



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 15, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:02 PM at the Pavillion by Vice President Jake Hallenbeck.

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by Sgt At Arms Ryan Tubbs.

Meeting turned over to Membership Committee Chairman David Cook.

David put some focus on who some of our departed members are and the importance of that member in our department.

First Name out of the North Station George Heppinstall. Elwin Michel spoke about George.

George was instrumental in getting membership in the North end of town. He had a siren placed at his shop at Couse Corners. He and Frank Becker helped get the current North Station built.

Second Name -Terrance Baker as we know him Buzzy Baker. Rick Williams spoke about Buzzy.

Buzzy ran out of the Park Station. Buzzy is the father of member Kathy Schmidt. Buzzy did all the plumbing in the old Park Station and worked on any other repairs needed. He coined the phrase "Hand Job".

Third Name - William H Flubacker . David spoke about him. He ran out of the Main Station. He joined in 1953. He was a NYS Trooper and later he was a town justice. Meetings were held at that time in the Main Station. He always sat in the same place every meeting. His first question to any new members is "Did you do any time".

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Roll Call by Secretary Benson Members in attendance total of 56.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email by Mike Benson Sr.

Motion by Jeff Wasileski SECOND: by Matt Sullivan Minutes Approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT FOR JULY 2023 :

27 CHECKS TOTALING \$29,571.59 WERE PAID

7 CHECKS OVER \$500, . CHECKS OVER \$500- KEY BANK -\$11,674.95, NATIONAL GRID-\$2,437.93 , TIBBITS HEATING \$3,104.50, SUNLIGHT GENERAL CONTRACTING-\$1,163.75, OTIS ELEVATOR- \$1,177.53. GALLS- \$ 3,722.12, CENTURY LINEN-\$725.12.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY: Pete Lehmann SECOND: by Chris Linck . Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF JULY 31ST TH 2023 TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$37,336.30. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$28,760.66.45,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$8,575.64. TOTAL ASSETS-\$233,198.39.

NOTE: FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE WAS RECEIVED -\$34,183.44.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY : Tom Chesser SECOND by : Chris Linck .Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- . Fire awards -\$396.76, Thruway Beverage \$575.75, Market 32-\$446.67, Glendale -\$598.90,Eisman-\$475-Rothco-\$1048,Grainger-\$835.67, Amazon-\$226, Walmart-\$425.33,Grainger-\$303.88, Carrier Transcold-\$1025-Duffy's \$440.71, The Garrison-\$540.33, Glendale-\$628.25, Tremont Rentals -\$1035.06.

Motion to accept Report by Mike Condo Second by Jim Pendelino.. Motion Passed.

Visa Report- Pheasant Hollow Golf Course -\$1,200, Sherwin Williams - \$438.94.

Motion to accept Tim Boel 2nd Elwin Michel . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Chief Tooker Reports:

Chief's Report

Fire Company Meeting – August 2023

1. Sign up sheets for Company Physicals are making their way around.

The date is Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Please print your name and date of birth on the sheets.

If you went for a physical at any point during 2023, please see me tonight and we will check to see if you need a physical or not.

Sign up for DOT physicals if you need one of those. Please only sign up in those spots.

2. This is the last call for the following trainings:

a. "Truck Skills Beyond the Textbook" – Ravena FD on October 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

This is a New York State Association of Fire Chief's seminar.

b. Propane Gas Emergency Training at the NYS Fire Academy at Montaur Falls from September 12 to September 14, 2023.

If you are interested in either of these, please see me tonight.

3. Nick Liuzzi will be acting as Car 5 from Wednesday, August 24, 2023 at 11:00 pm until Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

4. Please do not remove the iPad charging cords from the apparatus for any reason.

If you notice one missing, please notify your station chief immediately.

5. We continue to be very busy – thank you all for coming to calls, drills, and other events.

Car 2- A/C Forgea - Greg Reports Rescue 11 will be back this wednesday. Truck Maintenance. Truck 11 next truck out. Congratulations to Sarah Smolinski for completing FIFO.

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.- Mike reports: Extrication drill next week at Sunnyside . The drill is needed to keep our skills up. We have had a few calls recently where extrication was performed.

Thanks to everyone that participated.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reports - Thanks to all LT'S for help with the air packs and to Tom Whittemore . Flow testing has been completed.

If you see any training that you are interested in, talk to your station chief about it.

Plymovent will be serviced in the next 2 weeks. The company told him they have been very busy. So it may take a little longer.

Report of Other Officers:

Captain Luizzi spoke about the upcoming extrication drill. It's very important that everyone attend.

Thanks to the crews that assisted at Greenwood Drive. Great job on the extrication.

Ladies Auxiliary- President Mickey Jenkins reports of the upcoming vendor fair on 11/4. They are still looking for vendors. If you know of anyone please direct them to Mickey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

NORTH STATION - all ok.

MAIN STATION - all ok.

Park Station- all ok.

Pavilion- all ok. Tim Boel spoke about the importance of making sure the curtains are put back in place after any event. They would be very costly to replace.

Building use report-

Total Rentals \$2,550 Expenses -0 . Total Income \$2,550.

Motion to accept the report , By Chris Linck 2nd by Ed McCabe Motion Passed.

EGFD Golf Outing - Tim Boel spoke about the importance of getting sponsors for this event.

To all members that have agreed to help please work on your list. Tim or Mike will follow up with you.

New Main Station Committee- David Cook reminds the members of the committee of the upcoming trip on Wednesday. Leaving park station at 6:15 pm for Defreestville FIRE.

Scholarship Committee- Peter Lehmann Reports:

**Barbara J. Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Committee Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023**

The annual meeting of the Barbara J. Lehmann Memorial Scholarship Committee was conducted at Fire Company Headquarters on the above date. In attendance were Christopher Cargain, Linda Cook, George Forgea, Mickey Jenkins, Paul Benson and Peter Lehmann. Timothy Boel and Michael Benson, Sr. were excused. The meeting was called to order at 19:01 hours.

As a component of the agenda, the Committee discussed the possibility of increasing the award amount ceiling for the program. The gift amount has been \$500.00 per award since the program's inception in 2005. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to increase the award amount to \$750.00 per award.

The 2023 Scholarship campaign yielded a singular applicant. The application was determined by Linda Cook to be submitted on time and assembled in the correct order. The application was reviewed by each of the five judges; Chairman Lehmann was recused. The scoring sheet was compiled and reviewed at the conclusion of the review process.

At the conclusion of the judge's deliberations, the application submitted by Isabella Rexius was deemed eligible and she would receive a scholarship of \$750.00. Chairman Lehmann will advise the successful candidate in writing of their acceptance and be invited to the August 2023 Fire Company meeting to accept her award and receive the acknowledgment from the Company.

Chairman Lehmann thanked all for their participation in this process and thus adjourned this annual meeting at 19:20 hours.

Pete also reports that a few members of the committee went to Isabella's home on Tuesday 8/8 and presented the check before she left town for college. She is a Pre- Med major headed to the University of Louisiana.



Green County Parade- Car 2 reports the parade is on 9/9 starts at 1:00pm. Meet at the Park station for 9 am. More info to follow.

Tim Boel followed up there will be a TIPS class in Cocksackie FD this Thursday. Anyone interested in going can ride with him.

Pizza Nite Committee-

Mike Benson Sr. spoke about the new season starting on 9/16. Please mark your calendars and support the event. Rick Williams also spoke about the importance of the events and asked if you're not working order a pizza and wings. We have some of the best food in town. Do your part and support it.

Life Members Day- Mike Benson Sr. reports -Reminder the date is 9/10. If you are a life member you should be signed up by now.

If by some chance we missed you please get in touch with Linda or Mike.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - None

Status Change- Josh Witko to active.

Greg Forgea makes a motion 2nd by Mike Benson Jr. Motion approved.

Congratulations Josh.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Paint and carpet project almost completed. Conference room should be done on Wednesday. Next up the training room.

Remote Door Openers Park Station - they were supposed to be installed this week. They canceled. We will get back on the schedule. Tracy will advise of the new dates.

President Cullum reports the Loan from the Bank of Greene County- The loan is coming together . Tracy reports no money has been taken from this loan. It is still in the approval process. Any projects that we are working on is coming from our savings accounts.

No Other Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS: -

VP Hallenbeck reports on the Sealcoating project.

Jake reports on the vendors that submitted quotes.

Prestige had the best prices listed below:

Park- \$10,500

Main- \$1,100

North - \$3,200.

Price includes sealing all cracks and stripping the lot where needed.

Tim Boel makes a motion 2nd by Matt Sullivan to have Prestige do the work at all three stations.

David Cook took the floor and spoke about the beta program that the US Commerce Dept is undertaking for Grant Monies .

Dave spoke about how hard it is to obtain a FEMA Grant. Thousands of departments apply and only about 18% get grants.

The Beta program will get much better results. Dave mentioned that the Fire District has approved him to run with the program.

Dave is asking for the Fire Company to do the same . However he will need someone from the fire company to assist him. President Cullum will assist Dave with getting some help.

Paul Benson Makes a motion 2nd by Tim Boel to move ahead with the program on our behalf .

That motion passes. More to follow as we move along in the process.

No More New Business.

Good of the Order: - Vice President Hallenbeck reviews the communications.

Jake reports Fireman's Day at the Hudson Home is 9/24. More details to follow.

Marc Iorio spoke about the Tunnels to Tower walk and run. It is on 9/24 in NYC. If you are interested and did not sign up, let Marc know. The cut off is 8/15. You must register. The bus will leave EG at 4 am. Should arrive in NYC at 7:30 am. Marc has received a donation from Walmart Corporation to help assist with the costs. Reminder the walk or run every Saturday at 8:15 am at the Trailhead on Miller RD. Come out and join.

Report from Secretary Benson-

Dolly Naglieri has passed away . Dolly was the wife of life member Joe Naglieri. Dolly was involved in the Ladies Auxiliary. The fire company has received in excess of \$150 in memory of Dolly. Thank You cards have been issued to those families.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by the Ladies Auxiliary , Clean up Fire Police.. Food next month is for the Board of Fire Commissioners. Food starts at 6pm.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$70 WINNER: LOU ROHER - CONGRATULATIONS !

A motion to adjourn was requested by Anthony Gullo with a 2nd by Jeff Tooker . . Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recorded & Submitted to the membership by Secretary Michael J Benson Sr.



