



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
Annual Meeting / Election of Officers  
December 19, 2017**

The Annual Meeting / Election of Officers was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Lansing, 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.

Recording Secretary Tooker called the rolls. 75 members were in attendance this evening.

President Lansing asked Steve Erby to speak to the Fire Company this evening. He is the President of Monolith Solar, and Monolith has graciously provided dinner this evening. Mr. Erby thanks the Fire Company for their service and discusses their community service endeavors.

President Lansing states the November 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.

President Lansing stated that the Chief's Election minutes were sent out via email. A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Jill Kaufman, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.  
27 checks were written in November.  
Checks over \$500 went to Curtis Printing, United Computer Service, Eastern Heating and Cooling, Chase Card Service, Monolith Solar, National Grid, Verizon, and Spectrum Environmental.  
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 Restaurant Depot, Pellegrinos, and Elias Pizza.  
A motion was made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Chuck Hellmuth, to accept this report.  
The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.  
Total income for the month of November was \$6,634.00, and total expenses were \$42,987.56.  
A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.  
The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio gives the annual Membership Secretary's report on behalf of Joe Lacivita.

He lists those in the arrears for dues and reminds those in the arrears who are present this evening to please pay Joe before elections.

A motion was made by Jeff Wasileski, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Secretary Tooker read the communications for the body.

The only communication is from the HVVFA for their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing during Convention week.

### Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gave his report.

- He thanks the members for attending training classes.
- The Main and North Station sirens are working. The Park Station's siren is a work in progress.
- The intercom system to alert members for calls is loud at the Park Station.
- The NYS Volunteer Firefighters Cancer Bill has been passed and there are many steps that need to be taken prior to implementation. The Fire District will have to obtain life insurance for its members. In order to be covered, you have to have a FIT test. Class designation does not matter, just your ability to take a FIT test does.
- He congratulated Tim Boel as the recipient of the Community Hero Award from the Southern Rensselaer County Rotary on December 5.
- He thanks the members for their assistance with the Pub Ed events.
- The 2009 Tahoe has an offer that has been accepted – do not move it.
- The bus (U-11) is at LaRosa's for lighting and striping.
- If you'd like to attend NYSAFC's FIRE 2018, see a chief.
- If you'd like to attend the COLT training, see a chief.
- A review of the highlights from the Fire District was offered by Bob.
- The fob system here at the Park Station will be OOS for a short while starting at 8am Friday to install lightning protection.
- There will be officer requirements enforced for line officers starting in 2019. Please review the requirements and let the chiefs know if you'd like a class in 2018 to be held at the EGFD.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Thanks to the Main Station officers and members for their work this year.
- Apparatus Operator-Aerial Device is coming to Brunswick # 1 in January.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Thanks to all who have helped out at calls.
- Thanks for all those who assisted with Pub Ed this year.

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

- Thanks to the members who responded to Rensselaer on 12/17.
- Thanks to today's crews that responded to 2 Highview Place.
- Thanks to the Lieutenants for checking airpicks.

Captain Lansing thanks the members for coming to calls.

Bob Lehmann extrapolated on today's fire at 2 Highview Place.

There was a wiring issue that caused the first call there.

David A. Cook stated that the second call was due to debris laying around.

Captain Palmer thanked the members for coming to calls.

RP Smith reports that the fuel key is missing from Engine 7.

President Lansing states that it has been replaced.

RP Smith reports that an orange handlight is missing as well.

Tim Boel requests the person that borrowed his facepiece and voice emitter to please return it to the North Station.

Tom Gullo requests that the company allocate funds in the 2018 budget to purchase the Chief a larger notebook to write his reports on.

#### Report of the Committees

Mike Lansing gave the Building Use Report for November.  
Total income for the month was \$2,315.50, and the total income for the year is \$40,064.60.  
A motion was made by Nick Madore, seconded by Dan Reyner, to accept this report.  
The motion carries.

George Forgea reports that the North Station shed is in place.

RP Smith reports that the Main Station is all set.

Rich Hendrick reports that the Park Station bay restroom is nearing completion.

Marc Iorio thanks the members who attended the Annual Dinner.

Chris Lavin reports out on the Fund Drive. He thanks David A. Cook, Paul Benson, Tom Whittemore, Bill Sigsby, Jim Pendolino, Don Peal, Chris Linck, Todd Cullum, Ed McCabe, Jill Kaufman, Rick Williams, Nelson Williams, Marty Miller, Gina Pendolino, Anthony Gullo, Jake Hallenbeck, Mike Prestipino, and Dan Reyner for sorting 5,500 pieces of mail by zip code on Tuesday 10/31 to go out on 11/1 at 8am for the Fund Drive.

Mike Benson, Sr. gives the Pizza Night report.  
He thanks Chris Lavin for keeping the lot plowed during the snow.  
The total profit for the night was \$504.44.

President Lansing reports that the Installation Banquet will take place on January 20, 2018.  
The cost per person is \$20 and Vice President Iorio is collecting money for that.  
The room cost per night is \$105.00 and the group code is "EGFG".

Nick Liuzzi reports that the Pancake Breakfast will take place on March 25, 2018.

Greg Forgea reports that a hotel has been secured for the 2018 HVVFA Convention.  
First payments will be due in January. A firm amount will be shared before the meeting.  
It will be a bit more expensive this year.

#### Election of Members

Nick Cullum has submitted a letter to move from Explorer to Active Status.  
A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Christie Cullum, to move Nick to active membership.  
The motion carries.

#### Six Month Probationary Review

Tim Dick is up for a probationary review.  
A motion was made by Mike Benson, Jr., seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to move Tim Dick to full membership.  
The motion carries.

Don Peal is up for a probationary review.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to move Don Peal to full membership.

The motion carries.

Kurt Schlachter is up for a probationary review.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Nick Madore, to move Kurt Schlachter to full membership.

The motion carries.

### Unfinished Business

President Lansing reports that the cleaning quotes and the heater at the North will be discussed in further detail at the January 2018 Company meeting.

### New Business

President Lansing reports that the Snowplowing Bid at the Park Station was awarded by the Executive Board to Chris Lavin for 2018 in the amount of \$3,500.

George Forgea gives his thanks to the membership on behalf of the Fire Commissioners.

He reflects on purchasing a new T-11, chief's cars, a bus, and other new equipment.

He reminds members to please wash their gear.

### Election of Members

Vice President Iorio asks Election Committee Chair Pete Lehmann to step forward.

He asks Election Chair Lehmann to name his tellers for the evening.

Pete Lehmann states that the tellers will be Cars 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Vice President Iorio states that the offices of President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Membership Secretary are uncontested.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Condo, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates.

The motion carries.

President – Mike Lansing

Treasurer – Paul Benson

Financial Secretary – Chris Cargain

Membership Secretary – Joe Lacivita

Vice President Iorio states that all members present this evening are eligible to vote for the contested races of Vice President, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Board of Directors.

Mike Benson, Jr. inquires as to the number of people here right now to vote.

Jeff Tooker replies that there are 77 people in attendance and eligible to vote.

Vice President Iorio reads Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph 2, with regards to the voting.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Vice President – Tracy Cullum, Anthony Gullo, Nick Liuzzi, and Nick Madore.

Anthony Gullo requests that his name be stricken from the ballot.

Vice President Iorio authorizes the ballots to be distributed.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Tracy Cullum was elected Vice President for 2018.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Recording Secretary – Gina Pendolino, Chuck Rossbach, and Jeff Tooker.

Jeff Tooker requests that his name be stricken from the ballot.

Vice President Iorio authorizes the ballots to be distributed.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Chuck Alger, seconded by Matt Wasileski, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Gina Pendolino was elected Recording Secretary for 2018.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Sergeant-at-Arms – Christie Cullum, Rich Hendrick, Dan Reyner, and Matt Wasileski.

No candidate wished to withdraw their name.

Vice President Iorio authorizes the ballots to be distributed.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Nick Field, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Christie Cullum was elected Sergeant-at-Arms for 2018.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Board of Directors positions – Mike Benson, Jr., Thomas Chesser, Nick Madore, Rich Hendrick, Dan Reyner, Chuck Rossbach, and Jeff Wasileski.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann explains that we will be voting for three (3) candidates – the top two vote-getters will be awarded three-year terms (2018-2020) and the third top vote-getter will take Tracy Cullum's vacated spot for 2018 and 2019.

RP Smith arises and raises a concern over an Assistant Chief running for a Board of Directors spot and the potential conflict of interest.

Tom Chesser raises a similar concern.

Mike Benson, Sr., states that, in his opinion, a candidate can be entrusted to abstain from votes when needed.

Vice President Iorio inquires with Tom Chesser as to this conflict being specifically spelled out in our By-Laws.

Tom Chesser replies that there is nothing in the by-laws.

Vice President Iorio authorizes the vote to commence.

Dan Reyner requests that his name be stricken from the ballot.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Lou Roher, seconded by Luke Palmer, to close balloting.  
The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Mike Benson, Jr. and Jeff Wasileski have been elected to the two three-year terms, and Tom Chessser has been elected to the two-year term.

Vice President Iorio reads Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws with regards to voting for Captain, Lieutenant, and Foreman and reminds those who are ineligible that they cannot vote.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Captain –  
Mark Becker, Anthony Gullo, Mike Lansing, Nick Liuzzi, Nick Madore, Luke Palmer, and Nick Field.

Rick Williams inquired with Luke Palmer as to his plans in 2018.

Luke Palmer stated he will be in town through March 2018.

No candidate wished to withdraw their name.

Vice President Iorio authorizes the ballots to be distributed.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Kurt Schlachter, seconded by Jim Alcombright, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Mark Becker, Anthony Gullo, Mike Lansing, Nick Liuzzi, and Nick Field have been elected Captains for 2018.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Lieutenant –  
Glen Cook, Todd Cullum, Nick Field, Anthony Gullo, Jake Hallenbeck, Nick Madore, Taj Plante, and Dan Reyner.

Vice President Iorio states that Nick Field and Anthony Gullo are stricken from the ballot, as they were just elected Captain.

Vice President Iorio states that Taj Plante is stricken from the ballot, as he does not meet the requirements (two years of active service) for Lieutenant.

This leaves five candidates for five positions.

A motion was made by RP Smith, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Glen Cook, Todd Cullum, Jake Hallenbeck, Nick Madore, and Dan Reyner.

The motion carries.

Vice President Iorio states that Glen Cook, Todd Cullum, Jake Hallenbeck, Nick Madore, and Dan Reyner have been elected Lieutenants for 2018.

Vice President Iorio reads the names of the members running for Foreman –  
Nick Field, Rich Hendrick, Nick Madore, Dan Reyner, Chuck Rossbach, Carl Schilling, RP Smith, Mike Prestipino, Matt Wasileski, and Joe Winnicki.

Vice President Iorio states that Nick Field is stricken from the ballot, as he was elected Captain.

Vice President Iorio states that Nick Madore and Dan Reyner are stricken from the ballot, as they were just elected Lieutenants.

Chuck Rossbach requests that his name be stricken from the ballot.

Voting commenced.

A motion was made by Tom Chessser, seconded by Todd Cullum, to close balloting.

The motion carries.

Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Rich Hendrick, RP Smith, Mike Prestipino, Matt Wasileski, and Joe Winnicki were elected Foreman for 2018.

Vice President Iorio states that there is one candidate for Fire Police Captain – Tom Whittemore. He also states that there are three candidates for Fire Police Lieutenants – Joe Lacivita, Marty Miller, and Nelson Williams.

This is an uncontested race.

A motion is made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Jeff Wasileski, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for these candidates.

The motion carries.

#### Good of the Order

Mike Benson, Jr. thanks Jeff Tooker and the crew for a great Christmas party.

George Forgea reminds people to see him tonight for the life insurance paperwork.

Bob Lehmann states that new apparel will be ordered and paperwork will be out shortly.

Vice President Iorio makes a motion, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to name Chuck Hellmuth as the Delegate to the HVVFA Convention in 2018 with Tim Boel as the Alternate.

The motion carries.

Nick Madore makes a motion, seconded by Luke Palmer, to name Greg Forgea as the Delegate to the HVVFA Convention in 2018 with Mike Benson, Jr. as the Alternate.

The motion carries.

President Lansing gives brief remarks on the positive contributions our members made in 2017.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$117. RP Smith is the winner.

A motion was made by Elwin Michel, seconded by Chuck Alger, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted (for the final time),

Jeff Tooker  
Recording Secretary