



**East Greenbush Fire Company
August Company Meeting
August 16, 2016**

The August 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. 58 members were in attendance this evening.

President Benson Jr. stated that the July 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.

38 checks were written in May

Checks over \$500 were written to Whalen Tents, Crown Cleaners, JCB Specialties, Bruce Adams Roofing, Chase Card Services, Monolith Solar, S. Leto Brothers Paving, National Grid, Michael Stafford, Verizon, and the Tri-City Valley Cats.

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

Nelson Williams inquires about the check written to Monolith Solar.

Jim Alcombright questions if we are paying \$1000 a month to Monolith for the next 20 years.

Tom Gullo asks why the panels went back onto the roof of the North Station.

Tim Boel explains that we pay Monolith in lieu of National Grid and that the contract must be adhered to.

President Benson, Jr. explains that all of the contracts were reviewed at the July meeting, and the panels are not coming down. He calls for a vote on the Financial Secretary's report. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of July was \$45,359.59 and total expenses were \$67,775.06.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Marc Iorio, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full.

Charges over \$200 went to Whalen Tents and Four Brothers Pizza.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Dick, to accept the report as given.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. turns the meeting over to Pete Lehmann for the Presentation of Scholarships from the Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship Fund.

The three recipients this year are Christie Cullum, Jake Preston, and Heidi Smith.

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 who responded Saturday night for the large fuel spill in the Port. We are working with Buckeye to figure out why the spills keep happening and to keep them from happening again.
- The new Truck 11 is having its final punch-list of items completed this week. It will have its dedication Saturday at the 100th Anniversary party and will hopefully be in service next week.
- The annual Holmatro service will take place soon.
- The Heavy Duty truck inspections will take place at Sunnyside this year. Stay tuned for dates.
- The Board of Fire Commissioners and Car 1 are updating the BOPS – anticipate that Truck 11 will go more places when it is in service!
- New pagers (VHF) are coming – not a clear date from the county when the switchover will be.
- The IAmResponding rollout seems to be going well. If you have issues with it, see Car 1 or Car 4.
- Thanks to those who attended the Pub Ed detail on 8/11 – the fall Pub Ed schedule will be coming out soon!
- We will have an Open House in October – will coordinate dates with the Company President.
- Firefighter 1 is going from 29 classes to 41 classes next year.
- The Greene County VFA parade is on September 10 in Kistatom (up the mountain). We have the band, so please come march!
- There will be an officers meeting at 7pm on Thursday, September 1.
- The Schodack Chiefs 2nd Annual Appreciation Picnic will be at our Pavilion on Saturday, September 24.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- An EMT class is starting September 7 at RPI.
- REMO is holding 2 EMT classes (one at REMO and one in Clarksville – both in Albany County)
- Dominion is doing gas line work on Hays Road between Phillips and Ridge.
- Thanks to guys for coming to calls.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- 30 Tech Valley Drive has a new alarm system and the dispatchers have the access code for the panel at the desk.
- Thanks to the guys for daytime, nighttime, all the calls!

Fire Police Captain Tom Whittemore reports that SCBA flow tests will take place shortly.

Committee Reports

President Benson Jr. gives the Building Use report for July 2016.

Total profit for the month was \$4302.50.

A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. is in receipt of a request from the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs to use our banquet hall, free of charge, on September 15 for their Board meeting.

Tim Boel states it is because they will have more people than they can accommodate at their facility.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion to allow NYSAFC to use the hall free of charge since they do help the EGFD out a lot, and this motion was seconded by Jim Alcombright. The motion carries.

Jake Hallenbeck reports on the Park Station.

The side door to the kitchen was fixed.

The fridge downstairs needs to be replaced.

A motion was made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Mike Memole, not to exceed \$1500.00 for a new fridge downstairs. The motion carries.

The soda tap was also fixed.

President Benson Jr. asks Jake to hang up the new dry erase boards.

Vice President Lansing reports out on the fire alarm. It is still beeping.

Please do not reset it because the code is needed in order to find the problem.

Tim Boel explains the original contract and on how much money this could cost the fire company.

President Benson Jr. thanks Anthony Gullo and Mike Lansing for the landscaping out front.

The block was donated by Zappala Block, and Brad Rose Landscaping did the work.

President Benson Jr. thanks Chuck Hellmuth, Jim Alcombright, and Mike Stafford for keeping the Pavilion looking great. Vice President Lansing would like to hook up a sound system similar to the kitchen setup.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Benson Sr., not to exceed \$700.00 for this request.

The motion carries.

Vice President Lansing also reminds those with dogs to please refrain from allowing the aforementioned dogs from relieving their bowels on the lawn around the Pavilion.

President Benson Jr. reports that the pavement may be coming up near the dumpster at the Main Station.

RP Smith would like to start the sealcoating next week for the Main Station.

The \$550 budget was approved last month at the meeting.

President Benson Jr. states that work will be done around the flagpole at the Main Station.

RP Smith reports that windows have been damaged at the Training House.

Bob Lehmann reports that the Plexiglass will break.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Hudson Mohawk parade went well and we are looking forward to 2018.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Golf Outing is quickly approaching on September 25.
All hands are needed for this \$13,000+ dollar day.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Witko Cup Softball Tournament is on Saturday, September 24.

President Benson Jr. reports that letters were sent to the members who are deficient in their points.
The President has heard back from Paul Wells, Anthony Proulx, Bob Fish, Bryan Morgan, Ken Brown, and Mike Memole. Jarett Riley will resign (letter is coming later in meeting) and we have not heard from Nick Stockman.

Jeff Tooker reports out on the 100th Anniversary Party coming up this Saturday.
If you haven't signed up, please see Jeff tonight.
Come ready to eat and drink and be merry!
The Life Members portion will start around 4.

Mike Benson Sr. reports out on Life Members Day.
Please wear your life member's shirt if you have one.

Mike Benson Sr. reports out on Pizza Night.
The Pizza Night season will begin on September 10.
We need help, so please consider helping.
We need a bartender and we need a sign person.
Linda Cook inquires if the breakfast materials could be moved from the Pizza Night closet.
President Benson Jr. states that they will be moved.

Election of New Members

President Benson Jr. is going to table Elissa Wells' application to September.

Six Month Probationary Reviews

Marcus Massaconi is up for his six-month probationary review.
On a motion made by President Benson Jr., seconded by Mike Benson Sr., Marcus is to be moved to full membership. The motion carries.

Jarett Riley has submitted a resignation letter to the Fire Company.
A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Nick Field, to accept this letter.
The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business tonight.

New Business

There is no new business tonight.

Good of the Order

The East Greenbush PD has requested the use of our training room downstairs at the Park Station on September 22 for CPR/AED recertification.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Tim Boel, to allow the PD to use the room.
The motion carries.

President Benson, Jr. congratulates Life Member Andy Carras for his award from Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino for his service in World War II.

President Benson, Jr. requests that anybody who owes him money for Valley Cats tickets to please forward him that money ASAP.

President Benson, Jr. reminds members that the 100th Anniversary Party starts at high noon on Saturday!

Mike Benson Sr. requests funding for a member's only golf outing on October 23.

He and Tim Boel will run the outing.

A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Tom Gullo, to appropriate \$300 for that event.
The motion carries.

Linda Cook reports that Jan Stickles (founding member of the Ladies Auxiliary) passed away and the wake is tomorrow at Rockefellers. Linda inquires if we are able to do flowers.

Jeff Tooker replies that Bud's may not be able to make that deadline of 1pm tomorrow.

Jean Mastin states that Bountiful Blooms can.

President Benson Jr. authorizes Jean Mastin and Linda Cook to obtain flowers to send to that wake, along with our condolences to the family.

Jim Trimmer reports that ice was very low this past weekend at a party. Please stop taking ice on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mike Lansing reports that he has been making bags of ice for Saturday.

Rich Edberg reports that he has had stolen ice that he bagged himself.

President Benson, Jr. states that camera footage will be pulled if necessary.

Tom Gullo asks for the proper use of ice.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$69.00. The winner is Nelson Williams.

President Benson, Jr. reminds members that next month is the Steak Bake. Arrive at 6pm!

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

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary