



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
January Company Meeting  
January 17, 2017**

The December/Annual Meeting was called to order by President Michael Lansing 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.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 59 members were in attendance this evening at the roll call.

President Lansing stated that the December minutes were sent via e-mail.

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

President Lansing stated that the Executive Board meeting minutes of December 20 were sent via e-mail as well.

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain is absent this evening.

Treasurer Benson gave the Financial Secretary's report.

48 checks were written.

Checks over \$500 went to National Grid, Eastern Heating & Cooling, Vincent Markowski, Republic Services, Mike Stafford, Jim Trimmer, Chase Card Services, DeCresente, Empire Merchants, Verizon, Southern Glazer of New York, Greenbush Reformed Church, and Otis Elevator.

Treasurer Benson also reported that 498 total checks were written in 2016, with 126 of those checks over \$500. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Recording Secretary for the minutes.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives the Treasurer's report.

Total income for the month was \$11,094.95, and total expenses were \$40,534.95.

He also gave the annual Treasurer's report.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the Recording Secretary for the minutes.

A motion was made by Tracy Britt, seconded by Jim Trimmer, to accept these reports.

The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa Bill report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Walmart, Moscatiello's, Pelligrino's, Restaurant Depot, Hannaford, and Dinosaur BBQ.

A motion was made by Mike Benson Sr., seconded by David A. Cook, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker reads various communications.

### Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- He presented a NYS Fire Training Certificate to Gina Pendolino for her completion of BEFO.
- OSHA is underway – 1/24 and 1/31 will finish up OSHA
- There are forms for data updates for IAmResponding, please fill them out and return them to the box up front.
- There is a safety officer opening – please see Car 1 tonight if you are interested.
- 2016 points are out – if you have questions or concerns, see Car 1.
- For those deficient in 2016 points, there will be a review board meeting on 2/7 at 6pm.
- If you find an issue at your station, please notify your station officers first, then your station chief, then Car 1. Please follow the chain of command.
- The sidewalk project on Luther Road will commence this spring.
- There will be a new procedure for the fueling of trucks – no more gas keys. There will be a box inside the weight room with the keys.
- There will be an officer's meeting on Thursday 1/25 at 7pm.
- There is a need for fire investigators for the town and county. If you have the training, see Car 1.
- There were 366 total calls for 2016. 10% of those calls would be 37 calls.
- The base station at the Main was taped shut again because the WQOT base on Ridge Road was down again. It should be back up and running shortly.
- Engine 9 is OOS for annual maintenance. It should be back next week.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- There is now an EMT only list on IAR for messages. If you are an EMT, see Jeff to be added to the list.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) is working this evening.

Car 4 (Mike Benson, Jr.) gives his report.

- The Holmatro tool on Engine 8 has been repaired.
- OSHA make ups will go through me.

Foreman Winnicki reports that the thermal imaging camera on Engine 8 was put back incorrectly a few times – see him if you have questions.

## Report of Committees

President Lansing gives the Building Use Report for December 2016.

Total profit for December 2016 was \$3,840.00.

Total profit for 2016 was \$40,088.68 for the Banquet Hall, and \$10,960.25 for the Bar.

A motion was made by David A. Cook, seconded by Mike Benson, Sr., to accept this report.

The motion carries.

RP Smith states that the Main Station is quiet.

Mike Benson, Jr. asks about the pipes that need to be insulated.

President Lansing states that he will handle it.

George Forgea states that the North Station is quiet.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that the back door leading into the Banquet Hall is in need of repair.

Mike Lansing reports that a toilet was fixed in the men's room.

Paul Benson reports that a toilet in the ladies room downstairs is not flushing properly.

Tim Boel reports that damage was done to the wall behind the door in the Training Room.

Paul Benson reports that there will be a mop and bucket set aside for cleaning the kitchen only.

President Lansing reports that Rich Hendrick is up front at the table right now collecting monies for the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Installation Dinner this Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.

Mike Benson Sr. gives the Pizza Night P&L report.

He thanks the members for coming out to assist at the fundraiser.

They sold 73 pies, 52 orders of wings, 17 mozzarella sticks, and 22 salads.

Total profit for the night was \$701.97.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

## Proposals for Membership

There are two proposals for membership.

Jacob Baker – resides at 5 Couse Place, East Greenbush

Tucker Glass – resides at 2205 Forrest Point Drive, East Greenbush

President Lansing states that these applications will be tabled for one month and the applications will be forwarded to the Membership Committee.

## Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business this evening.

## New Business

Charlene Winnicki reports that anybody who is holding a date for a rental in 2017 is advised to sign a contract by this Friday or your date will be released.

President Lansing reports that he has received a letter from Jeremy Cook, requesting a move to the social rolls from the active rolls, as he has moved out of the District. He has three years of service. A motion was made by Nick Liuzzi, seconded by Todd Cullum, to move Jeremy Cook to the social rolls. The motion carries.

President Lansing introduces Scott Galarneau, who gives a presentation on LED Lighting.

Bob Lehmann gives a comprehensive presentation on the rental rates for the Pavilion and Banquet Hall, effective for 2017.

A very lengthy discussion ensues regarding these rates, times of rentals, the kitchen, and the bereavement policy.

Numerous members offer their suggestions on the rates.

The discussion then turns to compensation of the clean-up and bar staff.

Numerous members express their concerns over the tipping practice and the rotation of bartenders.

Jim Trimmer expresses the need of having certain bartenders on certain events.

Tim Boel asks if this is a policy written somewhere. Jim replies in the negative.

Jim Trimmer states that he will work with Charlene Winnicki in the near future to develop a better guideline on the tipping and the cash bar procedures.

The discussion continues regarding the tipping and cash bar procedures.

Upon recognition of President Lansing, Jeff Tooker makes a motion to move the previous question and call for a vote of this presentation of Pavilion and Banquet Hall rates by Bob Lehmann. This motion is seconded by Mike Memole. The motion carries, and the rates are approved for 2017.

Vice President Iorio gives a lengthy presentation on the budget for 2017.

Chris Lavin expresses concern about the steep projected increase for the fund drive.

Discussion was had over the increase of \$800 to \$1600 for the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the reasons for it.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to approve the 2017 Budget.

The motion carries.

## Good of the Order

President Lansing is in receipt of a request by Mike Stafford to re-issue him a fob to the Park Station.

President Lansing states that Mike will be assisting with bartending and clean-ups.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Lavin, to re-issue Mike Stafford a fob.

Frank Jenkins expresses concern over this request.

Tim Boel states that the Fire Company is the landlord and that this request should be granted.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio states that the 1099s for 2016 have been issued and sent.

President Lansing states that a request has been received from the East Greenbush-Castleton Little League for the annual sponsorship.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, to sponsor a team and have our sign displayed for \$550. The motion carries.

President Lansing states that a request has been made by the West Glens Falls Fire Company for the HVVFA Ad for 2017. A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to sponsor a ½ page advertisement for \$150. The motion carries.

President Lansing states that a request has been made by the West Glens Falls Fire Company for the HVVFA Trophy Sponsorship for 2017. A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to sponsor a trophy for \$100. The motion carries.

Nick Madore makes a motion to allot monies to purchase flat screen TVs for the bar area.

A second to this motion is made by Tim Boel.

A lengthy discussion ensues regarding the placement of the TVs and why some people don't want a TV in the bar area.

Towards the end of the discussion, it is agreed upon that a TV could be placed there for the bartenders. The motion is amended to not exceed \$350.00 for this TV.

Paul Wells then stated that he has a TV to donate to the Fire Company.

President Lansing stated that he will work with Paul to secure the donated TV.

Nick Madore then withdrew his motion.

50/50 this evening was \$77.00. The winner was Tom Whittemore.

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

The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary