



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
Fire Company Meeting  
October 16, 2018**

The October Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Lansing.

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

Recording Secretary Pendolino called the rolls. 61 members in attendance.

President Lansing states that the September Company Meeting minutes were sent out via email by Recording Secretary Pendolino.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

President Lansing states the Executive Board Meeting minutes were sent out via email by Recording Secretary Pendolino.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 46 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Charlene Winnicki, P&D Maintenance, JCB Specialities Inc (2 checks), Curtis Lumber, Galls (2 checks), Stadium Golf Club (2 checks), Bob Lehmann, Bradford Gallotta, SMG Monolith Solar, Verizon, Mike Benson, DeCresente Distribution, Otis Elevator Company

A motion is made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Chris Dick, to accept the report. Motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$43,848.00 and total expenses were \$67,836.47.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to accept the report. Motion carries.

President Lansing gives the Visa Bill report. Charges over \$200: 3 Golf Outing and 2 Pizza Night.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Sr, seconded by Mike Condo, to accept the report. Motion carries.

**Report of the Officers**

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Engine 7 is OOS and should be back by the end of the week.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with PubEd so far. There are still more PubEds coming up and crews are needed for these events.
- We have been having trouble getting crews for middle of the night calls. The Chiefs and Line Officers are working on a plan to address the issue.
- If you are in need of a new District polo put your size by your name on the sheet going around.
- Part 2 of the TIMS class is Oct 20 if you plan on attending let Car 2 know. Bring your gear to the class.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who has participated in PubEds.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who participated in PubEd so far. There are a couple of events coming up on weekends. Crews are needed for the events. They will be posted to IaR.
- When talking on the radio keep transmissions short and to the point.

Car 4 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- Oct 23 is the Captain's drill and Oct 30 is the Line Officer's drill.

Captain Lansing states the Captains will be having a meeting to get a drill outline together for next week's drill.

### Report of Committees

President Lansing gives the building use report. There were 7 rentals this month. Total income was \$3,584. YTD income is \$36,091.65.

A motion is made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the report. Motion carries.

George Forgea states the water issue at the North Station still needs to be fixed. President Lansing states the LED lights for the North Station will be here next week.

President Lansing states the company that cleans the kitchen is coming to clean the kitchen vents. Kitchen grease has been poured down the outside drain clogging the drain. This drain will be jetted along with the drains in the truck bays.

Nelson Williams asks if the damaged ceiling tiles in the Hall can be replaced. President Lansing asks the Park Station Committee if they could take care of this. Rich Hendrick states they can. President Lansing states we may have to order more ceiling tiles.

Karen McDonald states as per Ladies Auxiliary President Sara Kane the Ladies Auxiliary will only decorate the downstairs for Christmas and will need help from the Company decorating the upstairs for Christmas. Vice President Cullum asks the if the Explorers if they would be willing to help. Explorers in attendance state they will help.

President Lansing states he has an email from Bob Lehmann about the cost of removing trees at the Main Station with a total cost of \$2,000. Bob Lehmann suggests splitting the cost in half with the Church.

A motion is made by Rich Hendrick, seconded by Tim Boel, to pay \$1,000 for the tree removal. Motion carries.

Bob Lehmann gives the Golf Outing P&L report. There were 160 golfers and we served 180 dinners. Profit was \$17,268.

Mike Benson Sr gives the Pizza Night P&L report. 60 pizzas, 46 wings, 16 mozz stix and 11 salads were served. Profit for the night was \$821.56.

Vice President Cullum states the Giffy's BBQ fundraiser is on Oct 25. We are currently lacking in ticket sales.

President Lansing states we received two donations this month from Trustco Bank and Becker's Farm.

President Lansing states this year's Nominating Committee will be Tim Boel, Mike Benson Sr, and David A Cook.

President Lansing states that letters to run for any of the Chiefs positions need to be submitted by the November Meeting. Letters need to be signed by you and seconded by another member.

Vice President Cullum reads two proposed by-laws changes (see below). The changes will be posted in all 3 stations for one month.

#### Proposals for Membership

Vice President Cullum states an application from Jonathan Smith of Town Park Rd was received. The application will be tabled for one month.

#### Election of Members

Morgan Desnoyers is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Marc Iorio, to make Morgan Desnoyers a member. Motion carries.

Kenneth Storm is up for a vote. Mike Benson Jr states that he will talk to Kenneth to see if he is still interested. The application is will be tabled for another month.

Shelby McCabe is up for a vote. Jeff Tooker states he will talk to Shelby to see if she is still interested. The application will be tabled for another month.

#### Unfinished Business

President Lansing states he is going reach out to RP Smith about the status the Main Station project.

#### New Business

Vice President Cullum states we received a warning letter from the NYS Liquor Authority about a complaint filed on Sept 29, 2018 that we may have served alcohol members under 21. To make sure no one under 21 is served alcohol the following actions will be taken: bartenders will be checking IDs, anyone under 21 will have their hand stamped, and there will be a list of all members under 21 posted in the bars. Another TIPS class will be held. Tim Boel gives an overview of what the last time we got a letter

from the Liquor Authority. Discussion about where the complaint could have come from. Discussion about bringing back having some one watch the hall during non-alcoholic events. Vice President Cullum asks that members no longer hang out at the bar during events such as Pizza Night. President Lansing states that there will be zero tolerance for members under 21 caught drinking and if this happens the member will have a meeting with the President and Board of Directors. Mike Benson Sr suggests asking our beer distributor for calendars that show what a person's birthday needs to be to serve them alcohol.

Charlene Winnicki states the picnic tables at the Pavilion are about 15 years old and need to be replaced. She suggests approaching local businesses about buying a picnic table in memory of a past chief. True Value has said they will sell the Company the picnic tables in bulk at \$180/picnic table. The plaques would be \$20/plaque.

A motion is made by Jill Kaufman, seconded by David A Cook, to approach businesses about buying a picnic table in memory of a past chief.

Bob Lehmann states that asking the same businesses we do for our fundraisers may make them unwilling to donate to our fundraisers and we should just put purchasing new picnic tables in next year's budget. Discussion about asking businesses to donate and what businesses have donated in the past. President Lansing states we will try to include purchasing new picnic tables with name plates in next year's budget.

Chis Linck gives an update about what happened at the meeting he and Rick Williams had with Rensselaer County about the flooding issue at the Park Station. Discussion about what the Fire Company's next steps should be.

Bob Lehmann states that the Reformed Church recently paved their parking lot in front of the Main Station. This is the parking lot we use to back the fire trucks into the Main Station and we have always given \$1,000 to the Church for plowing. We should give them \$2,000 this year to cover any costs for damage we may do.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Nick Field, to give the Church \$2,000 this year. David A Cook asks if we could make it clear that the extra \$1,000 is to help maintain the parking lot. President Lansing answers yes. Motion carries.

#### Good of the Order

President Lansing thanks Bob Crain for coming tonight to give flu shots.

Food and clean up tonight is the North Station.

Food and clean up next month is the Park Station.

50/50 tonight is \$71. The winner is Pete Lehmann.

A motion to adjourn is made by Billy Lindemann, seconded by Davis Kakely. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino  
Recording Secretary

**East Greenbush Fire Company  
Proposed By-Law Changes**



A proposal to amend Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph 4 as follows –

"The term of line officers shall begin immediately following the approval of the line officers by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their Organizational Meeting in January."

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Mike Benson, Jr.

A proposal to add a new section – Article 6, Section 14 –

"The Fire Company shall hold its annual election of line officers in accordance with Fire District requirements. All officers elected by the Fire Company at the Annual Meeting must be approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their Annual Organizational Meeting in order to serve in the capacity in which they have been elected."

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Mike Benson, Jr.

