes sent out earlier. We have a long term contract with monolith that we cannot violate, it would not be in the best interest of the fire company to do so.

Greg Forgea reports on behalf of the Convention Committee

-Thanks for everyone that came out to Hudson Mohawk, we had more in the line of march for this parade than we ever have with 23 members present. September 10th is the Greene County parade, please mark your calendar for this fun event.

President Benson Jr. reports on behalf of the Softball Committee

– The season is over until the Witko tournament at the end of September or early October. We had a few wins this year. Thanks to all the players for coming out.

President Benson Jr. Reports on the Golf Outing Committee

- The committee has started their annual meetings. The committee met July 13th. Letters and sponsorships will be sent out in a few weeks after vacations are completed in August. The focus at this point is securing the large sponsors. Joe Winnicki has also agreed to take over the food detail, after many years of Ed Wallace ramrodding this. Thanks to Ed for his dedication over the years and Joe for stepping up.

Pete Lehmann reports on behalf of the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship Committee

- There are four applications. There will be a meeting on July 27th at 7 PM to discuss. Members of the committee are encouraged to attend.

President Benson Jr. reports on behalf of the Review Board

-The following members were noted for their deficiency in points from January 1, 2016-June 30, 2016, they will receive letters:

Paul Wells- 2 points

Nicholas Stockman 1 point

Anthony Proulx- 5 points

Mike Memole- 7 points

Jarrett Riley- 3 points

Ken Brown- 6 points

Bob Fish- 4 points

Bryan Morgan- 9 points

President Benson Jr. reports on behalf of Secretary Tooker for the 100th Anniversary

Sign-up sheets are in the stations, Please sign up for this event, we need to ensure there is enough food and drink. There will be live music during the day and family activities. We should have a schedule in the coming weeks, but a general breakdown is a band will play from 12pm-4pm, Life Members recognition after, then dinner and partying the night away. Fireworks at 9:30pm. There will be transportation provided. Leave your cars parked! Zero tolerance on drinking and driving. The Truck 11 dedication ceremony will also occur on this day. Any questions, please contact Jeff.

Proposals for Membership

There are no proposals for membership.

Election of New Members

Davis Kakely, residing at 19 Tamara Court. Submitted an application for active membership last month. RP Smith to make Davis a probationary member, it was seconded by Jim Pendolino and the motion carries.

Elissa Wells application will continue to be tabled until we know exactly what she is applying for whether it is active firefighter or Code 100. There is a discrepancy. The Ladies Aux members will continue to try and get a definitive answer.

There is no unfinished or new business.

Good of the Order

The Valleycats game is next Tuesday, July 26th. There will be fireworks after the game. Please see President Benson Jr. if you'd like tickets, we have plenty.

President Benson Jr. also notes that we are back to back to back champions of the Hudson Mohawk parade and we should all be proud.

50/50 winner was Jim Cartright "Hoss".

A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to adjourn.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Iorio

Past President, Acting Recording Secretary