



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

The September Company Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:07 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. 59 members were in attendance this evening.

President Benson Jr. wished the minutes to reflect the attendance of Past President Peter Lavin this evening.

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

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

President Benson Jr. stated that last night's Executive Board meeting minutes were sent via e-mail this morning.

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

41 checks were written in August.

Checks over \$500 were written to Republic Services, Chase Card Services, Eastern Heating and Cooling, Bob Lehmann, Christie Cullum, Heidi Smith, Jacob Preston, Brad Rose Landscaping, Glendale, Rosen's Uniforms, National Grid, Chuck Hellmuth, Michael Stafford, Derek Ingersoll, Paul DeBaise, Santore Fireworks, DeCresente, Monolith Solar, and My Place and Company.

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of August was \$5,267.00 and total expenses were \$50,348.80.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Jim Alcombright, 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 Hannaford, Best Buy, Thruway Beverage, and Goombas.

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Nick Madore, 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 those who attended the Greene County parade. The parade was delayed about an hour due to a tree coming down on the parade route. We won Best Appearing Out of County.
- We have been busy – make sure you sign your points sheets for credit!
- Thanks for those who have made the mutual aid fires.
- Please utilize IAR wisely – if somebody is coming per IAR, please wait for them.
- Firefighter Memorial Service @ HVCC on October 2.
- Schodack Chief's Picnic will be here on Saturday 9/24 at 1pm.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gives his report.

- Thank you for your service and hope you enjoyed the steaks!

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) has no report.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- The Holmatro tool on Engine 8 is OOS.

Foreman Winnicki requests that if a piece of equipment is broken (such as the tool on Engine 8) to please let somebody know so that it can be repaired.

Foreman Field thanks the Chiefs for the new tools on Truck 11.

Report of the Committees

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

Total profit for the month of August was \$870.00.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Jeff Wasileski, to accept the report as written.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. reports out on the Park Station.

President Benson Jr. states that there was a sewage issue on Sunday 9/18 that needed emergency repairs. The repairs were made. Tom Gullo inquires about a possible insurance claim for it. President Benson Jr. states that may not be a feasible option.

President Benson Jr. states that Jake Hallenbeck and crew are working on replacing the exterior lighting. Jake asks the President where the bulbs are. Rich Hendrick states they are behind Engine 9 in storage.

President Benson Jr. states that the kitchen was cleaned on September 12 and 13.

President Benson Jr. states that Brad Gallotta has repaired the alarm system at the Park Station. VP Lansing states that this has saved the Company thousands of dollars.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Pavilion rentals are already coming in for 2017. He thanks Mike Stafford and Chuck Hellmuth for all of their hard work. He also states that the wall behind the sink may need replacement in 2017.

President Benson Jr. discusses the need to raise the rental rate for the Pavilion. This increased rate is only for regular rentals, not for members or non-profits. He makes a suggestion to raise the rate from \$350 to \$375. A motion was made by Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr., seconded by Nick Madore, to raise the Pavilion rental rate to \$375. The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. discusses the issues with the damage done to the Main Station lot by the garbage company. The insurance company for the garbage company is CCMSI. The agent in Arizona is Amy Wright. President Benson Jr. has spoken to her a few times before tonight's meeting and will get in contact with her in a few weeks after she returns from a 2 week vacation. VP Lansing has also contacted the representatives from the garbage company and spoken to that insurance company. At last night's meeting, it was approved by the Executive Board to solicit quotes for repair. President Benson Jr. also stated that the Fire Company will not have any further dealings with Leto Brothers due to their poor workmanship. Nick Madore inquires about the depth of the quote. VP Lansing states it will be to repair the damage. Mike Memole asks what is wrong with Leto Brothers. President Benson Jr. replies that he believes the work was done poorly and now we cannot get a hold of anybody over there for repairs. Nick Field inquires if the repairs will go joint to joint. VP Lansing states that everything will be done. Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr. inquires if the apron will be done. VP Lansing states that will possibly be included.

President Benson Jr. asks those with lawn and leaf bags to dump them somewhere else other than the Main Station dumpster.

Captain Palmer stated that all members should come to the extrication drill next time – a lot was learned.

President Benson Jr. discussed the work done around the Training House.

VP Lansing and Lt. Becker are handling this detail.

President Benson Jr. discussed the possibility of tearing the Training House down.

Tom Whittemore inquires if the flagpole will be put back up.

VP Lansing stated that it will stay down until a decision is made about the Training House.

President Benson Jr. discussed the North Station.

He had to contact Eastern Heating and Cooling to deal with an issue with the HVAC system.

A new blower motor had to be installed.

Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr. gave the Pizza Night report.

A loss of \$86.41 was reported. It was a slow night.

The parking issue was discussed.

The next Pizza Night will be on October 22.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Tom Chessser, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Assistant Chief Forgea reported on the Greene County convention.

We won best Unit Out of County and Best Color Guard Out of County.

He reports that the Park Lane Motel has been secured for the 2017 HVVFA Convention.

There will be an increase in the price due to the fact that we need a bus to get places for next year.

The first payment will be due at the January Company meeting.

The Golf Outing Committee reports that the Golf Outing is an all-hands event and to please come help on September 25 if you are available.

President Benson Jr. reports that the Witko Cup Softball Tournament will be this Saturday.

President Benson Jr. reports that any Constitution and By Law changes need to be in to Tom Chessser by the October meeting.

Proposals for Membership

There is one proposal for membership this evening.

Taj Plante of Kevin Lane (Schodack Center) has applied for Active Membership.

His application will be tabled to the October meeting.

Six Month Probationary Review

Jack Geary's probationary review (extended from June's meeting) was brought up. President Benson Jr. stated that he has not heard much else from Jack regarding his inability to maintain his membership in the Fire Company. It is the recommendation of the Fire Company President to remove Jack Geary from the rolls. A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Nick Madore, to remove Jack Geary from the rolls. The motion carries. The President will transmit a letter, certified mail, to Jack Geary shortly.

New Business

Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr. discussed membership status issues.

Nick Madore discussed the urgent need for new couches at the Main Station. VP Lansing states that he will acquire new couches and use the Main Station passbook account.

Good of the Order

VP Lansing thanks Nick Liuzzi for assisting him in the cleaning of the Park Station walk in cooler. If there is old food, please clean it out.

Chief Lehmann and Assistant Chief Forgea requested further clarification on the November and December company meetings, as well as Chief's Elections, at the Main Station. President Benson Jr. stated that this was approved at a previous meeting, and there is plenty of room and plenty of chairs for the meetings.

Tom Kennedy will be running the Tunnel to Towers 5K in NYC this coming weekend. On a motion made by Rick Williams, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, a donation of \$200 will be made to Tom's charity. The motion carries.

Chuck Alger requests a donation for the Gold Star Memorial. Chuck gives a brief history of the memorial and what it stands for. He is requesting a \$1000 donation to the Gold Star Memorial. On a motion made by Tom Kennedy, seconded by Ed Wallace, the Fire Company will donate \$1000 to this worthy cause. The motion carries.

Pete Lehmann would like the record to reflect his appreciation for all of the hard work that the 100th Anniversary committee did for the party on August 20.

Assistant Chief Forgea notes the passing of Jaime Adams. Her father, Burke, is a frequent flyer at many of our fundraisers. Assistant Chief Tooker speaks about the family and their contributions to the East Greenbush community. A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Nick Field, to donate \$100 to the Miracle League Foundation in Jaime's memory. The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. notes that the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a fundraiser Thursday evening from 5pm to 7pm at the 16 Handles frozen yogurt shop.

President Benson Jr. once again thanks the Chiefs and Commissioners for a lovely dinner. He states that next month's meeting will be in the Banquet Hall, and that the North Station is on the food detail.

Tonight's 50/50 winner is Jeanne Mastin. She netted \$76.00!

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary