



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
April 18, 2017**

The April Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Lansing.

Nick Liuzzi (Acting Sgt at Arms) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Recording Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 52 members were in attendance.

Secretary Tooker made a motion, seconded by Vice President Iorio, to suspend the usual order of business in order to yield the floor to the Superintendent of the East Greenbush CSD, Mr. Jeffrey Simons, for a brief presentation of their upcoming capital project. The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker introduces Mr. Simons, who gives a presentation of the proposed EGCSO capital project.

President Lansing and Vice President Iorio thank Mr. Simons for his time.

President Lansing states the March meeting minutes were sent out via email.
A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the minutes as posted.
The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

34 checks were written in March.

Checks over \$500 went to Chase Card Services, Dignum and Bame, Mike Stafford, Chris Lavin, National Grid, and Eastern Heating and Cooling.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept this report as posted.

Charlene Winnicki inquires as to what Mike Stafford was paid for.

Vice President Iorio responded that it was his last stipend payment.

The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa Card report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Therdstore.com, Restaurant Depot, and Pellegrino's for Fry Night and Pizza Night Supplies, and to Upstate Transit for the 2017 Convention.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month of March was \$3,072.50, and total expenses were \$44,796.14.

A motion was made by Chuck Hellmuth, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read many communications. These will be acted on during Good of the Order.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gave his report.

- He thanks the 20 members who gave up their time on Saturday to participate in the all-day training.

He also thanks the Board of Fire Commissioners for allocating money for the training.

- Physicals will be this Wednesday and Thursday at Headquarters. See Car 2 with questions.

- We will be FIT testing as well during the physicals. Bring your masks.

- Hose testing will take place on May 11 and May 12. Daytime drivers will be needed to shuttle trucks around.

- There will be a mutual aid tanker drill in the Port of Rensselaer on May 9.

- There have been several apparatus issues. Please continue to report any issues.

- YMCA Family Day is on Saturday, April 29 – a crew for Engine 8 will be needed.

- FASNY's Recruit NY Weekend is April 29-30. We are doing a recruitment open house on April 30.

See Car 4 for details.

- There will be a FASNY Parade on May 20. We have the band for that date. The location is in the City of Hudson. More details to follow.

- The ISO Review took place yesterday. There was a lot of work involved. Please sign the points sheets if you attend calls. Our current ISO Rating is a 4 in the hydrant areas, and 8B outside of the hydrant areas.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- Please note that the only required paperwork for the physicals is the one-page respirator form.

- There is a stand-alone Hazmat class starting on May 2 at the tower.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gave his report.

- A crew for Engine 8 is needed from 12pm-2pm on April 29 for the YMCA Family Day.

- A crew for Engine 7 is needed from 7:15 am to 8:45 am on April 29 for the Little League Parade.

- A reminder that Lieutenants need to finish their pre-plans in IAmResponding.

- Thanks to the guys who went through training.

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

- Thanks for the guys who completed OSHA.

- April 30 from 10am to 2pm will the Open House here at the Park. We need crews for T-11 and E-7.

- Driver recertification will begin next week. See your committee member at your station.

- If you recert on T-11, you only need to recert on T-11 and not another engine.

Captain Palmer thanked the members who participated in the training on Saturday.

Report of the Committees

President Lansing gave the March 2017 Buildings Use Report.

A total income of \$1,600 was received for rental income, and bar income was \$424, for a total income of \$2,024.00.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Jeff Wasileski, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

George Forgea reports that there is a minor issue with the house siren at the North and he is working to get it fixed.

Mike Benson Jr. reports that the Main Station is missing some long tables.

He makes a motion, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to purchase two long tables, not to exceed \$500, for the Main Station.

The motion carries.

RP Smith requests that apparatus not park near the edge of the blacktop at the Main, because it appears to have some damage done to it near the Hays Road side.

Bob Lehmann reminds the company that a \$17,000 job was done to that blacktop and perhaps we should reach out to the company to see what the issue is.

RP Smith states that the second company was the one that did the second job.

Mike Benson Jr. requests that those who leave solid waste at the Park Station to please complete the transaction and flush the toilet when you are done.

Jake Hallenbeck reminds folks to bring trash to the dumpsters.

Nick Madore requests that the bartenders clean up and restock.

Tom Chesser gives the Fish Fry Night P&L statement.

A total profit of \$5,984 was made for the food and placemats (after \$553.83 – 10% - to the Ladies Auxiliary), and a total of \$2,263.64 was made at the bar.

Total net profit for the four Fish Fry nights was \$8,248.13.

President Lansing thanks Tom for all of his hard work.

Greg Forgea reports that the final payment for the rooms for the 2017 Convention will be due at the next meeting.

Nick Liuzzi reports that the softball team will be back in action on May 5.

He is looking for a team from Schodack to scrimmage on April 28.

Vice President Iorio is looking for a co-chair and a date for a Chicken BBQ.

Nick Liuzzi reports that the Pancake Breakfast made a net profit of \$1605.78.

President Lansing thanked Nick for all of his hard work.

Charlene Winnicki reports that the company is in need of bartenders and cleaners.

A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

Please indicate if you need a TIPS class.

Mike Benson Jr. reports that there are 23 members who are TIPS certified, and another 6 getting TIPS certified tonight.

Tom Chesser read the proposed by-law change from last month.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Marc Iorio, to adopt this change.

The motion carries.

Election of Members

A motion was made by Mike Benson Jr., seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to table Tucker Glass' application and return it to the Membership Committee to see if this gentleman is still interested in joining the EGFD.

The motion carries.

A motion was made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to table Srinath Badda's application and return it to the Membership Committee to see if this gentleman is still interested in joining the EGFD.

The motion carries.

Six Month Probationary Vote

Taj Plante is up for his six-month probationary vote.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Jeff Tooker, to make Taj a full member of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Luke Palmer reports that the Board of Directors met this evening to discuss the LED lighting/electric supplier project for the firehouses.

It is the Board's recommendation to go with PMG for a 31 month locked in rate of 6.1 cents.

Our current rate is 16 cents.

This should save us about \$1000/month on our electric bills.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the gas, the solar panels, and the billing process.

On a motion made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Chris Lavin, the company will go with PMG as our purchasing agent for the electricity. The motion carries.

New Business

Nick Madore would like to explore the option of having an ATM in the Lobby for our events.

Vice President Iorio stated that the Company has been investigating a POS credit card system.

Mike Lansing is looking for a volunteer to ramrod the painting and stucco replacement at the Park Station.

Anthony Gullo has volunteered and will return to a company meeting with quotes.

Luke Palmer discussed the LED Lighting project for all three stations.
He discusses the NYSERDA grants that are in place.
It may cost up to \$30,000 to do this project.
Many companies offer a five year contract.
There is a 5% payback if the project is paid in full.
Luke states that this is a good project to do while incentives are being offered.
Charlene Winnicki asks if this work will interfere with rentals.
Luke states that this work will be done around any rentals.
Luke states that he will return in May with quotes.

George Forgea inquires about the future of the Training House at the Main Station.
Bob Lehmann states that parts of the roof are rotting away and cannot be fixed.
Marty Miller disagrees with this assessment.
President Lansing states that this topic will be discussed next month.

Good of the Order

Vice President Iorio states that the Dine to Donate to benefit our scholarship fund will take place at the Recovery Sports Grill on May 4 from 5pm to 9pm.

The Coeymans Fire Department is looking for a sponsorship for their golf outing.
A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Matt Sullivan, to send \$100 as a sponsorship.
The motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr. thanks the members for their time for the Fish Fry nights.

Mike Benson Sr. thanks the Explorers for their assistance with Pizza Nights, Fry Nights, and the Pancake Breakfast. He makes a motion for the Company to allocate \$150 to the Explorer Post. The motion is seconded by Jake Hallenbeck. The motion carries.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$64.00 – the winner is Jim Trimmer.

A motion to adjourn is made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth.
The motion carries.
The meeting is adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary