



**East Greenbush Fire Company  
Fire Company Meeting  
September 21, 2021**

The September Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by President Cullum.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to set aside a page in the minutes in memory of Past Chief Chuck Hellmuth. Motion carries.

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. 64 members in attendance.

President Cullum states the August Review Board and Company Meeting minutes were sent out via email by Recording Secretary Pendolino.

A motion was made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 33 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Mike Lansing, Todd Cullum (2 checks), Sun Light General, Tri-City Valley Cats, Taylor O'Brien, John Coyne Electric, Eastern Heating, National Grid, Spectrum Business, Crown Cleaners, Chase Card Service

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$12,916.14 and total expenses were \$36,966.16.

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

President Cullum gives the Visa Bill report. Charges over \$250: 2 Fraternal Beverage charges, 1 Amazon charge

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

**Report of the Officers**

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- The new Chief's car (2021 Tahoe) is in the Park Station spare bay. Please leave the car where it is and do not do anything in the bay that will cause damage to the car. The car will be completed in 3-4 months.
- There will be a training this week for FAST Team members. Details will be sent on IaR.
- Physical sign ups have started. If you need a CDL physical before Oct 20 see Car 1 after the meeting. If you cannot make it on Oct 20 see Car 1 after the meeting. Packets for members attending physicals on Oct 20 will be in the Park Station radio room on Oct 17
- The FASNY Convention will be Aug 11-14, 2022.
  - o We have been asked to lead a division in the Tarrytown Parade on Aug 13, 2022.
  - o We will be booking a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in Tarrytown for members attending the convention
  - o There will be FASNY training available on Aug 12, 2022. If members attend the Aug 12 training the District will pay for two nights at the hotel and the Company will pay for one night for the parade. If you don't attend training you will have to pay for one night in the hotel.
  - o There is a boat cruise around Manhattan on Aug 11, 2022 from 7pm to 9:30pm. The Company has booked 24 seats so far. There's a free shuttle to and from Tarrytown. If you want to attend this cruise Car 1 needs to know by next week. The cruise will sell out. The cost is \$100, the Company has offered to pay half the cost so you'll owe the Company \$50 to hold your spot.
  - o If you want to attend the convention Car 1 needs to know in the next couple of weeks.
  - o There will be an air conditioned bus back and forth to Tarrytown on Aug 13, 2022 for the "day trippers".
  - o We would like to have 40-50 members in the parade. Its an honor to be asked to lead a division.
- The LMS Training site will be open for our members shortly. The LMS site lets you register yourself for training. For the Nov 30 Water Rescue Awareness class members will need to register themselves. Car 1 will send out step by step instructions when the site is ready for members.
- Congratulations to everyone who went to Greene County and brought home 2 trophies.
- District polos will be ready in Oct/Nov.
- Thank you to everyone who goes to calls.
- We will be covering Rensselaer City on the 1<sup>st</sup> alarm until further notice.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Rescue 11 will be OOS for the next few weeks or longer. Its tools have been split between Engine 7 and Engine 8. If you need help with extraction don't be afraid to call for mutual aid.
- When you're on a fire scene don't take pictures of the fire scene with your cell phone.

Car 3 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- There will be virtual FAST training classes on Sep 22 and Sep 28
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the duty crews so far. If you haven't participated in the duty crews this year please consider doing so.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- Driver recerts will start in Oct
- We have PubEds coming up on Oct 6 (Genet) and Oct 7 (Green Meadow)

David A Cook asks if there is any information about the Rensselaer County Memorial. Jeff Tooker says the Chief's Office is still waiting on the final decision about if the memorial will be open to everyone or just the families. Tim Boel states the County usually uses MacBoston to display their flag but they charge a lot so we may be asked to display the flag at the memorial this year.

Kathy Schmidt states the Ladies Auxiliary is going to waive their 10% of the Pizza Night profits again this year.

### Report of Committees

George Forgea states everything is good at the North Station.

Mike Benson Jr asks members don't leave garbage in front of the dumpster at the Main Station.

Jake Hallenbeck states everything is good at the Park Station.

Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone who helped with Pizza Night and the kitchen clean up. We sold 47 pizzas, 42 wings, 12 mozz sticks, and 3 salads. We had a lot of expenses this month and lost \$262.92.

Mike Benson Sr states we had 50 Life Members attend Life Member's Day. We honored our departed members. The gifts did not come in before the event, see Linda Cook for your Life Member gift. President Cullum states Joe Winnicki and Anthony Gullo bartended the event and donated their tips to the Barbara Lehmann Scholarship.

Marc Iorio states we will be having another Fair Food Fundraiser on Oct 29 & 30 at Becker's Farm.

### Election of Members

President Cullum states Brandon Tambor is up for probationary review. Mike Benson Jr states he spoke with Brandon and his job just changed his hours so he now free on Tuesdays. He recommends we extend Brandon's probation 6 months.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Mike Memole, to extend Brandon Tambor's probation 6 months. Motion carries.

President Cullum states we received a letter from Dan Reyner requesting to change his status from Active to Social.

A motion is made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Tim Boel, to make Dan Reyner a Social member. Motion carries.

President Cullum states we received a letter from Jim Trimmer requesting to re-join as a Social member.

A motion is made by Chuck Rossbach, seconded by Tom Whittemore, to make Jim Trimmer a Social member. Motion carries.

### Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business this evening.

### New Business

President Cullum states the services for Clinton Heights Past Chief & Past Commissioner Ted Mulberry Sr are Sep 23, we will be meeting at 6:30pm at Rockfellers. Discussion about the contributions Ted Mulberry Sr made to the East Greenbush Emergency Services.

Karen MacDonald states the FASNY Firemen's Home will be having Rensselaer County Day on Oct 2. There will be a parade and lunch that day. Jeff Tooker states we will get a chief's car or a truck there.

#### Good of the Order

President Cullum asks if anyone is using tire shine don't spray this in the bays.

President Cullum asks everyone to make sure the cooler doors are shut, if they are not the freezer gets water all over the floor.

A motion is made by Chris Dick, seconded by Tim Dick, to rename the Golf Outing in memory of Chuck Hellmuth. Motion carries.

President Cullum states the treadmill in the weight room is not working properly. We don't have any money to replace this but reminds everyone the District does have a gym program.

President Cullum states someone disabled the doors. Don't do this it disables the fobs too.

President Cullum thanks the Fire Commissioners for this evening's dinner.

George Forgea and Mike Benson Sr give an overview of the District's LOSAP program.

President Cullum states anyone who has not paid their dues see Joe Lacivita to pay them.

President Cullum states we received a thank you note from the Hellmuth Family.

50/50 tonight is \$80. The winner is Joe Lacivita.

Food and clean up tonight is the Board of Fire Commissioners. Food and clean up next month is the North Station.

A motion to adjourn is made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Mike Memole. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino  
Recording Secretary

**This page in the September 2021 East Greenbush Fire Company Minutes is in memory of Past Chief Chuck Hellmuth.**