



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
February Company Meeting  
February 21, 2017**

The February Meeting was called to order by President Michael Lansing at 7:08 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.

Vice President Iorio called the rolls in absence of Secretary Tooker, whom has a to fulfill a work obligation this evening. 42 members were in attendance this evening at the roll call. Vice President Iorio also mentions that the committee list is being passed around, please sign up to be a member of a committee, per our bylaws.

A motion was made by Peter Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck to set aside a page in the February fire company meeting meeting minutes in memory of Past President Andrew Carras. The motion carries.

President Lansing stated that the January company minutes were sent via e-mail by Secretary Tooker. A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Clark Roehr, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

President Lansing stated that the Executive Board meeting minutes from January were sent via e-mail as well. A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

President Lansing stated that the Review Board meeting minutes from January were sent via e-mail as well. A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Chuck Alger, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives the Financial Secretary's report.

38 checks were written. Checks over \$500 went to Chief's Account, Southern Glazer of NY, Republic Services, JCB Specialties, Michael Stafford, National Grid, Town of East Greenbush, Verizon, Jason Seeberger, East Greenbush Castleton Little League.

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives the Treasurer's report.

Total income for the month was \$9,922.58, and total expenses were \$28,389.07.

A motion was made by Anthony Gullo, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept these reports. The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa Bill report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Grainger (2), Moscatiello's, Pellegrino Importing, Restaurant Depot, and 4IMPRINT.

A motion was made by Anthony Gullo., seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio reads various communications. There were various letters to thank the fire company for their support during several untimely passings.

### Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

-Explorers will drill once a month on Thursday nights. A schedule will be coming. It will be an additional drill night for those that cannot make Tuesday night drills, please come if you can, this is another opportunity for you to get points.

-Driver training and Physicals are in process, more details coming.

-Gear Washers are up for preventative maintenance. There will be training on the actual gear washers.

-Information has been uploaded to I am responding. Thank you for submitting this information.

-Apologies for E9 being out so long. Major repairs were made to the governor of the truck. The generator has pulsed at times in the past, so hopefully this resolves this. Electronic issues were the root cause. Engine 9 may pump a little different, please go out and drill and pump on E9.

-Truck 11 will be going out shortly for service, date is to be determined. Old Truck 11 is sold, it will be shipping out soon, do not touch the old T11.

-Car 3 had reached out regarding hands on training. An outside vendor will come and give the class, date is tentative at 4/15. Further details will be communicated in the future, it should be a great training and will be on site. Space is limited so please reach out to Car 3 if interested.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) is absent

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

-There will be slight changes to drill schedule, please stay tuned for correspondence from IAmResponding. There will be a walk through at the new apartments on Elliot Rd. on February 28<sup>th</sup> for members, along with workplace violence training.

-If anyone needs OSHA makeups, please contact me as soon as possible, these must be complete by March 31st, most people are all set. Thank you to everyone for overall good attendance.

-Driver training committee met, went over BOPs and driver certification was discussed. Further details will be coming soon.

### Report of Committees

President Lansing gives the Building Use Report for January 2017.

There were 3 Rentals, rental income was \$750, Bar Income 591.25, Contractor Payout is pending.

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

The motion carries.

Pizza Night – Past President Benson Sr. notes that the February Pizza Night was great, we sold out of mozzarella sticks, which was a first. We thought we were going to be light on help but people stepped up right at the start time of the event and we had plenty of hands. All the help was appreciated, especially at the end of the night, if you are unable to work the event, but are available at the end of the night, helping at this time is huge. We will need all hands for the March 11<sup>th</sup> Pizza Night, please help out if you can.

Total Income was 1955.68, Total expenses were 715.26, minus a startup bank of \$300, total profit for the event was 940.42. A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Mike Benson Jr. to accept this report. The motion carries.

Fish Fry – Committee Chair Tom Chesser notes fish fries will be starting on March 24, 31, April 7 and April 14<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for all fry events, if you would like to be more involved, please let him know. A motion is made by Tom Chesser to purchase a hot dog roller grill, not to exceed \$350, seconded by David A. Cook. Rich Hendrick asked if he should inquire with True Value to see if they have a used one to save money, Tom says yes. Rich will inquire and report back. The motion was passed.

By-Laws Committee – Committee Chair Tom Chesser says if there are any bylaw change proposals, please follow bylaws and get information to him as soon as possible.

Uniforms – Anyone that needs uniforms please let Bob Lehmann or Greg Forgea know.

Softball – Past President Benson Jr. has indicated he will no longer chair the softball committee, he will turn over the reins to Nick Liuzzi and hopefully a co-chair. If anyone is interested in co-chairing, please reach out to Mike or Nick.

Ladies Auxiliary – Jeanne Mastin mentions that when using the hall for an auxiliary event, they have to go through the banquet manager but then to the company. The ladies auxiliary has purchased several items, or offered to purchase items such as a couch downstairs and is always looking to help the fire company out. There is a perception that they don't contribute amongst some people. They would like to reiterate that they do work hand in hand with the fire company and support them at all costs. She is presenting a check for \$500 to the fire company. Jeanne wanted to clarify that if there is an issue, please approach auxiliary leadership.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion to give blanket authority to the ladies auxiliary to rent the banquet hall, at their leisure, so long as there are no conflicts. This is seconded by David A. Cook. Past President Benson Sr. made clear that they are the backbone of the fire company and these fundraisers would not be successful without them. The motion carries.

### Proposals for Membership

There is one proposals for membership. Srinath Reddy Badda, resides at Forrest Point Dr and is employed as a software architect.

Vice President Iorio states that this application will be tabled for one month and the application will be forwarded to the Membership Committee. It will be voted on in March.

### Election of Members

Jacob Anthony Thomas Baker, resided at 5 Couse Place and is employed at Stewarts. A motion was made by David A. Cook seconded by Michael Benson Jr. to make Jacob a probationary member. The motion carries.

Tucker Braden Glass is not a resident nor employed within the vicinity of East Greenbush District #3. The membership committee recommends we table this application to do further review.

### Unfinished Business

President Lansing gave an update on the LED project. The Executive Board met with one vendor, we will be reviewing with at least one more in the coming weeks, we will have further updates.

### New Business

Car 4 Mike Benson Jr. reports on behalf of the Review Board. Nick Stockman has consistently been a subject for the review board. He has failed to meet his points in the years since he has joined, he doesn't attend drills regularly and has failed to achieve 10% of calls as required by an active firefighter. Nick Stockman failed to meet with a member of the district despite the President and Chief Reaching out to discuss his failures to maintain points, and the review board process has been completed as per our bylaws. He makes a motion to terminate his membership, seconded by Nick Liuzzi. The motion carries with no member opposed. A letter will be sent via certified mail by President Lansing to communicate this to Mr. Stockman.

President Lansing reads a letter from Chris Bertrand to change his membership from active to social. Chris is unable to fill his obligations due to working several jobs. With regrets, a motion is made by Nick Liuzzi, seconded by Anthony Gullo. The motion carries.

President Lansing mentions a work detail was done to update shelving in the bar this past Saturday. President Lansing thanks all those in attendance for this work detail. Also, Captain Palmer updated all the TV's in the kitchen and bar area, a huge thank you goes out to Luke. Car 4 thanks Linda Cook for her work in cleaning up the kitchen after pizza night.

The East Greenbush Police Department would like to use the hall on 3/3,30,23,30 from 8-4 for free for trainings. They will pick up. A motion was made by Car 4 Mike Benson Jr. seconded by Nick Liuzzi to rent the hall for free. The motion carries.

A motion, was made by Past President Benson Jr. to donate \$200 to the Deyette fund. Jason Deyette is a member of Clinton Heights, his daughter, Alina, has a rare disease and the family is in need of funds. The motion is seconded by Rich Hendrick and the motion carries. There is also a sign up for tshirts to support this cause.

### Good of the Order

Vice President Iorio reads The Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association is looking for ads in their convention book. A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck to purchase a half page ad at \$60.

Vice President reads a message was from Ernie Tubbs, looking for support in the Meehan Mile, to support an Albany Police Department Detective who was diagnosed with a rare disorder. A motion is made by Past President Benson Jr. to donate \$100 to this cause, it is seconded by Chris Linck and the motion carries.

Past Chief Rick Williams notes to keep the father of Chris Dick in your thoughts and prayers, he has taken very ill.

Nick Madore discusses the LED project further, especially the company's suggestion to switch our energy supplier to save us money. President Lansing notes this will be looked at by Executive Board and will be reporting out in the future.

A special award was presented to former Banquet Manager Mike Stafford for his many years of service to the fire company. Vice President Iorio noted that he has helped keep the business of the fire company running smoothly for years and was responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue over the years.

50/50 this evening was \$52.00. The winner was Nick Madore.

A motion was made by Nick Liuzzi, seconded by Mike Memole, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Iorio  
Vice President

This Page Dedicated to the Memory of Andrew Carras