



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 17, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 PM

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

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

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Rich Hendricks **SECOND:** Jeff Wasileski Minutes Approved.

Reading of the Minutes from the Executive Board Meeting sent via email.

Motion by Chris Linck, 2nd by Ed McCabe . Motion Passes.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022

CHECKS OVER \$500, 37 CHECKS IN TOTAL PAID. \$37,833.70. CHECKS OVER \$500-NATIONAL GRID \$,2450.71 BERNIE'S BBQ-\$1734.60,CHRIS LAVIN-\$830.00 CURTIS PRINTING-\$4,507,SPECTRUM-\$780.09, ALL TYPE DOOR SERVICE-\$2988.00, KEY BANK-\$8,215.66(CREDIT CARDS),EASTERN HEATING & COOLING-\$ 1,580, MARINE VILLAGE RESORT-\$5,000, COUNTRY TRUE VALUE-\$715.36, CROWN CLEANERS-\$605.45, CLASS ACT CATERING -\$3,036.00, SOUTHERN GLAZER OF NY -\$1,150.47.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Pete Lehmann SECOND: Matt Sullivan, Motion Passed.

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

448 CHECKS WRITTEN FOR -\$590,952.45

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Mike Lansing SECOND: Mike Memole. Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF DECEMBER 31 ST 2022 TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$115,046.65. TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$45,618.43. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$65,193.60,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$19,575.17

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Joe Winnicki SECOND: Tim Boel. Motion Passed.

TREASURER ANNUAL 2022 REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

Total Income Budget-\$407,033.00-Actual \$484,469.85, Total Expenses Budget-\$407,033.00 Actual - \$498,986.04.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Tim Boel SECOND: Marcus Kravitts. Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Pizza Nite - \$764.55 , Fraternal -\$1,120, Holiday Party-\$451.83, \$779.70.

Motion by Jeff Wasileski Second by Mike Memole . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

CAR 1 - District Chief JEFF TOOKER-

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- 1. FAST Trucks are back to being Engine 7 and Engine 8.**
- 2. Please make sure you see me for a Training Authorization Form if you want to take a state class, and you have the ability to upload the scanned form to the DHSES LMS site.**
- 3. A reminder about active membership in the Fire District, per the BOPs:**
 - a. Members need to complete all OSHA (4 drills + VFIS)**
 - b. Members need to attend 10% of fire calls.**
 - c. Members need to attend 12 drills.**

We will be working with members to make sure you can obtain your points/drills.

Members attending fire classes on Tuesday nights will have considerations made at the end of the year if you are short on drills.

- 4. Thanks for a great 2022 and let's have an even better 2023!**

Car 2- A/C Forgea - Greg reports -

When you leave for a call make sure the overhead door is closed. At the Rensselaer City Fire call things went pretty well on Tac 7. Remember to report only important information on that frequency.

Greg plans on handing out any new fire equipment , Hoods, gloves, etc on drill nite 1/31. Please see your station Chief if anything is needed. A few things on Truck Maintenance- E-9 will be going to Firematic and Rescue 11 will replace that truck while it is out. After 9 comes back Truck 11 will be going out for about 1 month for work that should have been done earlier with Rescue 11 out that couldn't get completed. Follow the IAM App for messages on truck movement.

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.-

Mike gave an end of the year report on the duty crew and thanked all the members for the turnout. No calls were ever turned over to another agency.

Please see the detailed document attached to the minutes.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reports the 5 VFIS classes have been uploaded to your account. Please start taking them. You have until April 30th to complete. If you have any issues please reach out to Mike.

The First OSHA class is in the books with 71 members in attendance. OSHA 2 in the books had 68 members. Next OSHA class is on the 24th of this month.

Report of Other Officers:

Commissioner Forgea spoke- He thanked everyone that came out to vote for him for another 5 year term. George also stated that if you have any questions on the LOSAP program , Cancer Insurance or Life Insurance please reach out to George.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NORTH STATION - George reports the Engine 8 overhead door is now fixed. The North Station trash can is missing ? Does anyone know where it is? Please contact George.

MAIN STATION - all ok.

PARK STATION - Jake reports-

The kegerator is being worked on by Eastern Heating. Also looking down the road to take that out and replace it with a cooler similar to the one at the upstairs bar.

Pizza Nite- Mike Benson Sr reports,

83 Pizzas served, 51 orders of wings, 27 orders of moz sticks, 12 salads.

Total Income, \$2282.70, total expenses, 902.40, Net Profit-\$1,080.30. Another excellent month. Next Pizza Nite is 2/11/23. Mike and Linda thanked all the workers that assisted on Saturday .

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser- Total Income \$3,930 ,less expenses -\$2462.50. Net profit \$1,467.50.

Trivia Nite Fundraisers- Total Income -\$3,750 less expenses-\$2,380.40. Net Profit-\$1,369.60.

Total Nite profit -\$2,837.10, Bar Revenue-\$824.50.

Installation Banquet - The Banquet to be held on 2/4/23 at Birch Hill. Cocktails 6pm dinner to follow.

Please sign up by 1/24/23. Tracy is collecting money at any time .

VP Hallenbeck reports about Fish Fry Nites: He has a few people that will organize the event. He is still looking for a Chairperson. This is an important fundraiser and looking for the right person to take the lead. Jake will have another meeting at the end of the month.

Fund Drive- Paul Benson reports-

Total Expenses -\$4,852, Income so far \$10.180. Paul read a note from a resident on Wyatt Circle. They thanked us for our service and love our fundraisers.

Archives & Records Committee- David Cook reports that he has made contact with the State and we would qualify for a Grant. We missed the application period for this year so they will apply for 2024.

More info to follow .

David also reported about a former member, Gary Ogle, who is Dave's neighbor, has passed away. Many years ago we went to a fire call at his house to rescue him from under a car he was working on. After his recovery Gary joined the department and assisted us for a few years . Prayers go out to his wife Lydia and family.

Kurt reports they are still looking for more members to honor at Wreaths Across EG. Please let Kurt know if you have someone in mind.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by David Cook to award Life Membership to two members who passed on, before they could complete the 20 years. Bill Sigsby & Ed Witko. After a quick vote that motion is approved.

Convention Committee- Greg Forgea reports there are several members that have not paid the \$250 for the room requested. Please get the room deposit to Greg ASAP before he turns over the room.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - None

Change of Status- Patrick Mcshane

A letter from Patrick states he will be out of the area and is unable to respond.

Eric Cullum makes a motion 2nd by Rich Hendrick to remove Patrick from the rolls.

Motion Carried.

A letter for Ryan Condo looking to change his status to back active he now has a new job with better hours and will be able to respond.

A motion was made by Tim Boel with a 2nd by Eric Cullum to approve Ryan status change. Motion Carried.

Life membership election:

Lynn Blair

Eric Cullum makes a motion 2nd by Dave Cook to grant Life membership to Lynn Blair. Motion Passes.

Chris Cargain

Joe Winnicki makes a motion 2nd by Stephanie Deyette to grant Chris Cargain Life membership. Motion passes.

Greg Forgea

George Forgea makes a motion 2nd by Pete Lehmann to grant Life Membership. Motion Passes.

Tim Hedgepeth

RP Smith makes a motion 2nd by David Cook to grant Life membership to Tim Hedgepeth. Motion Passes.

Congratulations to all new Life members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - As reported earlier Engine 8's bay door has been fixed . The Operator needed a new motherboard , new wiring and buttons to control the door.

President Cullum reports on the electrical issue at the park station. A check was received for \$1,484.50 for the printer which has been replaced and working.

Another check was mailed for \$5,171.84, for the TV's and the commercial fridge.

Prices have been obtained to replace the fridge for \$2,389 for the same model. Marcus Kravitts makes a motion 2nd by RP Smith to purchase the fridge. Motion passes.

No other unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: - Budget for 2023 is presented to the membership by Budget Chairman Marc Iorio.

Total Income of \$494,933 with total expenses of \$494,933.

Motion was made by Rich Hendricks with a 2nd by Tom Gullo to approve the 2023 Budget.

Discussion on the budget:

David Cook questions if we keep separate accounting records on the Foreign Fire Insurance?

Answer- The money is deposited into the General Account but we only use the money for members benefits- ex, Installation Dinner, Christmas party. That report is filed with the state by the President .

Tom Wittemore asks about the spending on the North Station remodel. Tom states he reviewed the minutes and it doesn't add up properly.

Answer- After a lengthy discussion it was determined that several issues arose during the construction that had to be addressed .The extra money used on the project came out of our reserve accounts.

Bob Lehmann adds that we need to have better communication on these types of projects at our meetings so that membership approves these transactions. Communication is the key.

The project at the North Utilized \$118,276.82 from the reserve accounts.

There are several project ideas for 2023 and in the future.

The projects are : Rooftop vent over fitness room. \$20,000 Drainage at the park station -\$9,700, Sealing Coating the park station \$20,000 and other stations. Carpet and painting the downstairs offices \$25-30K. Garage project and renovate the bathrooms. Gear Washer room in the park station to improve the ventilation. Strip and wax the floors of the park station meeting room.

RP Smith spoke about the cracks in the pavement in the parking lot at the park station that needs to be addressed with the sealcoating project. VP Hallenback said he will look into the cracks with the vendors.

The President spoke about the line of credit proposal for some of the projects.

The motion to approve the budget for 2023 was approved.

Tracy advised ,the board of directors during the budget process approved the concept of a line of credit for \$250,000 from KeyBank. The interest rate would be from 4-6%. Only use the money as needed. A formal application would need to be completed once the membership approves the concept.

Discussion on the line of credit- Bob Lehmann asks how soon would we look to pay it off. Answer- Treasurer & President advises as soon as possible . Within two years.

After a little more discussion, Bob Lehmann makes a motion with a 2nd by Marcus Kravitts to approve the line of credit for \$250,000. Motion Passes with 3 No's.

Tom Chesser notes per the By-laws, that the Board Of Directors can only approve emergency spending in between meetings.

End of New Business

Good of the Order: -

As everyone knows Dennis Davis handles all of our returnable bottles in all the stations. This is a monumental task. Dennis turned over a check from the 6 Cents Redemption Center in the amount of \$208.38. Thank You Dennis for the hard work.

Marc Iorio makes a motion with a 2nd by Bob Lehmann to approve spending in the amount of \$350 to the East Greenbush Girls Softball for a team sponsorship. That Motion is approved.

Past Chief Tim Boel spoke about the Explorer Post 11. Tim has asked all Past Chief's , Past Asst. Chief's , Captains anyone who would be interested in taking a training session. The 2nd Tuesday every month is drill nite for the explorers. Tim has asked the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary to help out with any young women who join the post. Tim states that when our explorers become firefighters and they attend training they excel over all other candidates. So many of our active members today have come through this program. We need to keep it going. All drill topics for all of 2023 have been planned out.

Tim has sent an email out this evening to all the trainers. Please follow up with Tim on a topic you wish to handle.

RP Smith has asked about the sign for the Pavillion. Bob Lehmann advises it is still being worked on.

Bob Lehmann takes the floor and spoke about Rensselaer Firefighter Ryan Hannigan who is in a serious health battle. Ryan is also an EMT with North Greenbush Ambulance. There is a Fundraiser planned for 2/18 from 5-9 pm at the Polish Americans Club. The cost is \$30 a ticket .

Bob Lehmann makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel to purchase 20 tickets for the event. That motion passes. More to follow on this event .

President Cullum advises that all 1099's have been mailed out to those members that have earned \$600 and above. You should get them this week.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion with a 2nd by Tom Whittemore to approve Ed Whited and Chris Linck as Fire Department Chaplains. That motion passes . Congratulations Ed & Chris you join the list of many outstanding Chaplains the Department has had over our history.

Archive Chairman Dave Cook took the floor and spoke about a fire call we had on 1/4/42 in the Terrace. It turned out to be a bedroom fire with room and contents total loss is \$125. Could you imagine what the costs would be 80 years later.

Communications- The dept received a few Thank You cards. One is from Elwin Michel. Elwin thanked the dept for the fruit basket and the help provided to him during his recent illness.

Mike Prestipino sent a Thank You for the flowers and support from the members . Mike recently lost his Mom.

Cam Poli spoke about a fitness workout program he has been working on. If anyone is interested the workout will be posted in the fitness room.

Chris Linck spoke on behalf of the Rensselaer Elks that the Firefighter day they had on Sunday was well received . Several agencies came to the event . He thanked our members that attended.

Mike Benson Sr. spoke about bringing back the Fire Department Golf league. Mike Lansing and I will Co- Chair the league. Mike will work on securing the course. I will work on the golfers and setting up the teams. We are looking to do Wednesday evenings. I took a quick survey of those interested in playing and we have quite a few members that are interested. More information to follow as we move into the spring.

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

50/50 AMOUNT: \$85 WINNER: JAY LUIZZI-

A motion to adjourn was requested by Mike Memole with a 2nd by Pete Lehmann. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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

