



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: *December 19, 2023*

CALLED TO ORDER AT: *7:13 PM at the Park Station Hall by President Tracy Cullum President .*

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by Past President Marc Iorio.

Meeting turned over to Membership Committee Chairman David Cook.

Elwin Michel spoke about Edmund S Goldberg (Goldie). Ed was a member of the North Station. Ed joined in 1983 and was a Lt of the Fire Police. Ed held season tickets for the NY Giants and he used to donate 2 tickets that we raffled off as a fundraiser. Ed was very active during his time as a member.

Rick Williams spoke about Albert Smith his nickname (6 pockets). Al joined in 1970 and was a Life Member in 1988. Al would collect local trash for anyone and was a regular at the town transfer station.

Mickey Jenkins spoke about Evenette Michels from the Ladies Auxiliary. She joined in 1966 and was very active . She was Elwins Mom and the Wife of Past Chief Ted Michel. She was active in the fundraisers and all conventions. She also was a member of other associations for the Auxiliary. She passed away on Feb.2, 2007.

David spoke about Edward Rysedorph he joined in 1931. Ed was Fire Chief during the war years from 1941-1951. Ed owned the house next to the Main Station . Ed sold fire equipment and fire trucks. Ed was also the Fire Chief during the construction of the current Main Station in 1947. Ed's final alarm was in 1996.

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: *Roll Call by Secretary Benson Members in attendance total of 65.*

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

Motion by Chris Linck makes a motion to accept on record **SECOND:** by Jim Pendelino . Minutes Approved.

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

Motion by Tim Boel makes a motion to accept on record **SECOND:** by Frank Jenkins . Minutes Approved.

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

42 CHECKS TOTALING \$48,195.46 WERE PAID

14 CHECKS OVER \$500, . CHECKS OVER \$500- KEYBANK -\$4,610.65,NFP PROPERTY-\$1,814.50,LINDA COOK \$985.27,NATIONAL GRID-\$538.30,SOUTHERN GLAZER OF NY \$719.72 ,CURTIS PRINTING-\$6,247.00,PRESTIGE SEALCOATING-\$14,800,DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES-\$675,DECRESENTE DISTB-\$673.98,TIBBITS HEATING & COOLING-\$3,104

BERNIE'S BLUE LINE BBQ-\$4,737.50, SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE -\$801.90,CREIGHTON MANNING-\$559.68, CHRIS LAVIN-\$1062.50.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY: Ed McCabe, SECOND: by Mike Lansing . Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF NOVEMBER 30 TH 2023 TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$14,869.37 . TOTAL EXPENSES- \$47,132.96,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - \$32,263.59. TOTAL ASSETS-\$124,277.75.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY : Tom Chesser SECOND by : Marcus Kravitz .Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Fort Orange Brewing\$300 Amazon-\$302.39, new sound system.

Motion to accept Report by Chuck Rossbach Second by Todd Cullum . Motion Passed.

Annual Report of the Membership Secretary- Report Attached at end of the minutes.

Motion to accept the report Jim Trimmer 2nd by Joe Winnicki . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Chief Tooker Reports:Fire Company Meeting – November 2023

1. An Officer's Meeting will be scheduled for some point in January 2024.

Please keep an eye on your emails.

2. Please make sure you hand in any online/in person training to my mailbox by December 31.

3. Please continue to hold off on purchasing anything on behalf of the Fire District unless you speak to your station chief or myself and receive approval to do so.

4. Thank you for attending all of the calls, drills, and details that we have had in

2023.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Forgea - Greg reports Extinguisher service will be done this Friday. The key will be added to the Knox Box for the Church on lower Hayes Rd. House of Praise . Truck 11 should be back this Friday.

Thanks for all the help during the recent rain storm. Congratulations to Bradley Roher for graduating BIFO class.

New Gear washer has been installed in the North Station. It can take up to two sets of gear. Just hit start then start again.

Car 3- Assistant Chief Benson -

Tonight, myself and the other Assistant Chiefs are distributing the 2022 Duty Crew gifts- Duffle bags. The Chief's Office thanks all the members that participated in the duty crew for 2022. There is a lot of time involved with this program ranging from scheduling, reviewing stats, maintaining the hours of each member that participates and submitting detailed reports. We are hoping to provide you with an excellent gift for this year as well.

Last Friday, December 15th, I disseminated the drill schedule for the first three months of 2024. Please note that we are due for CPR recertification next year, and that drill will be conducted on February 13th with a 6:30pm start time.

As you all know, we are well over 400 calls for the year. After yesterday's storm calls and the pump out this morning we should be near 440 calls for the year depending on what else occurs. Thank you to all the members in this department for handling all the calls this year along with attending our weekly drills, work details, attending any additional training and continuing to answer calls for service while enrolled in a weekly duty crew assignment.

On October 10th, the Past Chiefs approached myself and Car 2 about conducting a drill. I wanted to thank the Past Chiefs for their assistance with that specific drill and handling other duties throughout the year such as assisting with apparatus movement and meeting vendors for us.

I would like to thank the Executive Board and members of the Fire Company for the past several years allowing me to serve as a Board of Director. I hope I have provided positive insight and appropriate guidance when necessary. With

taking on additional duties in the Chief's Office moving forward, I feel now is a time for change. Have a wonderful holiday season with your families.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Lansing- Mike asks all members to check on their VFIS account log in to make sure your password is working ok. Thanks to all the drivers for getting the recerts done. Caden Poli will be deployed to Alaska in a few weeks. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

Report of Other Officers:

Chairman Lehmann thanked the membership for everything they did in 2023 The Board has put together a Capital Plan that we have worked on for months. The plan is a path for the Board to follow for future years. The Board made a motion to replace both E9 and Rescue 11. This will take a while . Lisa Borst will be taking over for Nancy Williams when she retires in March of 2024.

Ladies Auxiliary- President Mickey Jenkins Thanked everyone for help putting up the holiday decorations. We will be looking for help once again around 1/10 to take down and store away.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

NORTH STATION - all ok

MAIN STATION - all ok.

Park Station- all ok

Building use Report-1 Hall Rental \$250.00.

Motion to accept the report By Frank Jenkins 2nd by Mike Lansing Motion Passed.

Pizza Nite Committee-

Mike Benson Sr. gave the report for December - Total Income-\$2,624, Total expenses-\$968.35. Total Profit for the event-\$1,255.90 83 Pizzas , 64 orders of wings, 22 orders of mozzarella sticks, and 15 salads.. Linda Cook and Mike thank all the workers that helped work the event and the members that purchased food. Linda mentioned to all if any items are used from the hall closet to please text her to make sure we have enough supplies for the next pizza nite.

Pancake Breakfast - Report from Chairman Bill Lindemann- See Below,

WARREN W. FANE INC.

SAND ■ GRAVEL ■ FILL ■ EXCAVATION ■ WASHED SAND & STONE
HEAVY HAULING ■ TRUCKING

800-566-5531 ■ 518-235-5531

Pancake Breakfast Expenses

Ginsbergs Foods Inc -	\$92.08
Hannaford -	\$51.81
Hannaford -	\$4.56
Restaurant Depot -	\$676.69
Dollar Tree -	\$25.65
Walmart -	\$32.56
Sams Club -	\$303.15

Total Expenses - \$1,186.50

Total Income - \$3,202.00

Total Profit - \$2,015.50

Adults - 217

Children - 79

Under 4 - 48

Total of 344 People

Main Station Project Committee- Chris Lavin reports that the RFP has been completed and mailed to several firms .The return date is for the last week in Feb.

Fund Drive -5,200 appeal letters have been mailed out. From Treasurer Benson we have Income so far of \$5,740. Chris states that for everyone that donates they become a Fire Company Partner.

Chris Lavin makes a motion with a 2nd by Mike Benson Jr. that the appeal Partners become part of our record in the minutes. That motion was passed. See the attached list:

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Installation Dinner- The date is 1/20/24 at Birch Hill cocktails at 6PM dinner at 7PM. Sign up sheets are posted . Cost is \$20 per person. Tracy is collecting money you can pay at any time.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - none

Status Change- None

Membership Committee Chair Dave Cook reports there will be a Probation training class for all new members that joined in the last six months. Date to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Tim Boel reports that the light in the parking lot that was failing and causing issues has been repaired. Thanks to Brad who fixed the light and thanks to the crew from Truck 11 that was able to assist Brad.

NEW BUSINESS: -

Tim Boel makes a motion 2nd by Marcus Kravitz to award the snow plow bid to Chris Lavin for the Park Station in the amount of \$4,250. Thanks Chris for all you do keeping our lot clean and safe!

Dennis Davis states he is stepping down from the bottle redemption collection. We are looking for a member to step up and take over. Thanks Dennis for all your hard work on this project.

Election of Officers for 2024.-

President- Two names Tracy Cullum & Jake Hallenbeck. Jake pulls his name leaving Tracy Cullum for the office.

Marc Iorio makes a motion with a 2nd by Eric Cullum to have the secretary cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. Tracy Cullum has been elected President. Congratulations!

Jeff Tooker makes a motion with a second by Tim Boel for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative for the following Executive Officers: Treasurer Paul Benson, Financial Sec. Chris Cargain, Recording Secretary Mike Benson Sr., Membership Secretary Joe Lacivita. That Motion Passes. Congratulations!

Cameron Poli pulls his name for Vice President. Bob Lehmann is nominated as Vice President.

Mike Lansing makes a motion 2nd by Mike Benson Jr. for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. Bob Lehmann has been elected as Vice President .Congratulations!

Sergeant of Arms has 3 members for the position, Jacob Memole, Charles Rossbach, Kaiden Poli.

Both Jake & Kaiden pull their names leaving Charles Rossback. Joe Winnicki makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. Chuck has been elected . for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes.

The Board of Directors has 3 members seeking Election. William Lindemann, Mike Prestipino and Rick Williams. Mike Prestipino has asked for his name to be removed. Chris Linck makes a motion with a 2nd by Kurt Schlacter for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. Rick Williams and Bill Lindemann have been elected . Congratulations!

Line Officers-

Captains- There are 5 members seeking the office of Captain. They are : Anthony Gullo, Jacob Hallenbeck, William Lindemann, Nicholas Luizzi, Kurt Schlacter.

Eric Cullum makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. The five captains have been selected. Congratulations!

Lieutenant -There are 5 members seeking the office of Lieutenant. They are: Nicholas Cullum, Tracy Cullum, Marcus Kravitz, Jacob Memole and Cameron Poli. Todd Cullum makes a motion with a 2nd by Eric Cullum for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. The five members listed above have been elected Lieutenant. Congratulations!

Foreman-There are 4 members seeking the office of Foreman. They are: Dave Albarelli, Richard Hendrick, Jr, Joseph Luizzi and Joseph Winnicki Jr.

Tom Chesser makes a motion with a 2nd by Marcus Kravitz for the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. The four members listed above have been elected Foreman. Congratulations!

Fire Police- The following members are seeking the offices for Fire Police. Captain Thomas Whittemore,

Lieutenants Dennis Davis & Edward Whited. Jim Trimmer makes a motion with a 2nd by RP Smith or the secretary to cast a ballot in the affirmative. That motion passes. The Fire Police officers listed above have been elected. Congratulations!

That concludes the Elections for 2024.

Good of the Order: -

Tom Kennedy Thanked the Fire Company for all the support and help during their services for his brother Dennis Kennedy.

Mike Lansing makes a motion with a 2nd by Greg Forgea to elect Pete Lehmann and Tim Boel for delegates to the Hudson Valley & Hudson Mohawk conventions. That motion Passes.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by the Ladies Auxiliary & Fire Police for cleanup. Food next month and cleanup is Engine 7.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$ 78 WINNER: - TIM BOEL CONGRATULATIONS ! TIM HAS DONATED HIS WINNINGS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THANKS TIM!!

A motion for adjournment was requested by Tom Kennedy with a 2nd by Pete Lehmann. Motion Passed.

Please see the Membership Secretary report below:

To: President T.Cullum 19 Dec 2023

From: Membership Secretary J. Lacivita

Subj: 2023 Membership Secretary Annual Report

1. The 2023 membership secretary annual report is submitted, per Article (6), Section (7) of the East Greenbush Fire Company Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Seventeen (17) Active members of which three (3) are members of the Ladies Aux and (198) Social members have not paid 2022 dues.

3. Membership Categories:

Active Members with gear number year 2022 (90)

Active Members with gear number year 2023 (84)

Active Members pending gear number (1)

Active Members Ladies Aux (25)

Life Members

Assigned Gear Number (28)

Without Gear Number (81)

Social Members (202)

Active Members without gear number (426)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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



