



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
November 16, 2021**

The November Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Cullum.

Vice President Liuzzi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Stanley Paddock thanks the Fire Company for putting out a tractor fire at his house earlier this year and presents the Fire Company with a donation.

Recording Secretary Pendolino called the rolls. 55 members in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 34 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Jeff Tooker, Chase Card Service, Abele, 1st Class Services-Blacktop, National Grid, Spectrum Business, DeCresente Distribution, David Browe Paving, Dignum & Bame, Eastern Heating, Curtis Printing

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$2,413.00 and total expenses were \$46,011.28.

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

President Cullum gives the Visa Bill report. Charges over \$250: Pizza Night, FASNY

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

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- For members who got physicals on Oct 20, clearances are in. If you have any questions see Car 1 privately.

- For members who have not gotten a physical yet in 2021 you have till Nov 30 to go to WellNow. If you don't have a physical by Nov 30 your gear will be pulled and you won't be able to go on calls.
- Please register for the Water Rescue Course on Nov 30 thru LMS. If you are still having issues with LMS see Car 1 after the meeting. The class will start at 6:30pm and will be in the Banquet Hall.
- The FAST Team will be rolled out Mar 1, 2022. The FAST Team BOP will be shared in 2022. Many of the drills between now and Mar 2022 will be FAST orientated.
- We have 3 hotel rooms left for the FASNY convention Aug 11-14, 2022. For the boat cruise there are 56 paid seats claimed. If you want go on cruise Car 1 needs to know by next week.
- A BEFO Course might be coming to southern Rensselaer County soon. Keep an eye on IaR.
- Assistant Chiefs Greg Forgea, Mike Benson Jr, and Mike Lansing were honored last night at the Rensselaer County Fire Chiefs Association Awards Dinner with the Michael D. Falkowski Assistant Chief(s) of the Year Award for 2021. The plaque will hang prominently at the Park Station as a testament to their hard work.
- Thank you to the membership for their hard work this year. We have several events coming up that all will hopefully attend and continue the traditions of the EGFD going into 2022.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- If you have problems with one of the trucks let an officer know.

Car 3 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- For the duty crew program, we have had 57 members and 13,000 hours completed thru Oct 2021.
- Next week's drill will be FAST training and the week after will be the Water Rescue class.
- We received a thank you note from East Schodack for attending Doug Farley's wake. Thank you to the members who participated in this.
- The QR codes for IaR training are available.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's driver recerts.

Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone for their service.

Tom Whittemore states the passenger door on Bus 11 doesn't work correctly, be careful opening and closing the door.

Report of Committees

George Forgea asks members not to use tire shine inside or outside at the North Station. It is creating marks on our newly sealed parking lot.

Kurt Schlachter states everything is good at the Main Station.

President Cullum states we will be decorating the Park Station for Christmas with the Ladies Auxiliary and Explorers on Dec 2 at 6pm.

Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone who helped with Pizza Night this month. Our net profit this month was \$332.01 and we sold 47 pizzas, 30 wings, 13 mozz stix, 7 salads. Next month we will be starting eat in so we will need more help.

President Cullum states we will be participating in the EG Holiday Parade on Dec 4. Rich Hendrick is getting a trailer for our float. If you are interested in helping decorate the float please let President Cullum know. There are hats for sale for the parade, the cost is \$5. Jeff Tooker states we will line up at the Park Station.

President Cullum states the Adult Christmas Party will be Dec 18 at 6pm. Sign-up sheets are up. Please sign up by Dec 10.

Charlene Winnicki states the Kids Christmas Party will be Dec 18 at 10am. Sign-up sheets are up.

President Cullum states the ballot box will be out until Dec 14. If you want run for an office you need to put a signed letter with a second from another member in the ballot box.

President Cullum states we will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Dec 12 from 8am-12pm. Billy Lindemann is the chairman for this event.

President Cullum states Tim Boel is organizing a TIPS class on Nov 29 at the Park Station starting at 7pm.

President Cullum states the Building Improvement Committee's next meeting will be Nov 22 at 7pm.

President Cullum states we made \$1,186 from the Fair Food Fundraiser. Thank you to Marc Iorio for organizing this.

Pete Lehmann gives the Nominating Committee report

President-Tracy Cullum

Vice President-Joseph Liuzzi

Treasurer-Paul Benson

Financial Secretary-Christopher Cargain

Recording Secretary-Opportunity to ballot

Membership Secretary-Joseph Lacivita

Sergeant-at-Arms-Christie Cullum

Board of Directors-Christopher Linck, Jeffery Wasileski

Capitan-Anthony Gullo, William Lindemann, Nicholas Liuzzi, Kurt Schlachter

Lieutenant-Scott Ciabattari, Tracy Cullum, Nicholas Cullum, William Lindemann, Cameron Poli, Jayden Torelli

Foreman-Marc Iorio, Jon Smith, Joseph Winnicki

Fire Police Capitan-Thomas Whittemore

Fire Police Lieutenant-Dennis Davis, Edward Whited

President Cullum states the Election Committee will be Tim Boel, Pete Lehmann, Mike Benson Sr, Jeff Tooker, Greg Forgea, Mike Benson Jr, and Mike Lansing.

A motion is made by Jim Alcombright, seconded by Bob Lehmann, to appoint the Election Committee. Motion carries.

Six Month Probationary Review

President Cullum states Matt Cramer is up for probationary review. Mike Lansing states Matt still needs to get a physical but Matt has no intention to get one.

A motion is made by Bob Lehmann, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to remove Matt Cramer from the membership rolls. Motion carries.

Election of Members

President Cullum states we received a letter from Tracy Britt to change his status from Life Member to Active Life Member.

A motion is made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Chris Linck, to make Tracy Britt an Active Life Member. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Cullum states Clark Roher and Billy Lindemann worked with Abele to get the lowest price for the mower deck. The deck has been ordered.

New Business

Chris Dick states he was approached by Soul Spa about the Fire Company doing couples yoga. There is no interest.

President Cullum states the stall doors in the men's room at the Park Station were not working correctly and are now fixed.

Good of the Order

President Cullum states snow plow bids are due by 6pm on Dec 15. The bids will be opened and the winning bid will be awarded at the Executive Board meeting on Dec 15.

Vice President Liuzzi reads several thank you notes.

Kurt Schlachter states Scott Ciabattari is organizing a trip to lay wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on the morning of Dec 18.

A motion is made by Kurt Schlachter, seconded by David A Cook, to donate \$150 for 10 wreaths to Wreaths Across America. Motion carries.

Geogre Forgea states Jay Corcoran is sick and he thinks the Fire Company should sent him a card. President Cullum says a card will be sent.

President Cullum reads the list of members who still owe dues. If your dues aren't paid you won't be able to vote in the upcoming elections.

President Cullum states we received Chiefs Election Letters from the following members who are running for 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, and 3rd Assistant Chief: Greg Forgea, Mike Benson Jr, and Mike Lansing. We received a letter from Jeff Tooker who is running for Chief Engineer. Chiefs Elections will be Dec 9 at 7pm.

50/50 tonight is \$72. The winner is Chris Dick.

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

A motion to adjourn is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Todd Cullum. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino
Recording Secretary