



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
November 20, 2018**

The November Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm 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. 51 members in attendance.

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

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 39 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: My Place and Co, Quality Seal Coating, Bob Lehmann, JBC Specialties Inc, National Grid, US Postmaster, Chase Card Services, Stadium Golf Club, Verizon, SMG-Monolith Solar, Charlene Winnicki, P&D Maintenance, Curtis Printing, Eastern Heating

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to accept the report. Motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$14,201.13 and total expenses were \$54,254.40.

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

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Remember to keep trucks in high idle when at calls.
- The fuel key and log book have been moved to the weight room.
- Changes to the BOPs have been accepted by the Fire Commissioners. Changes for 2019 include:
 - o All active firefighter need to attend 15 drills per year
 - o Officers need to attend 15% of the calls per year
- A meeting about duty crews was held a few weeks ago. The Chiefs are in the process of finalizing the process and procedures for duty crews. A mandatory drill will be held on Dec 11 to go over duty crews and sign up for duty crews.
- A grant has been submitted for new air packs.

- The NYS Cancer Bill goes into effect Jan 1, 2019. Under this all FDs need to give cancer insurance to all interior firefighters. Our insurance is thru VFIS. To be covered under this bill a firefighter needs to have 5 years of FIT tests. We have started putting FIT tests in each member's file. Our records date back to 2007. We will be sending a list of active firefighters to NYS. If you are not an active firefighter then you will not be covered under the cancer bill or our life insurance policy.
- The compressors we have in the stations cannot fill the truck tires. The compressor used to fill the air pack bottles is able to fill the truck tires. If tires are in need of air contact Tom Whittemore.
- The Rensselaer County Training Tower is still OOS. Due to this next week we will be having a live burn drill using PODs at the Park Station. Tim Boel gives an update on the construction of a new training tower.
- Engine 7 will be going OOS next week.
- Engine 9's foam and CO meter are OOS
- There is a list of active firefighters going around put your shirt size down.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- We will be participating in the East Greenbush Christmas Parade on Dec 1 at 5pm. We will meet at the Park Station. Engine 9 and available Chief's cars will be in the parade. Members will be handing out candy canes.
- Exterior and Interior classes will be starting in the next few weeks. Authorization letters are needed the first night of class. These letters will be given to members taking these classes at next week's drill.
- Thank you to Tom Whittemore who helped out immensely with getting all the FIT test records for the cancer bill.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Drill next week will be a POD burn, there will be lots to do for interior and exterior firefighters.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with fire prevention this year. We have received several thank you.

Car 4 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- The 6 month SCBA battery change is Dec 4 batteries will be at stations for Dec single company drill.

Report of Committees

President Lansing gives the building use report. There were 12 rentals this month. Total income was \$6,362.75. YTD income is \$42,454.40.

A motion is made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Chuck Rossbach, to accept the report. Motion carries.

George Forega states if you use the empty bay at the North Station clean up your mess. President Lansing states Joe Winnicki has installed the new lights at the North Station.

President Lansing states the Chief's Elections will be Dec 6 at the Main Station due to lack of parking at the Park Station that night because of the Wojeski Fundraiser.

Rich Hendrick states that if you use the empty bay at the Park Station clean up your mess. Mike Benson Jr states the car wash soap has been refilled at the Park Station. Greg Forgea warns members responding to calls at the Park Station to watch out for the PODs for next week.

Chris Dick states the Annual Dinner is Dec 7. Cocktails are at 6pm and dinner is at 7pm.

Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone who helped or bought pizza at Pizza Night. Profit was \$750.03. 61 pizzas, 49 wings, 16 mozz stix, and 20 salads were sold.

Jeff Tooker states the Christmas Party is Dec 15 at 6pm in the Members Lounge. Sign-ups will be in the stations shortly. Sign up by Dec 11.

Charlene Winnicki states the Kids Christmas Party is Dec 15 at 10am in the Members Lounge. Santa will be arriving at 11am. Sign-ups will be going up shortly.

Bob Lehmann states additional sponsorships have been received from the Golf Outing. The new profit is \$17,800.

Proposals for Membership

Vice President Cullum states we received applications from Dennis Davis of Couse Pl and Edward Wittig of Paul St. The applications will be tabled for one month.

Election of Members

Shelby McCabe is up for a vote. Jeff Tooker states he does not think she has any interest in becoming a member.

Jonathan Smith is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Chris Linck, to make Jonathan Smith a member. Motion carries.

Kenneth Storm is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Mike Prestipino, to make Kenneth Storm a member. Motion carries.

Six Month Probationary Review

Joseph Liuzzi is up for probationary review.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to move Joseph Liuzzi to full membership. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Lansing states Paul Wells has finished all the projects except calking around the outside of the building this will be done in the spring. Paul Wells went \$6,000 over budget and is donating the cost to the Fire Company.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Kathy Miller, to send a thank you letter to Paul Wells for his \$6,000 donation. Motion carries.

New Business

President Lansing states air vent cleaning is scheduled for Dec 21.

Good of the Order

Tim Boel reads the Nominating Committee report from the North Station:

Vice President: Tracy Cullum

Recording Secretary: Gina Pendolino

Financial Secretary: Chris Cargain

Treasurer: Paul Benson

Sergeant At Arms: Christie Cullum

Board of Directors: Chris Linck, Don Peal

Captain: Nick Liuzzi

Lieutenant: Todd Cullum, Nick Field

Foreman: Joe Winnicki, Ryan Condo

Chris Lavin is absent this evening. Tim Boel reads the Nominating Committee report from the Main Station:

President: Mike Lansing

Vice President: Tracy Cullum

Recording Secretary: Gina Pendolino

Financial Secretary: Chris Cargain

Membership Secretary: Joe Lacivita

Treasurer: Paul Benson

Sergeant At Arms: Chuck Rossbach

Board of Directors: Chris Linck, Chuck Rossbach, Don Peal, Rich Hendrick

Captain: Mike Lansing, Mark Becker

Lieutenant: Glen Cook, Dan Reyner

Foreman: Kurt Schlachter, Billy Lindemann, RP Smith

Fire Police Captain: Tom Whittemore

Fire Police Lieutenant: Joe Lacivita

Mike Benson Sr reads the Nominating Committee report from the Park Station:

Board of Directors: Rich Hendrick

Captain: Nick Liuzzi, Jake Hallenbeck

Lieutenant: Nick Liuzzi, Jake Hallenbeck

Foreman: Rich Hendrick

Fire Police Captain: Tom Whittemore

Fire Police Lieutenant: Marty Miller, Joe Lacivita, Nelson Williams

A motion is made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by Mike Benson Jr, to accept the nominations. Motion carries.

Vice President Cullum reads the Cheifs Nomination Letters. A letters has been submitted by Bob Lehmann for Chief Engineer; Greg Forgea for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant Chief; Mike Benson Jr for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant Chief; and Jeff Tooker for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant Chief.

A motion is made by Anthony Gullo, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the Cheifs Nomination Letters. Motion carries.

Tom Chesser states the By Laws changes read at last month's meeting have been posted for 1 month. The changes are read again.

A motion is made by Nick Liuzzi, seconded by Greg Forega, to accept the amendment to Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph 4. Motion carries.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to accept the new section Article 6, Section 14. Tim Boel asks why what was read tonight is different than what was posted in the stations. Tom Chesser states there was a wording change in the second sentence from 'All officers' to 'All line officers'. Motion carries.

Vice President Cullum states a resignation letter from Forman and the Fire Company has been received from Matt Wasileski.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to accept Matt's resignation. Tim Boel asks if Matt has enough time in the Company to become a social member. Jeff Tooker states he has the 2 years needed to be a social member.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Linck, to make Matt Wasileski a social member. David A Cook asks if this means we will have to reject Matt's letter. Bob Lehmann states we should move on the letter Matt submitted.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to accept Matt's letter of resignation from Forman and the Fire Company. Motion carries.

Mike Benson Jr asks when the Installation Dinner is. President Lansing states it is Jan 19, 2019. Cocktails are at 6pm. A room code will be sent out, cost of a room is \$102.

President Lansing reads a list of members who still owe dues.

David A Cook asks for a moment of silence for those who passed in the Paradise, CA wildfires. A moment of silence is taken.

Food and clean up tonight is the Park Station.

Food and clean up next month is the Fire Police and Ladies Auxiliary.

50/50 tonight is \$60. The winner is Jim Alcombright.

A motion to adjourn is made by Mike Benson Sr, seconded by Bob Lehmann. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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 line 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.