



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Annual (December) Meeting
December 20, 2016**

The December/Annual Meeting was called to order by President Michael Benson Jr. at 7:02 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.

President Benson, Jr. asks the membership to reflect upon the passing of Past Chief/Past President David Smith.

Past Chief Pete Lehmann makes a motion to have the secretary set aside a page in the minutes in memory of David Smith. This motion is seconded by Jim Alcombright. The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 66 members were in attendance this evening at the roll call.

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

A motion was made by Tracy Britt, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

President Benson, Jr. stated that the Chief's Election minutes were sent via e-mail.

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

President Benson, Jr. states that there was an Executive Board meeting immediately prior to this meeting. Those minutes will be sent out separately.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gave his report for the month of November. 32 checks were written. Checks over \$500 went to Curtis Printing, DeCresente, Empire Merchants, Republic Services, Chase Card Services, SMS Paving, Mike Stafford, National Grid, Verizon, and Dignum and Bame.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Luke Palmer, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his Treasurer's report.

Total income for the month was \$28,090.21, and total expenses were \$41,092.82.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept this report. The motion carries.

President Benson, Jr. states that the monthly Visa bill is still being sorted out. The report will be given at the January meeting.

Secretary Tooker reads various communications.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- He thanks the members for their responses to calls in 2016.
- He thanks the members for assisting with the services for Dave Smith.
- He gave a detailed recap of our service in 2016.

Car 2 (Chris Dick) gave his report.

- He thanked the members for their support over the past two years and looks forward to next year.

Car 3 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- He thanked the members for their time and energy this year.

Car 4 (Greg Forgea) gave his report.

- He thanked the members for their support.
- He has met with Kevin Hitchcock regarding F&A Pizza and the Recovery Room and their frequent fire alarm issues.

No other officers wished to give a report.

Report of the Committees

President Benson, Jr. stated that the November Building Use report is still being sorted out. The report will be available at the January meeting.

President Benson, Jr. discusses the Banquet Hall Manager position, as Mike Stafford is stepping down effective at the close of business on December 31, 2016.

He states that VP Lansing, Chief Lehmann, and himself met with Charlene Winnicki (the only internal candidate) for about an hour and half on Monday evening to discuss the compensation package, the responsibilities, and other various issues.

The stipend for the position will be \$100.00 per month (\$1200.00/year) with a commission scale built in. It is the recommendation of the Executive Board to appoint Charlene Winnicki as the Banquet Hall Manager, effective January 1, 2017.

A motion was made for this by Clark Roehr, seconded by Tracy Britt.

The motion carries.

President Benson, Jr. discusses the lights that are now working in the parking lot.

He also discusses the new contract through 2019 with Eastern Heating & Cooling.

The cost for 2017 and 2018 is \$13,324, and the cost for 2019 will be \$13,724.

This was approved and signed by the Executive Board earlier this evening.

Richard Hendrick reminds those who wash their cars in the Park Station bay to clean up after using it.

President Benson, Jr. states that he is working with RP Smith to insulate the pipes at the Main Station so that they do not freeze.

George Forgea states that the North Station is all set.

Chief Lehmann states that they will be getting a shed, but are going to wait until the springtime to do so.

President Benson, Jr. hopes everybody had a great time at the Annual Dinner, but also hopes that we can minimize the taking of shots in 2017. Mistakes were made.

Also, Jim Alcombright will be chairing this event in 2017.

Past Chief/Past President Mike Benson, Sr. gives the Pizza Night report for December's Pizza Night.

He states it was a bit slow, but thanked those who assisted.

He also stated that January is the busiest month and we will need all hands on deck for this.

The total profit for the month of December was \$471.03.

President Benson, Jr. stated that six pizzas and sixty wings were donated to the family of Dave Smith.

A motion was made by Tom Gullo, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept the December Pizza Night report.

The motion carries.

President Benson, Jr. expresses his appreciation towards Charlene Winnicki and Jeff Tooker for their coordination of the kids and adult Christmas parties this past Saturday night. A good time was had by all.

Vice President Lansing states that sign-up sheets will be up ASAP for the Installation Dinner.

The dinner is on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm (cocktail hour) and 6:00 pm (dinner) at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.

The cost will be \$10 a member and \$20 for their guest.

Rooms are \$102/night plus tax using "EAGG" for the group code.

Proposals for Membership

There are no proposals for membership this evening.

Election of Members

There are no members to be elected this evening.

Six Month Probationary Review

President Benson, Jr. states that the following members are up for their six-month probationary review: Bill Lindemann, Davis Kakely, and Gina Pendolino.

All three are asked to step out for a moment.

A motion was made by Tom Gullo, seconded by Bob Lehmann, to remove these three members from probationary status and make them full-fledged members. The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Benson, Jr. states that the "for sale" signs have been taken down next door to the training house. He states that Marc Iorio has informed him that they are still, in fact, for sale. More to follow.

New Business

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Nick Field, to contribute \$5,000 per year to the Capital Reserve fund and earmark those monies for a possible new firehouse in the future.

A lengthy discussion follows.

The motion carries.

Mike Forgea has written a letter requesting a move from the Active rolls to the Social Rolls.

A motion (with regret) was made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by Chris Dick, to move Mike Forgea to the Social Rolls. The motion carries, with some limited opposition.

President Benson, Jr. gives his lengthy Presidential Address, thanking numerous members of his team as he transitions into the role of Assistant Chief.

Good of the Order

President Benson, Jr. discusses a request from Scotty McNeff, a paramedic at Bruen, for a family that is homeless and going through some very tough times right now.

They need furniture for a house that they will be renting in the short term.

Past President Pete Lavin is willing to part with his older furniture for the low price of \$300.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Tom Gullo, to have the fire company cut a check to Past President Pete Lavin in the amount of \$300 and then the fire company will donate that furniture to the family.

Mike Memole inquires if \$500 may be more appropriate.

President Benson, Jr. states that \$300 has been previously agreed upon.

Nick Madore asks if they need a table.

Jeff Tooker states that he will check.

The motion carries.

A letter requesting support of a candidate for office in the HVVFA was tabled.

President Benson, Jr. is in receipt of a request from the Sean Jucha fund, requesting use of the Banquet Hall facility (free of charge) on April 29th for a comedy fundraiser.

A motion was made by RP Smith, seconded by Tom Chessner, to approve this request.

Chuck Hellmuth wants the President to ensure that a cleaning crew is assigned.

Luke Palmer inquires if the date is available.

President Benson, Jr. responds that it is.

Nick Madore offers to donate his time to run the bar.

The motion carries.

Election of Officers

President Benson, Jr. states that there are several contested races this evening.

He appoints Past Chief Pete Lehmann as Head Teller.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann appoints the current slate of chiefs plus incoming assistant chief Mike Benson, Jr. as Assistant Tellers.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann asks the Secretary how many people are in the room and are eligible to cast a ballot in tonight's elections.

Jeff Tooker replies that there are 70 members in attendance who are eligible to cast a ballot.

There is a contested race for President.

President Benson, Jr. states that he is removing his name from the President's ballot.

This leaves one candidate, Mike Lansing.

A motion is made by Past President/Chief Benson, Sr., seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Mike Lansing.

Mike Lansing is elected President for 2017.

President Benson, Jr. states there is an uncontested race for the following executive positions:

Recording Secretary – Jeff Tooker

Treasurer – Paul Benson

Financial Secretary – Chris Cargain

Membership Secretary – Joe Lacivita

A motion is made by Past Chief Rick Willams, seconded by Christie Cullum, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates.

The motion carries.

These candidates are the officers in these positions for 2017.

There is a contested race for Vice President.

President Benson, Jr. advises that Mike Lansing should be stricken from the ballot, as he is now the President-elect.

Nick Madore requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

Mike Memole requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr. to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Vice President:

Anthony Gullo, Rich Hendrick, Marc Iorio, Luke Palmer, and Chuck Rossbach.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Todd Cullum, seconded by Mike Memole, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Marc Iorio was elected Vice President for 2017.

There is a contested race for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Anthony Gullo requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

Luke Palmer requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

Dan Reyner requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

Joe Winnicki requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Todd Cullum, seconded by Frank Jenkins, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Sergeant-at-Arms:

Christie Cullum and Rich Hendrick.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Matt Wasileski, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Rich Hendrick was elected Sergeant-at-Arms for 2017.

There is a contested race for three open Board of Directors positions.

President Benson, Jr. states that that top two vote getters will be awarded the three-year term of Director, and the third-place vote getter will be awarded the unfinished (two-year) term of Director.

The two-year term is Marc Iorio's position, who was elected Vice President earlier in the evening.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Past Chief Tim Boel, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Sergeant-at-Arms:

Tracy Cullum, Luke Palmer, Nick Madore, Mike Memole, Dan Reyner, Clark Roehr, and Chuck Rossbach.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Tracy Britt, seconded by Bill Lindemann, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Tracy Cullum and Luke Palmer will serve three-year terms as Directors, and Clark Roehr will serve the two-year term of Director.

There is a contested race for Captain. There are five positions available.

President Benson, Jr. advises that his name needs to be removed from the ballot, as he was elected Assistant Chief for 2017.

Matt Sullivan would like to remove his name from the ballot.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Nick Field, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Captain:

Mark Becker, Tracy Britt, Chris Cargain, Anthony Gullo, Mike Lansing, Nick Liuzzi, and Luke Palmer.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Bill Lindemann, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Mark Becker, Chris Cargain, Mike Lansing, Nick Liuzzi, and Luke Palmer have been elected Captains for 2017.

There is a contested race for Lieutenant. There are five positions available.

President Benson, Jr. advises that Mark Becker, Mike Lansing, Nick Liuzzi, and Luke Palmer should be removed from the ballot, as they were all just elected Captains.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Nick Madore, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Lieutenant:

Glen Cook, Todd Cullum, Nick Field, Anthony Gullo, Nick Madore, Dan Reyner, and Matt Sullivan.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Jim Trimmer, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Glen Cook, Todd Cullum, Nick Field, and Anthony Gullo have been elected Lieutenant for 2017. He advises that there was a tie between Dan Reyner and Matt Sullivan.

President Benson, Jr. authorizes the tellers to distribute slips of paper and instructs the membership to cast a ballot either for Dan Reyner or Matt Sullivan.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Todd Cullum, seconded by Jim Trimmer to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Matt Sullivan has been elected Lieutenant in the runoff election.

There is a contested race for Foreman. There are five positions available.

President Benson, Jr. advises that Nick Field and Anthony Gullo should be removed from the ballot, as they were all just elected Lieutenants.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody would like their name removed from the ballot.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to close nominations.

The motion carries.

Ballots were distributed with the following candidates seeking the office of Foreman

Richard Hendrick, Nick Madore, Mike Prestipino, Bill Sigsby, RP Smith, and Joe Winnicki.

President Benson, Jr. asks three times if anybody else needs to ballot.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were counted in the member's room at the Main Station.

Head Teller Pete Lehmann reports that Richard Hendrick, Mike Prestipino, Bill Sigsby, RP Smith, and Joe Winnicki have been elected Foreman for 2017.

There is a contested race for Fire Police Captain.

Mike Memole requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

This leaves one candidate, Tom Whittemore.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Tom Whittemore.

The motion carries.

Tom Whittemore is elected Fire Police Captain for 2017.

There is a contested race for Fire Police Lieutenant. There are three spots available. President Benson, Jr. tells the membership to remove Tom Whittemore's name from the ballot, as he was just elected Fire Police Captain.

Mike Memole requests that his name be removed from the ballot.

This leaves two candidates, Joe Lacivita and Nelson Williams.

President Benson, Jr. opens up the floor for nominations for a third Fire Police Lieutenant.

There are no nominations from the floor.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Tim Boel, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Joe Lacivita and Nelson Williams, leaving the third spot vacant for the time being.

The motion carries.

Joe Lacivita and Nelson Williams are elected Fire Police Lieutanants for 2017.

Past President/Past Chief Mike Benson, Sr. speaks on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, thanking the members for their service during 2016. He also thanks the members for taking care of the new Truck 11.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$86.00.

The winner is Jake Hallenbeck.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Sr., seconded by Elwin Michel, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary

This page in the December 2016
Meeting Minutes of the
East Greenbush Fire Company
is hereby set aside for
Past Chief David C. Smith.