



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
October Company Meeting  
October 18, 2016**

The October 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. 52 members were in attendance this evening.

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

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain is absent. Treasurer Paul Benson gives the Financial Secretary's report.  
50 checks were written in September.

Checks over \$500 were written to Michael Stafford, Offshore Pier, Bob Lehmann, Republic Services, Country True Value, Chase Card Services, National Grid, Verizon, Monolith Solar, JCB, and Awards by Walsh and Creative Marketing.

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report.

Total income for the month of September was \$28,533.82 and total expenses were \$38,083.85.

A motion was made by Marc Iorio, seconded by Mike Memole, to accept the report as given.  
The motion carries.

Mike Memole makes an inquiry regarding the soda machine at the North Station failing.

George Forgea replies that it has not.

Mike Memole then states that the Park Station soda machine may need to be fixed.

President Benson Jr. states that Pepsi will be contacted.

President Mike Benson Jr. gives the Visa Card report.

The bill was paid in full.

Charges over \$200 went to Piece of Cake Bakery, Sears, Nationwide Maintenance, Restaurant Depot, Pellegriños, and Thompson Cigar.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, 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.

- Annual service is underway for the apparatus.
- Thanks to those who have assisted with the Pub Ed program.
- Dress for the colder weather that is coming when responding to calls.
- Please close the apparatus bay doors when you leave for a call.
- There are continued knox box issues.
- There are continued issues with the pagers and sirens.
- The Fire District's budget for 2017 was approved by the Commissioners. There is a marked decrease in the Chief's budget. Please take care of the gear that is issued to you. Please show up to calls. If people aren't showing up, gear may be reallocated.

RP Smith inquires about the phone that is attached to the Main Station low-band base.  
Chief Lehmann responds that this is due to the base being used as a back-up and it messes with the dispatching. If you need to talk to somebody, use the phone or truck radios.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) is outside with the old Truck 11 at a viewing.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) has no report.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Thanks to those who assisted with the IAmResponding drill last week.
- Pub Ed will be at Green Meadow all day Thursday.
- There are two events the following week.

Linda Cook reports that the Ladies Auxiliary is holding a Craft Fair at the Park Station on November 19 starting at 9:00 am.

### Report of the Committees

President Benson Jr. gives the Building Use Report for September 2016.

Total profit for the month of September was \$2,070.50.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Mike Memole, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

President Benson Jr. gives the Park Station report.

- Jake Hallenbeck hung the whiteboards downstairs and took care of lights that were out at the Park Station.
- He also asked members to let him know when things weren't working, such as the light switch in the kitchen storage area in the kitchen at the Park Station.
- There have been shorts in the parking lot lights at the Park Station. They should be fixed.
- The facility looked great for a wedding this past Saturday.
- We need cleaners for after events – the pay is \$40.

President Benson Jr. thanks Chuck Hellmuth, Mike Stafford, and Jim Alcombright for their help this year with the Pavilion. He states that Chuck Hellmuth has been asked to return to coordinate the Pavilion usage for 2017.

President Benson Jr. reports out on the Main Station.  
- Please return the dumpster keys if you took them!

RP Smith inquires about the blacktop situation at the Main Station.  
President Benson Jr. states that one quote was received from SMS Paving and Sealcoating for \$13,000. He states that he has been working with an insurance adjustor.  
He would like at least one more quote.

There is no report from the North Station.

There is one by-law change for the November meeting.  
Chairman of the By-Law Committee, Tom Chesser, reads the change.  
President Benson Jr. states that this proposed By-Law change will hang in the firehouses until the November meeting, where it will be voted on.  
*(Secretary's Note – this by-law change appears at the end of the minutes.)*

Past Chief / Past President Benson Sr. states that the next Pizza Night will be on October 22.  
Any extra help would be appreciated.

President Benson Jr. asked Chief Lehmann to give a P&L Statement for the Golf Outing.  
Chief Lehmann stated that he is still waiting for payment from some businesses, but he expects to profit about \$14,200 for the day.

President Benson Jr. read the names of those members who haven't paid their dues yet for 2016.  
This list includes Paul Wells, Nick Stockman, Jake Hallenbeck, Bryan Morgan, Anthony Proulx, Tracy Britt, Chris Bertrand, Bob Fish, Glen Cook, Josh Witko, and Jeremy Cook.  
It was pointed out that Tracy Britt is a Life Member, and his name was removed from the list.

President Benson Jr. appoints the Nominating Committee.  
Mike Prestipino from the North, Chris Lavin from the Main, and Nate Ziman from the Park will serve as the Nominating Committees. They are to have a list of nominees for office at the November meeting.

Chief Lehmann inquires about the monies left over from the North Station roof project.  
Specifically, they would like a shed with a peaked roof for cold storage.  
He states that there is about \$9,000 left over in the budget.  
He does not have any quotes, but would like to purchase a shed, not to exceed \$4,000, for the North Station.  
The motion is made by David A. Cook, and seconded by Ed McCabe.  
The motion carries.

### Proposals for Membership

Zach DeJoseph has submitted a membership application.  
He resides at 3 Huckleberry Road in Sunset Hills.  
His application will be tabled for one (1) month.

### Election of New Members

Taj Plante is up for election.  
President Benson Jr. states that he is stepping down tonight from the Nassau Fire Department.  
A motion was made by Vice President Lansing, seconded by Past President Iorio, to accept Taj into the Fire Company.  
The motion carries.

### Six Month Probationary Review

Tracy Cullum is up for her probationary review.  
A motion is made by Anthony Gullo, seconded by Chris Linck, to move Tracy to a full-fledged member.  
The motion carries.

### Good of the Order

President Benson Jr states that Pat Knappek has completed his training with the City of Rensselaer Fire Department and now works for them. Congratulations!

President Benson Jr states that the East Greenbush PD would like to use the Training Room and Banquet Hall on October 28 and November 4 for Felony Traffic Stop Training from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm each day.  
A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to allow them to use this.  
They will be cleaning up the hall on their own.  
The motion carries.

Past Chief Lehmann discusses the Hudson Mohawk meeting being held at our Park Station on October 20. We need about 7-8 tables set up and 1-2 bartenders. He states that we need about 5 people total.  
President Benson Jr. states that we need to have a TIPS trained bartender and please arrive at 6:30 pm if you are able to assist.

Chris Linck states that the Elks Club is accepting bids for a snowplow contract.  
See him for additional details.

David A. Cook states that Mark Siegal is now a Captain in the United States Marines and is overseas.  
He also inquires with the President if the Main Station is equipped with chairs and tables for the November meeting, Chief's elections, and December meeting.  
President Benson Jr. states that he, VP Lansing, and Assistant Chief Tooker will handle everything.

Past President Iorio reports out on the Annual Dinner.  
The dinner will be on Friday, December 9, with cocktail hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm.  
It will be catered this year, with Chuck Hellmuth's delicious shrimp included as well.

Ed McCabe inquires about the house next to the Main Station that is for sale.  
Past President Iorio stated that negotiations with the church went "poorly".  
Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr. states that they got a bad vibe from the church and that it got to a point of frustration. The frustration stems from the issues over housing a tenant.  
President Benson Jr. states that the Fire Company is not interested in housing a tenant.  
Chief Lehmann inquires as to the asking price of the house.  
Past President Iorio states that he doesn't know.  
Past Chief/Past President Benson Sr. states that the church is "financially strapped" and doesn't understand their actions.  
Past President Iorio states that they wanted the Fire Company to assume a tenant, which wasn't an option for us.  
Chief Lehmann states that this property is a "good opportunity".  
Mike Memole inquires about the parking issues at the property.  
President Benson Jr. states that it really isn't a concern at this time.  
Chief Lehmann requests that no apparatus be parked in their lot.  
Past Chief Forgea asks what the Company's plan is for the Training House.  
President Benson Jr. states that it will probably be demolished, but a lot of work has to happen before that. A plan needs to be established, as there is probably asbestos in it and a survey has been obtained by President Benson, Jr. Asbestos abatement is pricey.

President Benson Jr. states that food tonight is provided by the North Station.  
Food next month for the meeting at the Main Station will be provided by the Park Station.  
Tonight's 50/50 winner is Marty Miller, taking home \$69.00.

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by David A. Cook, to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion carries.  
The meeting is adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary

**EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY  
PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGES**

**ARTICLE 2- Membership**

**Section 1** - Currently reads - Membership in this organization shall be divided into seven classes: active members, active life members, exempt members, social members, honorary members, junior members, and probationary members.

**Proposed Change** - Membership in this organization shall be divided into six classes: active members, active life members, exempt members, social members, honorary members, and junior members.

**Section2, Paragraph 6**- Currently reads - A prospective member, when elected to membership, shall be placed on probation for a period of not less than three months nor more than six months. The Review Board shall review the record of the member as provided in Article 7, Section 3, and at the next monthly meeting following the quarterly meeting of the Review Board, recommend to the Company for majority vote, that the member be either designated as an Active Member or removed from the rolls.

**Proposed Change**- .... recommend to the Company for majority vote, that the member be either removed from probation, removed from the rolls, or the probation period be extended.

**Section2, Paragraph 7**- Currently reads - Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the East Greenbush Fire Company, Incorporated, may achieve active member's status by compliance with Article 3, Section 1, of this Constitution and By-Laws. Their participation shall be limited to serving refreshments at emergencies and performing such other duties, which shall be authorized by the Chief or Officer in Charge. Participation as prescribed in Article 2, Section 2, Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 are waived.

**Proposed Change**- .... Participation as prescribed in Article 2, Section 2, Paragraphs 2 and 3 are waived for members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the East Greenbush Fire Company, Incorporated, who do not pursue active firefighting duties.

Proposed by Mike Benson Sr.  
Seconded by David A. Cook

By Law Change Proposal Submission date: October 19, 2016

