



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers
December 21, 2021**

The December Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Cullum.

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. 63 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 Tim Boel, seconded by Chris Linck, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

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

A motion was made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Tom Gullo, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain is absent this evening. Paul Benson gives his report. 30 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Chase Card Service, US Postmaster, National Grid, Spectrum Business, Wojeski & Co, Eastern Heating, Glendale

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$7,431.79 and total expenses were \$31,064.35. David A Cook asks about the impact of the solar panels. President Cullum states Chris Cargain is working on running the numbers and we will have something for the Company in January.

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

President Cullum gives the Visa Bill report. Charges over \$250: Pizza Night, Christmas Parade, Meeting Food

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

President Cullum reads Joe Lacivita's Annual Membership Secretary Report. There are 83 Active members with a gear number. Eight new members were added to the rolls this year.

A motion is made by Todd Cullum, seconded by Mike Condo, to accept the Annual Membership Secretary Report. Motion carries.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Make sure you use LMS and notify Car 1 if you are taking a fire training course. Car 1 will send a Training Authorization form to your house and you'll need to fill it out and send a picture back to Car 1 so it can be forwarded to our representative at Rensselaer County or NYS. If you want to take one of the Fire Academy courses sent out today there is additional paperwork. See Car 1 for the paperwork tonight.
- There are new radio procedures when responding to the City of Rensselaer for mutual aid. We will use TAC 7 to communicate with City of Rensselaer Command. These procedures will be on each apparatus that might go to the City. Remember, on the 2nd Alarm Engine 7 and Truck 11 are to respond. Engine 9 needs to stand by in quarters in case manpower is needed.
- The FAST Team is still slated to start Mar 1, 2022. Please attend trainings between Jan 4, 2022 and Mar 1, 2022.
- Physical clearances and Water Rescue Awareness certificates were mailed to your home last week. If you didn't receive one or both see Car 1.
- New policies that will take effect in 2022:
 - o By Aug 31, 2022 you need to have attended 10% of fire calls to be eligible for a 2022 physical. The 10% of the calls needs to be listed on the LOSAP report that is generated by the Fire District Secretary. This motion was passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Oct 11, 2021. In 2021 you would have needed 26 calls
 - o To be approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners as a 2023 Line Officer you need to have 15% of the fire calls by Nov 30, 2022. This a proposed BOP change and is up for discussion and approval by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their Jan 10, 2022 meeting. If the change is approved it will be in Section 302 of the BOPs. In 2021 you would have needed 54 calls to meet the proposed requirement.
- 2022 Line Officers will take effect on Tuesday Jan 4, 2022. The slate of officers will be presented to the Commissioners for approval at the Jan 3, 2022 Organizational Meeting. There will be a Line Officers meeting sometime in early to mid Jan 2022. It will be in person and the location and time is TBD.
- Bailout training (tentatively scheduled for March) is required for all members who want to maintain their interior status. Your status is generated by 3 components:
 - o Physical clearance as A status
 - o Passing a FIT test
 - o Successful completion of bailout training
- Thank you for your time during another moderately challenging year in the department. Your dedication doesn't go unnoticed—look around at the other departments and see what happens when we show up 10 or 15 deep at mutual aid calls. I hear the frustration in the voices of other chiefs when they have to transmit redispach to get one piece of apparatus off the floor. I cannot thank you enough for your time.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- There will be no more spending done until Jan 2022. Any open items will be addressed then.

- The Chief's Office is working with the Building Department to catch calls before they are dispatched.
- Thank you for responding to calls this year.

Car 3 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- The drill schedule for the next 3 months was sent out Dec 17.
- We have close to 284 calls for the year so far.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the duty crew program this year.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- The fuel dock has a new meter and filter.
- OSHA will begin in Jan 2022.

Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone for their participation this year.

Report of Committees

George Forgea is absent so there is no North Station report this evening.

Kurt Schlachter states everything is good at the Main Station.

Jake Hallenbeck states the dehumidifier at the Park Station has been permanently relocated to the 3rd truck bay.

Mike Benson Sr thanks everyone for their help with Pizza Night this month. It was one of the best nights of the season. We sold 49 pizzas, 35 wings, 21 mozz stix, and 2 salads. Our net total profit was \$1,056.33. The Jan 2022 Pizza Night will probably be take out only.

Paul Benson gives an update on our fundraiser mailing. We have had a net profit of \$3,942 so far.

Billy Lindemann thanks everyone who showed up to the Pancake Breakfast. We had a net profit of \$3,280.89.

Unfinished Business

President Cullum states the new mower deck has been installed on the tractor and is working. Clark Roher has offered to train anyone who would like to learn how to use it.

New Business

President Cullum states we received one snow plow bid from Chris Lavin for \$4,150, it was opened and approved by the Executive Board.

A motion is made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept Chris Lavin's bid. Motion carries.

Election of Officers

President Cullum states we have uncontested races for President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for the slate of officers. Motion carries.

President- Tracy Cullum

Treasurer- Paul Benson

Financial Secretary- Chris Cargain

Recording Secretary- Mike Benson Sr

Membership Secretary- Joe Lacivita

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Vice President- Jake Hallenbeck and Jay Liuzzi. Jake Hallenbeck asks his name be removed from the ballot.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Mike Condo, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Jay Liuzzi. Motion carries. Jay Liuzzi is the Vice President for 2022.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Sergeant At Arms- Christie Cullum and Chuck Rossbach. President Cullum asks if anyone would like to remove their name from the ballot. No response.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Tim Boel, to close the nominations. Motion carries. President Cullum authorizes the ballots to be distributed. Voting commenced.

A motion is made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Bob Lehmann, to close the ballot box. Motion carries. Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states that Christie Cullum was elected to Sergeant At Arms for 2022.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for the Board of Directors- Chris Linck, Chuck Rossbach, and Jeff Wasileski. Tom Gullo asks if we can nominate from the floor. President Cullum reads the section from the By Laws that doesn't allow nominations from the floor. President Cullum asks if anyone would like to remove their name from the ballot. No response.

A motion is made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to close the nominations. Motion carries. President Cullum authorizes the ballots to be distributed. Voting commenced.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Mike Lansing, to close the ballot box. Motion carries. Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states Chris Linck and Jeff Wasileski were elected to the Board of Directors.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Captain- Anthony Gullo, Jake Hallenbeck, Billy Lindemann, Nick Liuzzi, and Kurt Schlachter.

A motion is made by Eric Cullum, seconded by Craig Cullum, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Anthony Gullo, Jake Hallenbeck, Billy Lindemann, Nick Liuzzi, and Kurt Schlachter. Motion carries. Anthony Gullo, Jake Hallenbeck, Billy Lindemann, Nick Liuzzi, and Kurt Schlachter are Captains for 2022.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Lieutenant- Scott Ciabattari, Keenan Cosgrove, Tracy Cullum, Nick Cullum, Billy Lindemann, Cameron Poli, and Jayden Torelli. President

Cullum states Billy Lindemann's name will be removed from the ballot since he was just elected to Captain. President Cullum asks if anyone would like to remove their name from the ballot. No response.

A motion is made by Tim Boel, seconded by Lou Roher, to close the nominations. Motion carries. President Cullum authorizes the ballots to be distributed. Voting commenced.

A motion is made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Tracy Britt, to close the ballot box. Motion carries. Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states Scott Ciabattari, Keenan Cosgrove, Tracy Cullum, Cameron Poli, and Jayden Torelli have been elected to Lieutenant for 2022.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Foreman- Rich Hendrick, Marc Iorio, Jon Smith, and Joe Winnicki. President Cullum states we only have 4 candidates and asks for nominations from the floor.

Todd Cullum nominates Nick Cullum for Forman. The nomination is seconded by Jake Hallenbeck.

Marcus Massaconi asks if we can nominate ourselves. Jeff Tooker says you can.

Marcus Massaconi nominates himself for Forman. The nomination is seconded by Tom Whittemore.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Anthony Gullo, to close the nominations. Motion carries. President Cullum authorizes the ballots to be distributed. Voting commenced.

A motion is made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Tracy Britt, to close the ballot box. Motion carries. Votes were tabulated in the Coat Room at the Banquet Hall.

Election Chair Pete Lehmann states Marc Iorio, Jon Smith, Joe Winnicki, Nick Cullum, and Marcus Massaconi were elected to Forman for 2022.

President Cullum states Tom Whittemore is the only member running for Fire Police Captain.

A motion is made by Mike Condo, seconded by Jake Hallenbeck, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Tom Whittemore. Motion carries. Tom Whittemore is Fire Police Captain for 2022.

President Cullum reads the names of the members running for Fire Police Lieutenant- Dennis Davis and Ed Whited.

A motion is made by Ryan Tubbs, seconded by Eric Cullum, to have the Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for Dennis Davis and Ed Whited. Motion carries. Dennis Davis and Ed Whited are Fire Police Lieutenants for 2022.

Good of the Order

David A Cook thanks the Fire Company, especially Tim Boel and Anthony Gullo, for participating in the funeral in Elsmere on behalf of the Red Knights.

A motion is made by Jeff Tooker, seconded by Tracy Britt, to make Tim Boel and Pete Lehmann the 2022 delegates for the Hudson Valley and Hudson Mohawk Conventions. Motion carries.

President Cullum thanks the following members:

- Dennis Davis for his help with the bottle collections, he recently turned in a \$107.47 check
- Marc Iorio for getting a \$750 donation from Stewarts
- Joe Winnicki, George Forgea, and Eric Cullum for their help with the North Station heating system

President Cullum gives her Annual Presidential Address.

Jeff Tooker thanks out going Recording Secretary Gina Pendolino for her years of service as Recording Secretary. And wishes good luck to incoming and returning Recording Secretary Mike Benson Sr.

Mike Benson Sr reminds everyone that the Fire District has coverage for PTSD. If you need help you just need to talk to your Station Chief and the process will get started.

50/50 tonight is \$78. The winner is Eric Cullum.

Food and clean up tonight is the Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Police. Food and clean up next month is Engine 7.

A motion to adjourn is made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by Craig Cullum. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino
Recording Secretary