



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

The March Meeting was called to order by President Michael Lansing at 7:10 pm.

A pledge to the flag was led by the acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Chuck Alger.

Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 55 members were in attendance this evening.

President Lansing stated that the minutes, as recorded last month, were sent out via email.
A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Jill Kaufman, to accept the minutes as posted.
The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.
34 checks were written during the month of February.
Checks over \$500 were written to JCB Specialties, Chase Card Services, Republic Services, National Grid, Chris Lavin, Verizon, and Eastern Heating and Cooling.
A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa card report.
Charges over \$200 were made to Pellegrino's, Restaurant Depot, and the Hilton Garden Inn for the Banquet.
A motion was made by Nick Field, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.
Total income for the month of February was \$256,770.97, and total expenses were \$29,953.09.
A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Frank Jenkins, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

Paul Benson states that Mary Smith donated \$500 to the Fire Company in memory of her husband, Past Chief Dave Smith. Paul Benson would like to move these monies to the Barbara J. Lehmann Scholarship Fund. His motion is seconded by Chuck Alger. The motion carries.

Various communications are read by Secretary Tooker and will be acted upon during Good of the Order.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- He thanked all the members who gave their time during the Blizzard stand-by.
- Physicals will be April 19 and 20. There is a sign-up sheet going around. Please sign up.
- The hands-on training will be April 15 for those that signed up through Car 3.
- The Rensselaer County training lists were sent out by Car 2.
- If you need to make up OSHA, you need to see Car 4. You have nine days or gear will be pulled, and you will not get a physical.
- The Driver re-certification process will commence shortly. Car 4 is in charge.
- Please make an effort to make it to the midnight calls.
- There will be a website overhaul. It will be a joint fire company/fire district endeavor.

There will be a \$700 per year cost.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Marc Iorio, to allocate \$700 of company money to fund the new website. The motion carries.

- There are blue lights, long sleeved shirts, and short sleeved shirts for sale for the rest of the meeting.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- There is a new county training sheet. The electronic version will be sent out as soon as we receive it.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- There is a new alarm system being installed shortly at the Sports Grill.
- The Kensey Apartments on Elliot Road do not have sprinklers in the garages and they are open for occupancy.
- Thanks for the storm responses.

Car 4 (Mike Benson, Jr.) is at the NYSAFC Active Shooter class being held in Defreestville's station tonight.

Captain Luke Palmer reports that the Captains have worked on the IAmResponding data input.

There are hazard and data markers on IAR for member use at calls.

He also reports that he would like to see some recruiting take place to get some new members.

Report of the Committees

President Lansing gave the Building Use Report for February 2017.

There were six rentals – total income was \$2,050 and total bar income was \$864, for a total overall income of \$3,014.

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

The motion carries.

George Forgea reports that there was a minor drain issue at the North that will be resolved.

Jake Hallenbeck and Mike Lansing fixed the heating unit at the North.

Nick Madore gives a synopsis of the sewer issue at the Park Station.
He explains what he believes to be the issue regarding the sewage smell and the amps for the breakers for the pumps.

Rick Williams states that the system was not designed the way that Nick is describing it.

A lengthy discussion of the sewer system setup was had.

Nick Madore volunteers to make contact with George Martin Electric to determine what the exact issue is and if a repair can be made. Nick will report out at the April meeting.

Mike Benson Sr. gives the Pizza Night report.

A total profit of \$1,039.59 was made.

He thanks the slim crew that made it, and looks forward to not seeing a pizza pan for a few months.

President Lansing thanks Benny Sr. and Linda Cook for their dedication for this fundraiser.

Tom Chesser gives the Fish Fry night report.

We will set up for this Friday's fish fry immediately following the meeting.

Serving times will be Friday's 4:30 to 7:30.

The fish fry closet has been cleaned – please keep it that way.

The hot dog roller is in and ready to go.

Anthony Gullo gives the softball team report.

We will be in Schodack Landing for home games.

Games will be Fridays at 6:00 pm.

Greg Forgea gives the Convention report.

There are still rooms available. See him with payment.

Tom Chesser gives the Constitution and By Laws report.

There is one proposed change.

(Secretary's Note - this change is located on the last page of these minutes.)

President Lansing states that the proposed change will be posted in each firehouse until the April meeting.

Tom Whittemore reminds us to wear our gear so that our pictures can end up on the website.

Rich Hendrick reports that the Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 9 from 8am to 12pm.

The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance.

There are no new proposals for membership.

There are two prospective members, Srinath Badda and Tucker Glass, who have been tabled from previous months.

Marc Iorio makes a motion, seconded by Kathy Miller, to table them for one more month to clear up residency requirements.

The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Luke Palmer discusses, in depth, the LED lighting project.

Nick Madore discusses the pricing.

Bob Lehmann inquires about the savings per month.

Luke Palmer responds that we could see a \$1200/month savings between the three firehouses.

Nick Madore states that he will work with the representative to ensure that there will be substantial savings and fair pricing.

Luke Palmer states that the Board of Directors will meet to firm up the numbers and have a report at the April meeting.

Vice President Iorio read a letter from the Town of East Greenbush regarding the use of the Banquet Hall for a "rainy day" site for the Town Day Camp.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to allow the Town to use the Banquet Hall as a rainy day site provided they pay \$100 for the use of the hall and they coordinate it with the Banquet Manager.

The motion carries.

Good of the Order

Vice President Iorio states that we will have a Dine to Donate at the Recovery Sports Grill in the Rensselaer County Plaza on Thursday, May 4 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He will have the slips of paper available at the April meeting for this fundraiser.

Vice President Iorio also reports that the annual ValleyCats outing will be on Tuesday, July 11.

Chris Dick thanks the membership for sending flowers to his father's memorial service.

He especially thanks Chris Cargain for his support.

Vice President Iorio read a letter that was received by Tim Boel regarding a donation request for a bus/gathering for NYSAFC President John Sroka at the NYSAFC Conference in June.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to donate \$100 for this request.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio read a letter from the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association, soliciting support for Bill Eck as FASNY Firemen's Home Trustee.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Bob Reineke, to have the Secretary send a letter of support for Bill Eck.

The motion carries.

George Forgea thanks the membership on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the blizzard stand-by and call responses. He also thanks those who helped get the old T-11 sold and out of our station. He also advises those who are working in the kitchen to please use caution.

President Lansing states that food and clean up tonight will be by Engine 9.
Food for April will be Rescue 11.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$60 – the winner is Nick Madore.

A motion to adjourn was made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Alger.
The motion carries.
The meeting is adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary

(Secretary's Note: Below is the proposed by-law change.)

