

**East Greenbush Fire Company**  
**February 2025 Company Meeting Minutes**

President Tracy Cullum called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Sergeant at Arms Chuck Rossbach led the company in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cullum requested a moment of silence for our departed members.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Jeff Wasileski, to set aside a page in tonight's minutes for departed Life Member Nelson Williams.

The motion carried.

The Acting Recording Secretary, Jeff Tooker, called the rolls.

59 members were in attendance this evening.

President Cullum stated that the January 2025 meeting minutes were sent out by email.

A motion was made by Richard Hendrick, Jr., seconded by Marcus Kravitz, to approve the minutes.

The motion carried.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain is absent this evening.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave the Financial Secretary's Report.

36 checks totaling \$49,179.49 were written in January.

8 checks over \$500 were written. Those checks were written to Chris Lavin, Constellation (x2), Otis Elevator, KeyBank, Daley Hospitality Group, National Grid, and Spectrum Enterprise.

A motion was made by Jim Pendolino, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept this report.

The motion carried.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month was \$9,500.02.

Total expenses for the month were \$52,724.70.

A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Tom Chesser, to accept this report.

The motion carried.

Car 1 (Greg Forgea) gave his report.

- There have been 44 calls for service to date.
- Utility 11 will be OOS on Friday 2/21. Bus 11 will be used by the Fire Police.
- Truck 11 will have its aerial inspection in March.
- Hose testing will take place on April 16.
- Milwaukee tools were purchased.
- See Greg directly with questions or concerns about the 10% property tax credit and associated paperwork.
- Greg thanked the officers for stepping up thus far in 2025.
- Greg thanked the new members for their time thus far in 2025.

Car 2 (Mike Benson, Jr.) gave his report.

- OSHA 2 will be on Tuesday 2/25.
- The regular drill cycle will begin in March.
- NYS Trainings will continue to be sent out on IAR.

Car 3 (Mike Lansing) gave his report.

- All VFIS University online training needs to be completed by Friday, February 28.
- There will be OSHA make-up training for those without a computer on Tuesday, February 25.
- Anyone having issues with VFIS University and/or OSHA make-up needs to contact him directly.

Car 4 (Nick Liuzzi) gave his report.

- He thanks Frank Jenkins for getting Truck 11 out to Castleton FD to repair their flagpole.
- New members who need to gain access to the Knox Box program need to see him tonight to provide the last four of their Social Security number.

Bill Lindemann gave a Main Station report.

- Some parts of the flooring at the Main Station may be pulled up as part of the asbestos evaluation.

Jake Hallenbeck gave a Park Station report.

- Please make sure all doors are closed when you are done using the bays.

President Cullum gave the January 2025 Pizza Night Profit and Loss Statement.

- 59 pizzas, 68 orders of wings, 26 mozzarella sticks, and 10 salads were sold.
- Total net profit for the evening was \$896.22.

Jake Hallenbeck gave a Fish Fry Night report.

- Placemat sales are underway.
- Fish Fry Nights will be on 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, and 4/18.

Bill Lindemann gave a Pancake Breakfast report.

- The breakfast will run from 8am to noon on 4/6.

Chris Lavin gave a Main Station Building Committee report.

- The Committee continues to meet with the contractors.
- Members of the Committee met with the Town Planning Board for approvals.
- The Committee is optimistic that work may begin as soon as August or September 2025.

Cam Poli gave a Softball Team report.

- The season will start in late April. The first game is scheduled for April 26, 2025.

Cam Poli gave a Basketball / March Madness report.

- Green Meadow's gym has been reserved in March for pick-up basketball.
- The first session will be on Wednesday 3/19 at 8pm and run for five weeks.

Greg Forgea reminds members going to the HVVFA Convention that monies are due now.

President Cullum reminds the membership that any Constitution and By-Law changes are due at the next meeting. Any changes will be tabled for 30 days and then put up for a vote in April.

There is one proposal for membership this evening.  
Vincent Saccocio, of Hillview Avenue, has submitted an application.  
David A. Cook gives an overview of the background check.  
A motion was made by Eric Cullum, seconded by Jon Smith, to approve this application.  
Joe Winnicki inquires if the Fire Company has received the \$10 application fee.  
President Cullum responded in the affirmative.  
The motion carried.

Vice President Lindemann administered the oath of office to Vincent Saccocio.

A letter was received by Kirk Dixon, requesting a status change to social membership.  
President Cullum advised the membership that Kirk does have the required two years of active membership to move to the social rolls.  
A motion was made by Jeff Wasileski, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to move Kirk Dixon to social membership status.  
The motion carried.

A letter was received by Emma Gill, requesting a status change to active membership.  
A motion was made by David A. Cook, seconded by Jacob Memole, to move Emma Gill to active membership status.  
The motion carried.

President Cullum brings a report from the Main Station Building Committee to the floor.  
There is a quote to spend \$17,500 for moorings for the new building.  
This quote is from Geotech.  
Bill Lindemann discusses the need for this expenditure.  
A motion is made by Richard Hendrick, Jr., seconded by Todd Cullum, to approve this expenditure.  
The motion carried.

The East Greenbush Castleton Youth Baseball League has submitted a solicitation for a sponsorship.  
A motion was made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Nick Liuzzi, to send this organization a donation in the amount of \$450 for a field sign.  
The motion carried.

Sorensco Babe Ruth has submitted a solicitation for a sponsorship.  
A motion was made by Jeff Wasileski, seconded by Richard Hendrick, Jr., to send this organization a donation in the amount of \$300 for a field sign.  
The motion carried.

President Cullum reports that the drains were fixed at the North Station.

President Cullum reports that the roof work was completed at the North Station.

Brad Galotta wishes to thank the membership for the award that he received at last month's meeting.

Rick Williams wishes to thank the Fire Company, the Board of Fire Commissioners, and the Auxiliary for their support during the loss of both his father-in-law and father over the past three weeks.

George Forgea discusses his role as the liaison for the cancer insurance, the life insurance, and the LOSAP program.

He reminded people to contact him with any concerns with regards to any of these Fire District sponsored programs.

Jake Hallenbeck reminds people to please support those businesses who support us in the form of advertising.

He also reminded us of the annual Car Show on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Crisp Cannoli.

President Cullum solicited for interest for a Firewolves game on March 15 at the MVP Arena.

Christie Cullum pointed out that March 15 is the St. Patrick's Day parade in Albany.

President Cullum will solicit for other dates for the Firewolves.

Tonight's food was prepared by the crew from Engine 8, and it was served in the lounge.

Clean up and food for next month is Engine 9.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$68, and the winner is Christina Guilbo.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Recording Secretary Emeritus

*This page in the February 18, 2025*

*Meeting Minutes of the East Greenbush*

*Fire Company is hereby set aside for departed*

*Life Member Nelson Williams.*

*May Nelson rest in peace.*