

**East Greenbush Fire Company
March Company Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023**

President Cullum called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Sergeant-at-Arms Ryan Tubbs led the company in a Pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was held for our departed members.

Chief Jeff Tooker called the roll. 54 members were present this evening.

President Cullum stated that Recording Secretary Emeritus Jeff Tooker sent out the Company Meeting minutes for the February 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carries.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gives his report.

31 checks totaling \$48,259.25 were written during the month of January.

Checks over \$500 went to FASNY, Eastern Heating and Cooling (x 3), Chris Lavin, KeyBank, Tibbitts Heating and Cooling, MES, National Grid, Constellation, Spectrum, Davies Office Supply, and Acute Builders.

Paul Benson states that the MES check was for items budgeted for and ordered in 2022, which were uniforms.

A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to accept this report. The motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson will give his report later on during the meeting.

President Cullum gives the Visa Card report.

Charges over \$200 were made for Pizza Night, the Installation Dinner, and the new Fridge in the kitchen.

A motion was made by Ed McCabe, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept this report. The motion carries.

President Cullum states that Communications & Bills will be held until Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

1. Thanks to all members who assisted on 3/14/2023 with storm calls.
2. Effective tonight – Car 3 will be handling training requests and Training Authorization Forms.
3. Seek Pro Cameras will be in over the next couple of weeks.
Keep an eye out for training. Thanks to the Commissioners for approval.
4. FAST Team – there will be some upcoming training on Wednesdays.
Keep an eye out on IAR.
5. New MSA Gas meter chargers will be installed on the apparatus ASAP.

6. Hose and ladder testing will take place on Friday 4/28/2023.
7. Congrats to Dawson Cimijotti, as he will be receiving the Town of East Greenbush "Spotlight on Youth" Award next Tuesday evening. He was nominated for this award by Car 1 and Car 3.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) is at Lithium Ion Battery class at the Defreestville station tonight.

Car 3 (Mike Benson, Jr.) is at Lithium Ion Battery class at the Defreestville station tonight.

Car 1 gives the Car 3 report as follows:

1. I will be taking care of disseminating the training announcements to all active members and sending the training authorization forms to all active members when they are interested in taking classes. Most of this will be done electronically. This was effective last night after the Line Officers Meeting.

2. The **April-June 2023** drill schedule is being finalized over the next few weeks. A couple of important notes and dates for our members: We are finalizing instructor availability for Bailout to occur in mid-April. **May 9th-** FAST Team Drill with Defreestville, **May 23rd-** EGFD Tanker Drill, 2nd Alarm, **May 30th-** Mutual aid drill with Nassau FD at the DPS Elementary School.

3. With the purchase of the new Thermal Imaging Cameras, a drill may be scheduled for appropriate training after the cameras have been inventoried and installed on the trucks. There will be more to follow from myself and Car 2.

4. Thanks to the members who participated in the special Duty Crew for the two nights of the blizzard. Most of our calls were from 5:30am-11:00am, however during the overnight hours we staffed the duty crew with approximately 35 firefighters and all 4 Chiefs. This is a dedicated commitment and this never goes unnoticed. The Chief's Office is working on securing 2022 duty crew gifts.

5. Thanks to the Captains for analyzing the various types of Thermal Imaging Cameras and thanks to the District for approving the purchase of these essential pieces of equipment. This was a small project from the Chiefs Office and there may be other small projects for the others before the end of the summer.

6. I have ordered three new on-board truck chargers for the gas meters. They should be here in a week or two. These new chargers will alleviate any further charging problems with the gas members that we have recently encountered.

7. Myself, Car 2, Captain Liuzzi and Captain Lindemann are absent this evening for the meeting due to the Lithium Ion Battery Emergency Training Class in Defreestville, 7pm-9pm.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- Bus 11 will be inspected on Monday, March 27.
- OSHA make ups – you have until April 30, 2023 – see Car 4 for make ups.
- VFIS Trainings – you have until April 30, 2023 – see Car 4 if you have VFIS issues

Chief Tooker points out that Past Chief Bob Lehmann is at the Library this evening for their board meeting. He is giving a presentation regarding the Volunteer Firefighters Property Tax Rebate.

President Cullum gives the Building Use Report for February 2023.

There were \$500 worth of rentals in February 2023.

A motion was made by Mike Memole, seconded by Tom Chessser, to approve this report.

The motion carries.

Assistant Chief Lansing reminds the members to please clean up after themselves at the Park Station.

Past Chief Tim Boel gives an overview of the current Explorer Post 11 set up and also introduces the members in attendance this evening.

Past Chief David A. Cook reminds the members to please hand out current versions of the membership applications to our members.

Linda Cook gives the Pizza Night report.

42 pizzas, 37 wing orders, 17 mozzarella sticks, and 9 salads were sold.

A total profit of \$623.17 was generated.

Linda also reports that the Pizza Night season generated a profit of \$6,986.64 for the Fire Company.

Linda thanks those who came out to help at the Pizza Nights.

Tom Chessser reports that the Fish Fry Committee will be at the Park on Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week to prepare for the event – this would be for set up and slaw prep. If available, please report to the Park Station by 3:00 pm Friday for each week's event.

President Cullum reports that one Constitution and By-Law change was received.

The change was proposed by Bob Lehmann, and seconded by Todd Cullum.

Tracy states that the Constitution and By-Law change will be posted in the stations after tonight's meeting and will be voted upon at the April Company Meeting.

(The proposed change is on the next page.)

**East Greenbush Fire Company, Inc.
Proposed By-Law Change**

Date: March 21, 2023

Proposed by: Robert Lehmann/Todd Cullum

Current By-laws:

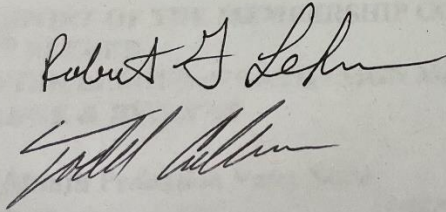
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The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Robert J. Lehmann' and the bottom signature is 'Todd Cullum'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Past President Marc Iorio discussed the 2023 Firehouse Softball League.
The league will start up again in April.
See him if you need a jersey/shirt.
He will also be ordering hats.

President Cullum reports on the pancake breakfast.
Bill Lindemann was unable to be at tonight's meeting, but he outlined what help is needed.
- Please be to the Park Station by 7:30 am on Sunday, April 2.
- If anyone is available any earlier, that would also be appreciated.
- We need someone to dress up as the Easter Bunny. If you are able to do that, please see Bill ASAP.

Treasurer Paul Benson now has the information that he needs to give his report.
Total profit for the month of February was \$319,895.53.
Total expenses for the month of February were \$49,842.86.
A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Frank Jenkins, to accept this report.
The motion carries.

President Cullum thanks Paul Benson for getting the new office chairs so quickly.

President Cullum reports that she is still working with Key Bank regarding the line of credit to obtain a loan for projects. She will report out when those details are available.

Chris Lavin gives a lengthy report regarding the history of the Main Station.
He discusses the issues surrounding a rehabilitation program versus a new building.

Frank Jenkins adds that there are three options:

1. To renovate the station and add a bay
2. To build a new firehouse on the Hays Road site.
3. To build a new firehouse on a different site.

Chris Lavin reports that the Main Station Committee would like to hire Don Sovey at Creighton Manning to conduct a survey of the property at the Main Station.

A motion is made by Chris Lavin, seconded by Paul Benson, to engage in this survey at a cost of \$3,000.

Todd Cullum inquires as to how long a survey lasts.

Bob Lehmann states that the church did one a while back.

Frank Jenkins states that a survey is needed so the Company will know exactly where the property lines are located.

The motion carries.

Frank Jenkins states that the next Main Station Committee meeting will be on April 3, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Main Station.

President Cullum reports that the rooftop air conditioning unit over the weight room and radio room needs to be replaced.

Quotes were received from Crisafulli Brothers for \$27,650, Eastern for \$20,285, and Tibbitts Heating and Cooling for \$19,240.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to proceed with Tibbitts Heating and Cooling.

The motion carries.

Past President Iorio brings up a proposal to replace the Main Station couches.

They were purchased in 2016 and they are in rough shape.

A motion is made by Marc Iorio, seconded by Mike Memole, to purchase two couches for the Main Station, not to exceed \$2,000.

The motion carries.

A thank you card was received by Jay Deyette for the fruit basket that was sent to him by the Fire Company.

Mike Memole discusses a donation request from the Goff Middle School for their Washington, DC 8th grade trip. They are looking for donations to offset the costs for students who are financially disadvantaged.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by David A. Cook, to donate \$100 to that cause.

The motion carries.

President Cullum state that tonight's Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served down in the Member's Lounge. Rescue 11 has food for the April meeting.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$66.00. The winner was Jeff Wasileski.

A motion was made by Elwin Michael, seconded by Tom Gullo, to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary Emeritus