



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
February 19, 2019**

The February Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Lansing.

Tim Boel (Acting 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. 60 members in attendance.

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

A motion is made by Rich Hendrick, seconded by Marc Iorio, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 22 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Bob Lehmann, Chase Card Service, Christopher Lavin, Ron Prior, National Grid, Town of East Greenbush, Eastern Heating (2 checks), Verizon

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$5,067.13 and total expenses were \$31,086.71.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept the report. Motion carries.

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

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

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Bob Lehmann) gives his report.

- Duty crew program is going well. If you are interested in joining a duty crew contact the duty crew Chief or officer.
- The elevator class that was canceled will be held in June.
- Next week's drill will be Workplace Violence. This is mandatory for all active members.
- We are working on moving OSHA make ups online next year.
- The Fire District is working on hiring someone to handle IT.
- State Chiefs Training is in June. A message will be sent out about sign ups.

- Don't respond to the scene of a call in your personal vehicle.
 - For full department responses respond to your assigned station.
- The East Greenbush Police Chief, Chris Lavin, sent a letter of commendation for the members who assisted with the recent car roll over on Michel Rd.

Car 2 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Annual physicals will be April 24 & 25. Sign ups will be at the next meeting. Time slots will start at 2:30pm and end at 8:15pm.

Car 3 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- If you need gear, have damaged gear, or your gear doesn't fit correctly see your station chief or Car 3.
- If you need a uniform for next year's parades see Car 3.
- Have your safety vest on before you get out of the trucks at car accidents.

Car 4 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- Report directly to the Park Station for drill next week.
- Drills coming up: Final OSHA (Mar 5), Communications (Mar 12), Extrication (Mar 26)
- All OSHA make ups are due Mar 31.

Captain Lansing states when there is an issue with a truck use the chain of command by contacting the captain who will contact the station chief.

Foreman Winnicki states at the North Station when the trucks are being backed in the bay only the officer gets off the truck. The officer should then walk around the front of the truck and thru the parking lot. When arriving at calls have all gear on and be ready to work right away.

Erica Pues states the Ladies Auxiliary appreciates all the help from the Explorers with the Christmas Decorations this year. The Ladies Auxiliary is presenting the Explorers with a check for \$100.

Report of Committees

President Lansing gives the building use report. There were 3 rentals this month. Total income was \$1,355. YTD income \$1,355.

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

President Lansing thanks George Forgea for fixing the drainage problem at the North Station. President Lansing put a door pad at the entry door in Truck 11's bay.

President Lansing thanks Jake Hallenbeck for fixing the boiler at the Main Station.

Jake Hallenbeck states everything is good at the Park Station. Rick Williams asks about the issue with the door in the large truck bay at the Park Station. President Lansing states there is company coming into fix it. Charlene Winnicki thanks Jake Hallenbeck for fixing the ice machine at the Park Station before Pizza Night.

Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone who came to help at Pizza Night. We sold 71 pizzas, 57 wings, 18 mozz stix, and 11 salads. Total profit was \$1,106.66.

President Lansing states the Explorers were a big help with cleaning out Company Storage.

Vice President Cullum states we are holding a Wagon of Cheer fundraiser. If you are interested in buying or selling tickets see Vice President Cullum. Tickets are \$5 each. Tim Boel reminds everyone not to post the fundraiser on Facebook.

President Lansing states Joe Lacivita is collecting dues tonight.

Tom Whittemore states the website is down, it will be back up tomorrow.

President Lansing states the Schodack Center Commissioners would like some space on our website to show they are apart of the Fire Department.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Sr, seconded by Tim Boel, to give the Schodack Center Commissioners a some space on the Company website. Motion carries.

Proposals for Membership

Vice President Cullum states we have received applications from Matthew Cramer of Phillips Road and Michael Wernt of Jennell Drive. The applications will be tabled for one month.

Election of Members

Stephanie Deyette is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Mike Benson Jr, to make Stephanie Deyette a member. Motion carries.

Jason Deyette is up for a vote.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Mike Benson Jr, to make Jason Deyette a member. Motion carries.

President Lansing we received a letter from Nate Ziman to change his status to Military.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to change Nate Ziman's status to Military. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business tonight.

New Business

President Lansing states there is a Dine to Donate Fundraiser on Feb 28 at the Recovery Room in East Greenbush from 5pm-9pm. Tickets will be available after the meeting.

Vice President Cullum states there will be a Shea Crafts Make and Take Fundraiser on Mar 30 from 11am-4pm. Sign up on their website or on Facebook.

Tom Chesser states we have 2 quotes from Diagnostic Services & Installations LLC. This is the same company the Fire District is using. The first quote is \$14,208 to lease 2 desktops and 1 laptop for 4 years. The second quote is \$7,445 to buy 2 desktops and 1 laptop. Each quote includes 4 years of service. Mike

Prestipino asks what is included in the IT service. Tom Chesser states updates for computers and any computer issues we call about. David A Cook states they are highly recommended and are used by a lot of Fire Departments in the area. Paul Benson says they have already helped with computer issues we are having.

A motion is made by Jim Pendolino, seconded by Tim Boel, to purchase the computers for \$7,445 from Diagnostic Services & Installations LLC. Discussion about if the Fire Company needs to buy computers right away, if the Fire Company should buy the computers and set them up ourselves, what is included in the support, and the current computer issues the company is having. Tim Boel withdraws his second from the motion to purchase computers. Further discussion on purchasing computers. President Lansing asks for a second to the motion on the floor. Mike Memole seconds the motion on the floor to purchase the computers. Motion carries.

Tom Chesser states there will be a meeting Thursday (Mar 21) at 7pm to discuss the By Laws.

Tom Chesser states the cooks at Fish Fry Night are having trouble keeping up with orders and wait times are an hour at times. To reduce wait times we should purchase a new fryer similar to what we have that uses propane for \$1,290. This new fryer would be used outside.

A motion is made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Jim Timmer, to purchase a new fryer for \$1,290. Bob Lehmann states we are running a fundraiser and its not worth it for 5 times a year. Greg Forgea states people will have to still wait the cooks can only do so much. Motion fails.

President Lansing states we are in need of a new cleaner as our current cleaner, MGL Cleaning, is no longer able to clean the building. We have been talking with Lisa Canfield. She comes highly recommended by the Elks. She would clean the building every other week. Starting price would be \$375 to get the building up to her standards and then the monthly price would be based on foot traffic. Tom Chesser asks if there would be a contract or this month to month. President Lansing states it would be month to month. Bob Lehmann asks what the cost was for MGL Cleaning. President Lansing states it was \$375 for 1 month and then \$250 each month after that. Discussion about cost and possibly getting quotes from other cleaners.

A motion is made by David A Cook, seconded by Kurt Schlachter, to have Lisa Canfield come in for \$375 then President Lansing will negotiate a lower price. Motion carries.

Marc Iorio states Poestenkill Fire Department has contacted him about us participating in a softball league, and asks if there are members interested in participating. There is interest.

A motion is made by Marc Iorio, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to form a softball team this year with Marc Iorio as manager. Motion carries.

Bob Lehmann states we are now using a committee approach to for the bar manager position. There will be 2 people overseeing the committee. One for purchasing and inventory (Marc Iorio) and one to find bartenders for events (Charlene Winnicki). If you are interested in joining the committee see Marc Iorio, Charlene Winnicki, or Mike Lansing. The committee has come up with new rental rates they are as follows: Banquet Hall \$450, Banquet Hall for Members \$250, Pavilion \$400, and Pavilion for Members \$200. These new rates would go into effect for all rental contracts established on or after June 1, 2019.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to accept the new rental rates. Motion carries.

Bob Lehmann states we are having trouble finding bartenders for events. The bar committee suggests the bartender payments should be increased from \$20 to \$50 for a 6 hour event. We will have two bartenders for all events with a step system based on the amount of attendees to determine then number of bartenders. Charlene Winnicki will decided if more or less bartenders are needed. The barback position will be eliminated.

Good of the Order

Bob Lehmann states there will be a Bar and Wing Night on Mar 15. The event will be in the Members Lounge. Beer will be \$1. This is a members only event. Sign ups will be posted.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to send \$150 to Albany Airport FF Josh Woodward who is suffering from sepsis. President Lansing states the amount should be raised to \$500. Mike Benson Jr amends his motion to send \$500. The amended motion is seconded by Mike Memole. Motion carries. President Lansing states a 50/50 and donation bucket were at Pizza Night for Josh Woodward the money collected by both will be sent along with our donation.

Vice President Cullum states we received a letter from Greene County Firemen's Association inquiring if we would like to attend their parade on Sep 7.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Chris Linck, to attend the Greene County Parade. Motion carries.

Vice President Cullum states we received a letter from HVVFA about getting an ad in the journal.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Lavin, to get a quarter page ad for \$90. Motion carries.

Vice President Cullum states we received a letter from East Greenbush Softball League about sponsorship.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Marc Iorio, to sponsor a single sign for \$300. Motion carries.

Vice President Cullum states we received a letter from East Greenbush/Castleton Little League about sponsorship.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Tim Boel, to sponsor a Field Sign for \$325. Motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki states if you took then TIPS class in January she has your card.

Food and clean up tonight is Engine 8. Food and clean up next month is Engine 9.

50/50 tonight is \$87. The winner is Morgan Desnoyers.

A motion to adjourn is made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Chuck Rossbach. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino
Recording Secretary