



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

The November Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Lansing, in the Banquet Hall.

Christie Cullum (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.

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

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

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

39 checks were written in October.

Checks over \$500 went to National Grid, Bob Lehmann, Charlene Winnicki, Nick Goyer, Stadium Golf Club, The Shed Girl, Chase Card Service, East Greenbush Fire District # 3, Verizon, and Monolith Solar.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

President Lansing gave the Visa Card report.

Charges over \$200 were made at Walmart, Winding Brook Country Club, Home Depot, Pellegrino's, Restaurant Depot, Thruway Beverage, and Stewart's Shops.

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

David A. Cook inquires as to why there were two charges for \$503.02 to Walmart.

Jeff Tooker replies that one is a charge and the other is a refund – Walmart failed to utilize our tax-exempt status.

The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month of October was \$9,676.44, and total expenses were \$19,936.90.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Nick Madore, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read various communications for the body.

He remarks that the applications for the HVVFA Marti Gras Parade and the HVVFA Dress Parade have been forwarded to Convention Chair Greg Forgea. We will move on the \$100 Trophy Sponsorship later on during Good of the Order.

### Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- The new county 800 MHz radios are in. There will be more training available during drill on Tuesday, November 28.
  - On Tuesday, November 28, starting at 6pm, the new VHF pagers will be distributed by gear number. You will need to hand in your old pager to receive a new pager.
- If you cannot make Tuesday at your assigned time, please let your station chief know.
- The Knox Box system is currently offline – the Knox Box system was operational off of the old EF Johnson system. Wells has been contacted to formulate a solution.
  - The new bus is at LaRosa's for striping/lettering and lights.
  - Thanks for all those who have responded to the many calls for service.
  - Thanks to all those who have assisted at Pub Ed and other public events – we still need more people to assist. IAmResponding has a feature that you can mark “attending” or “not attending” and this feature will be used for these events. If you commit to an event, please attend said event!
  - The COLT Training information has been sent out. If you'd like to attend the two-day training on January 26 and 27, please contact Car 2 ASAP.
  - The North Station should be lined within the week.
  - The lights in front of the North Station should be operational.
  - NYSAFC's FIRE 2018 convention will be the last to be held at Turning Stone – it is a week earlier than the HVVFA Convention so we should have some members attending.
  - There is equipment missing off of people's gear – please do not take other people's gear.
  - Do not consume alcohol and then respond to calls. If you are drinking, do not respond!

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Training emails have been sent via IAR – see him if you would like to attend any training!

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- There were approximately six dedicated day crew members for daytime Pub Ed this year.
- On December 10, there will be a Pub Ed / Holiday Party detail at the Hampton Inn and Suites – Santa will be making an appearance.
- Please make sure you are updating your IAR app when the updates come.
- If you have an issue with your IAR, please see him ASAP.
- See Car 3 for gloves if needed.
- A \$300 cash donation was forwarded to the President as a token of appreciation from the residents of Evergreen Commons.
- The HVVFA Convention is June 21-23, 2018.

Car 4 (Mike Benson, Jr.) states that he has no report, as all of his information was contained in Car 1's report.

No other officers elected to give a report.

### Report of the Committees

President Lansing gives the Building Use report for October 2017.

There were four rentals in October, for a total income of \$2,203.00.

A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Matt Wasileski, to accept this report.

The motion carries.

George Forgea reports that all is quiet at the North Station.

Mike Benson, Jr. reports that the dumpster at the Main Station has been overloaded as of late by "savages". We need to make sure that the locks are kept on the dumpsters.

Jake Hallenbeck reports that the new generator is in service at the Park Station and thanks

George Forgea. He also thanks Anthony Gullo for the wall repairs.

The bathroom in the truck shop is OOS and should be operational in the next couple of weeks.

Mike Benson, Sr. gives the Pizza Night report.

He thanks the members who came to help for their assistance.

He states that the total expenses were \$1,058.05 and the total profit was \$2,209.05, for a net profit of \$851.00.

Mike Benson, Sr. implores the membership to either come and work the fundraiser, or come with your family and financially support the fundraiser. Don't come to just "hang out" in the kitchen. He also requests that members use caution when driving through the parking lot.

Vice President Iorio reports on the Annual Dinner.

A reminder that this is a member's only event.

Cocktails will begin at 6pm in the Banquet Hall.

Carol's Place (from Troy) will be catering the event and food will be served around 7pm.

There will be a comedian as well.

Chuck Hellmuth's famous shrimp will be served.

Please use Uber or Lyft and please don't drive after consuming alcohol.

Mike Benson, Jr. states that the bartender from the Paddock will be here at 5:30 pm to work the event.

President Lansing reports that the Installation Banquet will be held on January 20, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.

The cost per person will be \$20 this year.

Vice President Iorio will coordinate the ticket sales.

Mike Benson, Jr. reports that the DJ, Jason Seeburger, will be the entertainment for the evening.

Jeff Tooker gives a membership report on behalf of Membership Secretary Joe Lacivita. The following members are in the arrears for dues for 2017: Greg Forgea, Cameron Poli, Chris Bertrand, Rich Hendrick, Nate Ziman, Josh Witko, Jim Trimmer, Eric Long, Taj Plante, and Bryan Morgan. Jeff Tooker reports that Joe Lacivita will be available at the Park Station next Tuesday at drill, or at drill on Tuesday 12/5, or immediately before Chief's Elections on 12/7 for members to pay their dues. A reminder that members must have paid their dues for 2017 in order to vote in Chief's and Company elections!

Greg Forgea reports out on the Convention activities for 2018. The first deposit for the hotel will be due at the January 2018 Company meeting. There may be an issue with the Park Lane for the 2018 dates, but we should have a place to go in 2018. The Greene County parade results came in – there are issues with crooked hats and mismatching belts. We will work on this for the HVVFA Parade in 2018.

Jeff Tooker reports that the Adult Christmas Party (for members and their one guest) will take place starting at 6pm on Saturday, December 16 in the Member's Lounge at the Park Station. Sign-up sheets will be posted by next Tuesday's drill. Charlene Winnicki reports that the kids party will take place on Saturday, December 16 at 11am (note the time change) in the member's lounge. Santa will be there around 12pm. Please bring a labeled gift!

Bob Lehmann gives the Golf Outing P&L Report. We had very high levels of sponsorships this year. Total income was \$39,740.00, which includes \$21,000 in sponsorships. He thanks President Lansing for being persistent in getting sponsorship monies. Total expenses were \$21,301.00. A total profit of \$18,439.00 was raised for the Fire Company. We will not be returning to Winding Brook Country Club – we will migrate to the Stadium Golf Course in Schenectady for Sunday, September 23, 2018.

#### Election of Members

There is one member up for a vote. Raju Kharka of Denise Court is up for a vote into Active Membership. Mike Benson, Jr. makes a motion, seconded by Greg Forgea, to move Raju Kharka into Active Membership. Mike Benson, Jr. comments that he made a donation of \$40 for the Scholarship Fund as well. The motion carries.

#### Six Month Probationary Vote

Tucker Glass is up for his six month probationary vote. A motion is made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Luke Palmer, to move Tucker Glass to full membership. The motion carries.

### Unfinished Business

President Lansing reports that the Fire Alarm system at the Park Station is near completion.

George Forgea reports out on the generator at the Park Station.  
He states that it is now in service.

### New Business

George Forgea reports out on the need to have a grounding system at the Park Station to attempt to deflect lightening away from this building during thunderstorms.  
The cost of this system is \$2400, to be split with the Fire Company.  
Mike Benson, Sr., makes this motion, seconded by Bob Lehmann.  
The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio reads a letter from Social Member Mike Condo, who is requesting a return to Active Membership.  
A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Ryan Condo, to move Mike Condo to the Active Membership rolls.  
The motion carries.

David A. Cook discusses the hard work that Nan Williams does on behalf of the Fire District to keep the Fire Department moving on a regular basis.

David A. Cook makes a motion to donate up to \$500 of goods for a care package for the first responders in St. Croix, who have been overwhelmed by the devastation from Hurricane Irma.  
This motion is seconded by Mike Benson, Sr.  
Chuck Alger states that only physical items (not money) should be sent.  
Vice President Iorio inquires if shipping is included in that \$500.  
Bob Lehmann states that Fed Ex may do free shipping and also inquires if members can donate materials.  
David A. Cook states that members can donate.  
The motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki reports that the push mower in the Pavilion garage is broken.  
Nick Madore makes a motion, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to replace the mower at a price not to exceed \$250.  
The motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki reports that she is looking to change the rental contract to remove the directions to the facility, remove the Main Station rental policies, amend the policies for asking for a time extension for a party in progress, and the alcoholic beverages in the Pavilion.  
Paul Benson inquired about the licensing for the Pavilion.  
Tim Boel clarified how the liquor license operates.

## Good of the Order

Vice President Iorio states that he and the President are in receipt of four Chief's letters.

Vice President Iorio reads the letters.

Bob Lehmann is seeking the office of Chief Engineer for 2018.

Jeff Tooker is seeking the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer for 2018.

Greg Forgea is seeking the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer for 2018.

Mike Benson, Jr. is seeking the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Engineer for 2018.

Vice President Iorio inquires three times if there are any additional chief's letters to be brought before the Company.

No other letters are received.

He reminds the membership that Chief's Elections are being held in the member's lounge at the Park Station at 7pm on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

A motion to close nominations is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Rich Edberg.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio reads the Nominating Committee reports from each of the three stations.

### Main Station:

President:	Mike Lansing
Vice President:	Nick Madore
Recording Secretary:	Jeff Tooker
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Dan Reyner
Membership Secretary:	Joe Lacivita
Board of Directors:	Nick Madore, Dan Reyner, Mike Benson, Jr., and Jeff Wasileski
Captain:	Mike Lansing, Mark Becker, Nick Madore
Lieutenant:	Nick Madore, Dan Reyner, Glen Cook, Taj Plante
Foreman:	Nick Madore, Dan Reyner, RP Smith
Fire Police Lieutenant:	Joe Lacivita

### North Station:

Treasurer:	Paul Benson
Financial Secretary:	Chris Cargain
Captain:	Luke Palmer, Nick Field
Lieutenant:	Todd Cullum, Nick Field
Foreman:	Joe Winnicki, Nick Field
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Christie Cullum

**Park Station:**

Vice President: Anthony Gullo, Nick Liuzzi  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Rich Hendrick, Matt Wasileski  
Membership Secretary: Joe Lacivita  
Board of Directors: Rich Hendrick, Jeff Wasileski  
Captain: Anthony Gullo, Nick Liuzzi  
Lieutenant: Anthony Gullo  
Foreman: Rich Hendrick, Matt Wasileski  
Fire Police Captain: Tom Whittemore  
Fire Police Lieutenant: Joe Lacivita, Nelson Williams, Marty Miller

President Lansing states that the ballot box will be placed in the Park Station Radio Room tonight and will remain open for additional nominations until 9:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. If you write a letter, it must be signed by you and seconded by another member.

President Lansing states that he has some miscellaneous EGFD memorabilia for sale tonight.

President Lansing states that the snowplow bids for the Park Station are due by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19.

Vice President Iorio appoints Past Chief Pete Lehmann as the Elections Chair for the December elections, with his committee consisting of Past Chief Boel, Past Chief Benson, Sr., and Past Chief David A. Cook.

Matt Wasieski states that Davis Kakely will be returning home from the Marines next week.

David A. Cook thanks the membership for the flowers and the use of the banquet hall when his mother passed away.

Mike Benson, Sr. thanks the President and his crew for all of their hard work. He remarks that it is a tough job to sit in the President's chair and run the Fire Company.

Vice President Iorio states that our National Grid bill has been cut in half since the installation of the new lights.

Vice President Iorio reads a letter from the HVVFA Parade Committee, requesting a trophy sponsorship for the 2018 HVVFA Convention for \$100.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to sponsor a trophy. The motion carries.

Mike Benson, Jr. inquires about a cleaning contract for the Park Station.

Jeff Tooker states that he will see Mike Leonard when school resumes for a contract.

Charlene Winnicki states that Chuck Hellmuth is retiring from his position as Pavilion Manager.

President Lansing thanks Chuck for all of his time and effort.

Mike Benson, Jr. inquires about the compensation for that position.

President Lansing responds that the compensation is \$400.

George Forgea states that he is running for another term as Commissioner.  
Voting takes place on December 12.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$74.00. The winner is Todd Cullum.

A motion to adjourn is made by Chuck Alger and is seconded by Chuck Hellmuth.  
The motion carries.  
The meeting is adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary