



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
October 20, 2020**

The October Meeting was called to order at 7:24pm by President Cullum.

Todd 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 Pendolino called the rolls. 57 members in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 26 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: National Grid, Chase Card Service, Jeff Tooker, Provincial Contractors, Michelle Rivera, Spectrum Business, Otis Elevator Company

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$673.10 and total expenses were \$38,518.16.

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

President Cullum gives the Visa Bill report for September. There were no charges over \$200.

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

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Oct 27 is the last drill for bailout. If anyone needs or wants to jump again, see your Station Chief ASAP.
- There was a memo sent out earlier today regarding FIT Tests being conducted Nov 9, 10, and 11 from 1pm to 6:45pm each day. If these dates don't work for you see Tracy Cullum.
- If you received a message to see Car 1 about your physical and you haven't yet, see Car 1 after the meeting.

- State Fire Training is still on hold
- Members that completed the NYSAFC Flashover training please submit your training report and certificate to Car 1 by Nov 3.
- There have been several changes to the BOPs. These changes will be reviewed by our BOP Consultant, Hank Kolakoski, as a mandatory drill in Jan 2021.
- Halloween Events:
 - o Engine 9/Chief's Cars: Handing out candy in Sherwood Park as a part of a Town of East Greenbush Recreation Department initiative. More details coming soon.
 - o Truck 11: Windy Hill on Oct 31 from 2pm-4pm. If you are interested in attending see Car 2.
- The at Board of Fire Commissioners meeting Scott Ciabattari and Tracy Cullum were named lieutenants for the North Station till Jan 2021
- Thank you to everyone who assisted during the windstorm that came thru town on Oct 7. We had 40 calls in 5 hours and several the next day.
- I appreciate every member that goes out of their way to attend calls, drills, trainings, duty crews, and everything else you do on a daily/weekly/monthly basis.
- We are still unsure if members will need to get the COVID-19 vaccine when the first responder distribution phase happens in the NYS COVID-19 vaccination plan.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Keep an eye on your gear. If you borrow something return it in the same condition you found it in. If something does get broken let a Chief know.
- Thank you to everyone for coming to calls

Car 3 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- There will be some changes to the drill schedule.
- The duty crews are doing a great job. New member should consider taking a duty crew shift

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- Driver recerts need to be completed by Oct 31. If you have not completed your recert see a member of the Driver Recert Committee

Report of Committees

President Cullum states the Banquet Hall and Pavilion are still closed. There is only one event scheduled thru the end of 2020.

George Forgea states everything is good at the North Station. The generators ran great for the 3 days the North Station was without power.

Kurt Schlachter states everything is good at the Main Station. The training house demolition is going well. Thank you to Billy Lindemann for keeping the grounds looking good all summer.

Jake Hallenbeck states everything is good at the Park Station.

Mike Benson Sr gives the Pizza Night P&L. For the two Pizza Nights in Sept we had a profit of \$854.47 and sold 134 pizzas, 111 wings, 53 mozz stix, and 10 salads. For the Oct Pizza Night we had a profit of

\$653.25 and sold 52 pizzas, 46 wings, 5 salads, and 14 mozz stix. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sept and Oct Pizza Nights. There will be two Pizza Nights in Nov on the 7th and 21st.

President Cullum states we will be participating in the Town of East Greenbush Holiday Parade on Dec 5. Any one who would like to help out let President Cullum know.

President Cullum states any By-Laws changes you would like voted on at the November Meeting need to be given to Tom Chesser this evening.

President Cullum states this year's Nominating Committee will be Mike Benson Sr, Tim Boel, and Pete Lehmann.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this Nominating Committee. Motion carries.

President Cullum 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. Chiefs elections will take place on Dec 3.

President Cullum states the Christmas Party is cancelled this year. Instead we will be having a catered dinner the evening of our Company Elections on Dec 15.

Six Probationary Review

President Cullum states the Board of Fire Commissioners have removed John Ashely from their rolls since he never got a physical and we have not seen or heard from John since he joined.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Mike Lansing, to remove John Ashely from the membership rolls. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Cullum states the training house demolition has started. There are pictures on our website.

President Cullum states there are new items for fall on our sportswear website.

President Cullum states members should not be unplugging or removing any of the new cable boxes. When this is done it deactivates the box and President Cullum or Treasurer Paul Benson have to call and spend several hours with Spectrum to get the boxes reactivated. If member continue unplugging or removing the boxes we will start removing them.

New Business

President Cullum states a someone keeps removing the pins from the box for the parking lot lights causing the lights not to work. Brad Gollatta will be installing a digital box for the parking lot lights that only a few members will have access to.

Denis Daivs states we collected \$134.36 worth of bottle deposits.

Marc Iorio asks the weights in the gym be put back on the racks when members are done using them. When they are placed by the wall it ruins the drywall.

Charlene Winnicki asks if we could do something similar to what was done with the Easter Bunny with Santa since there will be no Kids Christmas Party this year. President Cullum says there is a possibility this may happen.

Mike Memole states OGS is looking to see if they could use the tree at the Main Station for the Empire State Plaza. President Cullum states if we can get a firm commitment from them then they can have the tree.

Good of the Order

President Cullum states Joe Lacivita is collecting dues tonight. Members need to have their dues paid to vote in the upcoming elections.

President Cullum states there are flyers in each station for a defensive driving class being held on Nov 7 from 9am-3pm at Melvin Roads. The cost is \$30.

President Cullum states we received a letter from the East Greenbush Police Department looking for a donation to their future K9 Unit.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Benson Jr, to make a \$250 donation to the East Greenbush Police Department K9 Unit. Motion carries.

President Cullum asks members not to leave food in the garbage cans.

President Cullum reads various thank you notes.

Ed McCabe thanks the Fire Company for the flowers we sent.

Jeff Tooker states on Nov 3, Election Night, the Chiefs Office will be providing pizza and wings to each station.

50/50 tonight is \$60. The winner is Chris Linck.

Food and clean up tonight is the North Station. Food and clean up next month is the Park Station.

A motion to adjourn is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Greg Forgea. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino
Recording Secretary