



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

The October Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice President Iorio, in the Banquet Hall.

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

Pete Lehmann makes a motion, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to set aside a page in the minutes in remembrance of Past President Russ Edberg. The motion carries.

Recording Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 55 members were in attendance.

Vice President Iorio states the September meeting minutes were sent out via email.

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain is absent this evening.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives the Financial Secretary's report.

60 checks were written in September.

Checks over \$500 went to Eastern Heating and Cooling, JCB, Kimberly Scott Office Interiors, Talk of the Town Catering, Empire Merchants, Verizon, Monolith Solar, My Place and Company, Bob Lehmann, Charlene Winnicki, Offshore Pier, Desantis Meat Market, Tri City Valley Cats, National Grid, Country True Value, George Martin Electric, Brook Street Auto, Otis Elevator, Glendale, and Bradford Galotta.

A motion was made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to accept this report.

David A. Cook inquires as to the check written to George Martin Electric.

Vice President Iorio states that it is possibly a bill from 2016 and that he will check on it.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio gave the Visa Card report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Cabela's, Price Chopper, Restaurant Depot, 4ImPrint, Discount Mugs, Banners.com, and Amazon Marketplace.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month of September was \$47,056.62, and total expenses were \$58,133.33.

A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Dan Reyner, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read various communications for the body.

### Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) is absent on personal business this evening.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) read a prepared statement for Car 1.

- Bob apologizes for being absent this evening.
  - He thanks the members for their assistance at the Walmart call yesterday. The fire was suspicious.
  - He thanks the members for their response to the mutual aid call in Defreestville on 10/5.
  - He thanks Car 3 (Greg Forgea) and all others who have assisted with Pub Ed this year.
  - There are two more Pub Ed events coming up – Saturday 10/28 2pm to 4pm at Evergreen Commons and Saturday 11/4 at 2pm at CHS.
  - Bus 11 is in “limited service” – contact Car 1 directly if you have a need to use it.
  - Bus 11 uses unleaded fuel only and a gas card has been provided for use.
  - The new CO meters for T-11, Engine 7, and Engine 9 will be in service shortly.
  - Three new AEDs have been purchased for E-8, R-11, and E-9. A fourth AED will replace the one in the Banquet Hall.
  - The “go live” date for the new county paging and radio system has been pushed out to November.
- All members will be getting a new pager shortly.
- The new chief's car is at LaRosa's for lights and lettering. The current Car 2 (2009 Tahoe) is for sale. See Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) for details on the sale, if interested.
  - There is a live burn at the tower next week.
  - He thanks the members for their hard work.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Anybody else interested in the Hazmat course starting on 11/2 needs to be registered tonight.
- There is Pub Ed tomorrow (Wed 10/18) at 9:45 am at Smiling Faces. Meet at the North at 9:45 am.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) is working this evening.

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

- The trucks will leave the stations at 6:15 pm next week for the live burn. We are hoping to get 6-8 burns.
- Engine 8 and Truck 11 need to go home to the North Station tonight. Officers need to help getting those back.
- Engine 7 has a significant electrical issue that will need repair.
- Engine 9 is back in service following a repair to the alternator.

Linda Cook gives the Ladies Auxiliary report.

- They are hosting a Defensive Driving course on 10/28 at 9am.
- They are hosting a craft fair on Saturday 11/4 in the Banquet Hall.

## Report of the Committees

Vice President Iorio gave the Building Use report.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report.

The motion carries.

George Forgea reports out on the North Station.

- The paving job is complete.
- The drainage work should be complete.
- The paving company will also be striping the lot.

RP Smith reports out on the Main Station.

- He requests that those who use the dumpster to use it appropriately. Please don't dump dryers in there.

Nick Madore inquires about cameras to monitor the dumpster.

Mike Benson, Jr. reports that Kurt Schlachter took it upon himself to transport garbage from the Main to the Park because the garbage at the Main was full of beer cans.

President Lansing arrives and reports that the dumpsters are smaller and garbage is being collected twice a week.

RP reports that there will be a work detail at 9am Sunday for the Main Station grounds and garage.

RP requests that the training materials be kept out of the garage.

Rich Hendrick reports that the Park Station bay bathroom will be remodeled Saturday starting at 10am.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that the leaky tiles will be dealt with this week.

President Lansing reports that the grates in the truck bays at the Park need to be cleaned out.

Linda Cook reports out on Pizza Night.

Total income was \$2585.50, and total expenses were \$1192.88, for a net total profit of \$1092.62.

Mike Benson, Jr. reports out on the Golf Outing.

A profit and loss statement will be made available at the November meeting.

He thanks the members who helped out this year.

Chris Lavin reports that there was a printing delay from Curtis Printing for the Annual Fund Drive.

The materials will not be available until next week.

Chris Lavin makes a motion to request, from the Chief's Office, the ability to have a work detail on Tuesday 10/31/17 at 7pm in the Banquet Hall for the Fund Drive mailing. This motion is seconded by Anthony Gullo.

Mike Benson, Jr. stated he would relay this request to Car 1.

The motion carries.

## Proposals for Membership

There is one proposal for membership this evening.

Raju Kharka, residing at 9 Denise Court, is requesting to join as an active member.

Vice President Iorio states that this application will be tabled for one month.

### Election of Members

There is one prospective member up for election.

Sean Hood is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., that the Vice President call for a hand vote for this election.

Tom Whittemore inquires as to the spelling of Mr. Hood's name.

The motion carries.

A hand count is conducted. There is a unanimous vote in the negative for Mr. Hood.

The motion fails.

Vice President Iorio states that this member will receive their application fee back.

### Unfinished Business

President Lansing discussed the member/family Golf Outing slated for October 28.

Start time will be 8am. See him for additional information.

Chris Linck gives a report on the status of the needed roof repairs at the Park Station.

The Board of Directors met to discuss the issue.

Approximately \$60,000 worth of work needs to be completed.

The main focal point will be the doorways and the eaves at the Park Station.

Work should start before winter hits.

We will need to repay ourselves with eight to ten thousand dollars a year.

We have \$39,000 in the capital reserve fund.

There will be one additional meeting for the Board of Directors to firm up the fine details and then work will commence.

President Lansing commented on the importance of maintaining the Park Station.

Chris Linck stated that we will need to repay what we borrow from ourselves.

Tim Boel makes a motion to allow the Board of Directors to spend up to \$60,000 to repair the facility.

Nelson Williams seconds this motion.

Tom Chesser inquires about any outstanding warranties.

Vice President Iorio replies that there are not.

Mike Benson, Jr. thanks the Board of Directors for their solid plan.

Luke Palmer stated the \$60,000 will be needed ASAP.

Chris Lavin inquired if bids will be sought for the work.

Vice President Iorio replied yes.

David A. Cook asked about money available for other buildings, such as the training house.

Chris Linck stated that money will be needed for asbestos abatement and demolition for the training house.

President Lansing stated that an asbestos survey will be completed soon for the training house.

Vice President Iorio calls for a vote. The motion carries.

## New Business

President Lansing touched on the issues surrounding the cleanliness of the Park Station. An outside cleaning company may be contracted to keep the downstairs clean.

Luke Palmer discussed the importance of having a roof maintenance plan going forward.

## Good of the Order

Vice President Iorio stated that Chief's Nomination letters are due by the November meeting.

Chris Linck stated that the Elks Club is looking for bids for their snowplowing contract.

Mike Benson, Jr. welcomed Captain Mark Becker back. He is now working as a paid firefighter at the Albany Airport.

Nick Madore reminded those who are Red Vest members of the meeting on October 29 at 2pm at the Park Station. He is running for President of the Red Vests.

David A. Cook inquired about the Banquet Hall AED replacement. Jeff Tooker replied that the one in the hallway will be replaced.

Vice President Iorio has a letter from the Columbia Jr. Blue Devils Football League, seeking a donation. They are looking for a donation of \$200 at the All Pro level. A motion is made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to donate \$200. Mike Benson, Jr. reminisces about his time in the Pop Warner league. The motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki reports that the SeanStrong group is looking for the hall and bar to be donated on April 26, 2018 for their childhood cancer awareness fundraiser. A motion is made by Charlene Winnicki, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to donate the hall and bar for this event. The motion carries.

Tim Boel thanks the Fire Company for their attendance at Past President Russ Edberg's services.

George Forgea reports that the generator at the Park Station is broken and repairs are coming. David A. Cook requests that house committees keep an eye on the generator tests on Tuesday nights.

Mike Benson, Jr. expresses his concern with the lack of an internet connection at the North Station and its effect on the IAmResponding software. Vice President Iorio states that the issues are being worked out as we speak.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$75 – the winner is Todd “Dudeman” Cullum.

A motion is made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting is adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary

***Food Schedule:***

<b><i>January</i></b>	<b><i>Engine 7</i></b>
<b><i>February</i></b>	<b><i>Engine 8</i></b>
<b><i>March</i></b>	<b><i>Engine 9</i></b>
<b><i>April</i></b>	<b><i>Rescue 11</i></b>
<b><i>May</i></b>	<b><i>Truck 11</i></b>
<b><i>June</i></b>	<b><i>Main Station Personnel</i></b>
<b><i>July</i></b>	<b><i>Explorers</i></b>
<b><i>August</i></b>	<b><i>Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Police</i></b>
<b><i>September</i></b>	<b><i>Commissioners and Chiefs</i></b>
<b><i>October</i></b>	<b><i>North Station Personnel</i></b>
<b><i>November</i></b>	<b><i>Park Station Personnel</i></b>
<b><i>December</i></b>	<b><i>Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Police</i></b>

**This page in the October 2017  
East Greenbush Fire Company  
Meeting Minutes is hereby dedicated  
to Past President Russ Edberg.**