



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
Fire Company Meeting  
May 16, 2017**

The May Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Lansing, in the Pavilion.

Greg Forgea (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. 59 members were in attendance.

Recording Secretary Tooker noted that Past Chief Ron Yeates was in attendance this evening.

President Lansing turned the meeting over to Rachel Langenbach, a guest who is speaking on behalf of "Team Amanda". This is a group of Columbia HS students who are fundraising for their friend Amanda Palma, who has been diagnosed and is being treated for a spinal disorder. Three of Amanda's friends spoke passionately regarding their friend and her needs.

Mike Benson Jr. made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Palma family. This motion was seconded by Rich Hendrick.

The motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki makes a motion to donate the Banquet Hall, the bar, and a clean-up to the Palma family for a fundraiser in the near future. The motion is seconded by Chris Linck.

The motion carries.

President Lansing turned the meeting over to Jason Depasquale, who is sharing information to various members of FASNY regarding Colonial Voluntary Benefits plans.

President Lansing states the April meeting minutes were sent out via email.

A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept the minutes as posted.

The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

41 checks were written in April.

Checks over \$500 went to Empire Merchants, National Grid, Chase Card Services, Otis Elevator, Verizon (x2), and SMG Monolith.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Ron Yeates, to accept this report as posted.

The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa Card report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Restaurant Depot.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month of April was \$5,455.70, and total expenses were \$30,429.59.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Nick Madore, 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.

- Thanks for all those who participated in the mutual aid drill on 5/9.
- The mutual aid chiefs stated that we did a great job.
- Physicals need to get done by those who haven't yet gotten one and Tom Whittemore is in the back giving FIT tests right now.
- Driver recertification needs to be done by 5/31.
- Hose testing was completed – thanks to the guys who helped out with moving trucks.
- T-11's annual recertification was completed on 5/15.
- If something is out of service, please follow the chain of command and notify your station officers and your station chief.
- We will be parading in Hudson on 5/20 for the FASNY parade and on 5/27 in the Town of East Greenbush Memorial Day parade. The parade on 5/27 goes to the Legion this year.

Thanks to Karen McDonald for facilitating our attendance on 5/20.

- There will be work detail on 5/18 at 6pm for Truck 11 to get it ready for 5/20.
- Those available to march need to report to the Park Station at 7:30 am on 5/20.
- The lineup is in the Bowling Alley parking lot for the parade on 5/27 at 9:30 am.
- Truck 11 will go to Rensselaer on 5/28 at noon for their Memorial Day Parade.
- The last Saturday in August (8/26) will be a family party day at the Pavilion. Details to follow.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

- Thanks to Davis Kakely for the hose testing assistance.
- FIT tests – get them done!

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Pioneer Savings has occupied the space at 602 North Greenbush Road (former First Niagara).
- Albany FD was impressed with our drill on 5/9.
- The Luther Road sidewalk project will be starting soon.
- There will be a pub ed detail Monday or Tuesday next week – watch IAR for details.
- When the trucks are low on bottled water – let a station chief know.
- Download the newest IAR update if you can.
- Please glance at the computer monitors before you leave station to see if guys are coming.
- Certificates are available for those who participated in the hands-on training back on 4/15.
- Please wear the harness correctly on the new bunker pants.

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

- Thanks to the driver recertification committee for their assistance.
- Thanks to the Lieutenants for their pack inspections.
- Thanks for those who assisted with the open house on 4/30.

Captain Lansing thanked the members for their help with the port drill.

Captain Palmer thanks the guys who have availability during the daytime calls. The crews are light – listen in and respond if you can!

Assistant Chief Mike Benson, Jr. reminds the members to please follow the orders of an officer at a scene.

Chuck Rossbach reminisces about the joy that the December meeting at the Main Station brought him, and he makes a motion to hold this December's meeting at the Main Station. This motion is seconded by Rich Hendrick. President Lansing calls for a hand vote. 23 were in favor, 15 opposed. The motion carries.

### Report of the Committees

President Lansing gave the Building Use report for April.

Total income for the month of April was \$6,201.60.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Tracy Britt, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

George Forgea reports that the North Station needs somebody to mow the lawn.

Anthony Gullo volunteers.

RP Smith reports that the Main Station has an ants and mice issue.

President Lansing states that a pest control company will be contacted.

RP states that the dumpster lid is broken.

President Lansing states that Davis Kakely and Bill Lindemann will be mowing the Main Station.

Rich Hendrick reports that the Park Station Radio room needs a coat of paint, floor repairs, and a new TV.

A lengthy discussion ensues, and the project will be brought up again at the June meeting with quotes.

Greg Forgea suggests that the Park Station come up with a priority list of repairs and issues to be brought up in front of the membership.

Joe Winnicki volunteers the use of his Adirondack Mouse Trap.

Tracy Cullum reminds all members to please take out the garbage at the Park.

Joe Winnicki reports that the AC system is not working properly, and people prop doors and mice come right in.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that there are set point issues with the current system.

A lengthy discussion ensues over the AC system.

President Lansing will work with Jake Hallenbeck to resolve some of the issues.

David A. Cook arises to ask a point of privilege and have the application for Donald Peal read at this time, as Mr. Peal needs to depart.

Vice President Iorio reads Mr. Peal's application. He resides on Petalas Drive.

He states the application will be tabled for one month.

Greg Forgea reports out on the Convention.

Money is due tonight for rooms.

There are still rooms available.

The new uniforms are not in yet.

A \$2500 deposit is due for the Park Lane Motel.

A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Luke Palmer, to pay the deposit.

The motion carries.

\$700 is needed for the bus for Saturday to get back and forth to the Parade.

A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to pay the \$700.

The motion carries.

Nick Liuzzi reports that softball is underway.

Come support the team on Friday nights – the schedule is in IAR.

Vice President Iorio reports that he will hopefully have a date for the Chicken BBQ next month.

Vice President Iorio reports that the Dine to Donate made the Fire Company \$455.00.

Chief Lehmann reports that the Golf Outing will be the last Sunday in September.

#### Proposals for Membership

Vice President Iorio reports that Donald Peal's application was read a little while ago.

Vice President Iorio reports that an application has been received by Kurt Schlachter of Reno Road.

He is a commissioner for the Schodack Center Fire District.

This application will be tabled for one month.

#### Election of Members

Srinath Badda of Forrest Point Drive is up for a vote.

A motion was made by Tom Whittemore, seconded by Luke Palmer, to approve this application.

The motion carries.

Tucker Glass of Forrest Point Drive is up for a vote.

A motion was made by Luke Palmer, seconded by Tracy Britt, to approve this application.

The motion carries.

#### Unfinished Business

Luke Palmer reports that the Fire Company will be entering into a contact with Spenergy LLC for the LED lighting at the firehouses.

He reports that the cost to the Fire Company will be approximately \$19,746.34.

Vice President Iorio reports that the Company will likely recoup the money in energy savings over the next few years.

A lengthy discussion ensued over the need to upgrade the facilities.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Marcus Massaconi, to enter into the contract with Spenergy LLC.

The motion carries.

Anthony Gullo reports that he has received three verbal quotes for the painting of the Park Station.

Questions were raised regarding what exactly each quote covered.

President Lansing requested that Anthony Gullo return to the June meeting with written quotes.

Bob Lehmann reports that the roof area by the kitchen entrance to the Park Station needs to be addressed.

A repair is needed.

Mike Benson, Jr. nominated Nick Field to look into the issue.

Nick Field discussed the ongoing issues with the paving at the Main Station.

He states he will work with the original paver to address the issues.

Jake Hallenbeck reported that there was some water damage near the third bay in the Park Station and to please keep an eye on it.

#### New Business

Bob Lehmann reports out on plans for a patio and a memorial bench in front of the Park Station.

Brad Rose Landscaping will donate the materials.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Tim Boel, to allocate \$2,000 for this project.

The motion carries.

David A. Cook discusses making a memorial for our departed members.

The location of the memorial is to be determined.

A committee will be formed.

Charlene Winnicki reports out that pay slips need to be submitted in a timely manner in order to get paid. Also, mowers are needed for the Park Station.

She also requests that, if funds are available, signs be made that state "Banquet Entrance In Rear" to put on the side doors at the Park Station.

President Lansing states that he will look into getting signage.

#### Good of the Order

Joe Lacivita requests that those who need to do so – please pay your dues!

The Columbia HS PTSO is looking for a sponsorship for their golf outing.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to approve \$100 for this request.

The motion carries.

The East Greenbush PBA is looking for a sponsorship for their golf outing.

A motion is made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Tim Boel, to approve \$300 for this request.

Mike Memole inquires if we have the funds for this request.

Tim Boel states that it will be a wash, since we hit them up for our golf outing.

The motion carries.

Mike Benson, Sr. reports that Life Members Day will be Sunday, September 10.

Details to follow.

Tonight's 50/50 winner is Chuck Rossbach for \$57.00.

Truck 11 has food tonight, and the Main Station has food for June.

A motion was made by Mike Benson, Sr., seconded by Tim Boel, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Recording Secretary