



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: *January 16, 2024*

CALLED TO ORDER AT: *7:07 PM*

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by Acting Sergeant at Arms - Chuck Rossbach

Memorials- David Cook took the floor to recognize some departed Life Members.

Glen S Cook- Joined in 1924 was David Cook's Grandfather. Glen was a local Judge in the Town of Schodack.

Gary Miller- Tim Spoke about Gary. Gary joined in 1970. Gary was a member of the North Station. Gary was a local barber in the Hannaford plaza for several years. Final Alarm was 5/18/20.

Winnie Williams- Mickey Jenkins spoke about Winnie. She joined in September of 1973. She was the Wife of Life Member Nelson Williams and the Mom of Rick & David Williams. Winnie was very active in the Auxiliary, helped out at many fundraisers and was very active at the Fire Conventions. Final Alarm was October 17, 2021.

Tony Mitchell- Joined 1974, he first was a member of Sherwood Park. Later on he went up to the Main Station then back to the new park station. Tony was President from 1979-1981. Tony worked for New York Telephone. Tony was a very colorful Character. Whenever he was in the room he was always the loudest. His nickname was "Jaws". Tony's final alarm was in 2004.

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: *Roll Call by Secretary Benson 53 Members in attendance.*

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Tim Boel **SECOND:** Joe Winnicki

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - *CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023*

CHECKS OVER \$500, 36 CHECKS IN TOTAL PAID. \$20,725.36. 7-CHECKS OVER \$500-NATIONAL GRID \$1876.47, SPECTRUM-\$801.90, KEY BANK-\$3,169.54(CREDIT CARDS),TIBBITS HEATING & COOLING -\$3,757.57, CENTURY LINEN-\$788.52, CLASS ACT CATERING -\$3,220.00, CONSTELLATION NEW ENGLAND-\$584.33.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Pete Lehmann **SECOND:** Bill Lindemann, **Motion Passed.**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT -ANNUAL REPORT-2022- BY CHRIS CARGAIN

488 CHECKS WRITTEN FOR -*\$529,389.46*

MOTION BY ED MCCABE TO ACCEPT 2ND BY PETE LEHMANN. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF DECEMBER 31 ST 2022 TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$117,153.44. TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$16,643.54. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$16,967.79,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$324.25

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Jim Pendolino SECOND: Jim Trimmer. Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Labella Pizza-\$623.88, Restaurant Depot-\$686.69,Mr Subb-\$227.96, Restaurant Depot-\$746.06, Hannaford Wine Xmas Party-\$431.88 Turnpike Beverage -\$251.

Motion by Mike Lansing Second by Todd Cullum . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

CAR 1 - District Chief JEFF TOOKER-

Chief's Report

January 2024 Company Meeting

1. The Board of Fire Commissioner's has agreed to purchase a new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe.

This will replace one of the Ford Explorers.

2. The Board of Fire Commissioners has voted to set up a Truck Committee to research apparatus to replace both Engine 9 and Rescue 11. The Committee is still in its infancy stage. The Chairman of the Committee is Assistant Chief Forgea, and the Assistant Chairman of the Committee is Assistant Chief Benson, Jr. Please direct any questions to one or both of them.

3. There are ten (10) members who are getting new gear during 2024.

Remember, all members will get new gear over the new few years with this rotation.

4. A reminder to all officers – there is a meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 29 th at the Park Station. Agenda items will be solicited next week and then an agenda will be sent out during the day on January 29 th .

5. All members who qualify for the property tax rebate will be issued letters to possibly be Filed with your town's assessor during the early part of February.

They are due by March 1, 2024. We are looking for clarity on if letters are due each year.

6. Thank you to the crew who went to Winterfest on Saturday. The smoke bus was well received.

7. Please direct all questions/concerns about OSHA training and VFIS training to Car 4.

He is the administrator of the program and can assist you with the online portion of our

yearly training.

8. As of this past Saturday, our department was removed from the initial/1 st alarm from the Best Luther FD box alarm 03-01, which sent one engine to all structure fires in their Fire District from 6a-6p Monday through Friday. It also removes Truck 11 from responding to the Roberts Apartments at 889 Best Road. Please make note of this if you happen to hear Best Luther FD be called to structure fires.

9. Thank you again for all of your time for calls, drills, public education, and other District functions. Your hard work and time does not go unnoticed.

Car 2- A/C Forgea - no report

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.- Mike was absent Chief Tooker gave the following report on his behalf:

Duty Crew report:

- 63 calls answered in 2023 by the duty crew. Over 450 calls for service overall.

- 39 calls handled for the second half of the year.

55 members participated in the duty crew totaling near 18,000 hours. All help is appreciated.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reports that all VFIS classes must be completed by April. Next week please bring all your gear to the drill where it will be inspected.

Thanks to those members that assisted in the PUB ED detail with the smoke bus.

Report of Other Officers:

Auxiliary President Mickey Jenkins reports there will be a defensive driving class on 1/27. See Mickey to sign up.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NORTH STATION -George Forgea reports new gear washer has been installed. However during the initial use the motherboard fried. We are waiting on a new one.

MAIN STATION - all ok

PARK STATION - Jake reports- Skyway Roofing has made all the repairs on the roof.

Pizza Nite- Mike Benson Sr reports,

Wow what a nite!!

106 Pizzas served, 78 orders of wings, 31 orders of moz sticks, 22 salads.

Total Income, \$3,249.50 ,total expenses, 946.95, Net Profit-\$2002.55. Linda & Mike both feel that this was a record event. Thanks to everyone that helped. Thanks to those members that ordered a pizza to support the event. Two more events to go this winter.

Installation Banquet - The Banquet to be held on 1/20/24 at Birch Hill. Cocktails 6pm dinner to follow.

Check in begins at 5:30pm.

Fish Fry Nites- Jake Hallenbeck reports there will be 3 events- 3/15,3/22,3/29/24.

Pancake Breakfast- Bill Lindemann reports the next event is **3/24/24**,which is Palm Sunday.

Main Station Project Committee- David Cook reports all responses from our RFP are due at the end of February.

President Cullum read a letter from the Fire District that states the Fire Company will need to have a new fire station in place that can accommodate new apparatus by 2026. The Fire District has approved replacing Engine 9 & Rescue 11 at the same time. This will take about 2 years to get the new trucks and the Fire Company has to be ready.

Tracy notes this should fall in line with the project timeline Chris Lavin has laid out at previous meetings.

Grants- David Cook reports that the grant committee is actively seeking all opportunities that become available. If any member knows of a Private Grant to let Mike Benson Sr., Tim Boel or David know.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - None

Change of Status-

Tim Dick- from social to active.

Chris Dick makes a motion 2nd by Chris Linck ,Motion Carried.

Congratulations Tim !

Joe Lacivita- Joe's letter states he wishes to move from active to social. Tim Boel inquires how long Joe has been a member . Joe states he has been a member for 19 years. ***Tim Boel then makes a motion that Joe be awarded Life Membership. Jake Hallenbeck 2nds that motion. That motion passes.Congratulations Joe!! Joe then thanked the membership for its support for him.***

Christie Cullum- social to active. Todd Cullum makes a motion 2nd by Nick Cullum. Motion Passes. Congratulations Christie!

Chris Linck- from Active Life Member to Life Member. Joe Winnicki makes a motion 2nd by Jim Pendelino . Motion Passes.

Life Member Election-

Jeff Tooker- Mike Benson Sr, makes a motion to award Life Membership to Jeff Tooker , Chief of the Department. Second by Mike Lansing. That motion passes. Congratulations Jeff!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS: -

Quotes for Tibbitts Heating & Cooling to service all three stations- Main \$840, North \$740 , Park- \$12,418. The executive board approved the quotes. President Cullum is bringing forward for adoption by the company. It was noted Eastern Heating & Cooling had the previous contracts they did not show up or send us a bill. After a short discussion Pete Lehmann makes a motion with a 2nd by Tom Chesser.

That motion is passed.

The following two items were approved by the executive board and need to be approved by the fire company for purchase:

*Tracy reports the Treasurer laptop is out of service and he can no longer work from home to complete his tasks. We are seeking to replace his laptop for a cost of \$1397.00. Paul's laptop will need all the security levels to access the server. **Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion 2nd by Tom Whittemore to approve the purchase. That motion passes.***

*2nd Item- Secretary Benson is using his own computer and is in need of a company computer that will allow for greater storage . **Tom Chesser makes a motion 2nd by Tom Gullo to purchase the laptop at a cost of \$800. This is a lower cost because the secretary does not need all the access the Treasurer has.***

That motion passes.

President Cullum reports;

*We have closing costs from the Bank of Greene County that need to be paid off so that we don't pay interest on that. **Frank Jenkins makes a motion to pay the closing costs not to exceed \$6,000. Second by Todd Cullum. That motion passes. One note: this will be paid in February after the rent money is received.***

Other New Business-

Budget 2024-

The budget was approved by the Executive Board. Now the Fire Company needs to approve.

Vice President Bob Lehmann presents the budget for 2024 to the membership.

Bob thanks the Finance committee for working on the Budget with Tracy & Bob. Paul & Chris.

Bob reviews the budget Total Income of \$459,500, total expenses of \$459,500. After some questions were answered,

Motion made by Tim Boel with a second by Chris Linck. That motion passes. Budget is adopted.

Tim Boel states he will be doing a TIPS class on 1/24. Anyone interested please let him know.

Good of the Order: -

Secretary Benson reports the following actions were performed in December. Flowers sent to Life Member Tom Chesser and his family, Life Member Carl Schilling and his family for their recent losses. Sympathy cards went to Wynantskill FD. & Stillwater FD, Shaker RD. for the losses they had incurred this past month.

Mickey Jenkins reports she has secured some really nice gym equipment for the Fire Department. She is looking for some help to pick the items up. Captain Anthony Gullo states he will help out and gather some assistance.

Tim Boel makes a motion 2nd by Mike Lansing to purchase a ½ page ad in the Hudson Valley Parade book. That motion passes.

Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion 2nd by Jay Luizzi to send a donation of \$100 to Hudson Valley to sponsor a trophy in honor of Dennis Kennedy. That motion passes.

Letter was read from the Greene County Firemen's Association looking for support for Robert Schrader for the position of President of the Hudson Valley VFA. Bob has been a member of the Athens Fire Company for over 56 years. Bob is currently 1st VP.

Pete Lehmann has recommended we send a letter of support for Robert. Secretary Benson advises a letter will be sent this month.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by Engine 7. Engine 8 has cleanup and food for February.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$62 WINNER: JIM TRIMMER, CONGRATULATIONS JIM! JIM DONATED THE WINNINGS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THANKS JIM!!

A motion to adjourn was requested by Joe Winnicki with a 2nd by Tom Chesser. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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



