



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** July 18, 2023

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 7:00 PM at the Pavillion by Vice President Jake Hallenbeck.

**PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE** For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by President Tracy.

**ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Roll Call by Secretary Benson Members in attendance total of 59.

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

Motion by Matt Sullivan SECOND: by Chuck Rossbach Minutes Approved.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN** READ THE REPORT FOR JUNE 2023 :

**35 CHECKS TOTALING \$64,408.40 WERE PAID**

9 CHECKS OVER \$500, . CHECKS OVER \$500- WOJESKI & Co \$2,100, CINTAS-\$ 607.41, SUNLIGHT GENERAL-\$849.33, KEY BANK -\$11,422.43, NATIONAL GRID-\$1376.99, EAST GREENBUSH FIRE -\$10,000 COUNTY COVID \$\$, MARINE VILLAGE -\$23,759, BERNIE BLUE LINE -\$6,790, TIBBITS HEATING \$639.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY: Pete Lehmann SECOND: by Tim Boel . Motion Passed.

**TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON**

**AS OF JUNE 30 TH 2023** TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$16,013.82. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$63,399.45, .NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$41,385.63. TOTAL ASSETS-\$224,672.75.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY : Tom Chesser SECOND by : Chris Linck .Motion Passed.

**VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,**

Charges over \$200- . Fire awards -\$396.76, Thruway Beverage \$575.75, Market 32-\$446.67, Glendale -\$598.90, Eisman-\$475-Rothco-\$1048, Grainger-\$835.67, Amazon-\$226, Walmart-\$425.33, Grainger-\$303.88, Carrier Transcold-\$1025-Duffy's \$440.71, The Garrison-\$540.33, Glendale-\$628.25, Tremont Rentals -\$1035.06.

Motion to accept Report by Chris Linck Second by Todd Cullum. Motion Passed.

**Communications & Bills** - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

**REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:**

**Chief Tooker Reports:**

## ***Chief's Report***

### ***July 2023 Company Meeting***

***1. Thank you to everyone who assisted with inventory last Tuesday night.***

***It is truly appreciated by the Chief's office.***

***2. Truck 11 is going to the Wounded Warrior Run on July 29 in Center Brunswick.***

***If anyone would like to join this detail, see Todd or Tracy Cullum for details.***

***3. There is a FAST team request for August 7, 2023 at the Tower for the IFO class.***

***A/C Benson, Jr. and A/C Lansing are coordinating this request.***

***4. Company Physicals take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.***

***The first appointment is at 10:00 am on that date, and the last appointment will be 7:00 pm. Please allot 90 minutes for physicals.***

***As those who have gone to the Wellnow sites will tell you, it will be much easier if you can come on this date during these times to get your physical.***

***Sign up sheets will be available at the August Company Meeting.***

***Of note:***

***a. All interior personnel will be required once again to do the PFT test.***

***b. All members over age 40 will be required to have an EKG.***

***c. All members who have some other medical condition (cardiac, diabetic, etc.) should bring clearance paperwork to the physical.***

***d. The physical packets will be available on Monday 9/18/2023 in the Radio Room.***

***5. The North Station siren is OOS – A/C Forgea is working on a repair.***

***6. When specific apparatus is requested (i.e. Truck 11 to the City of Rensselaer), members who are able to grab their gear and head to the station that needs the assistance.***

***You can temporarily change your response location on IAR!***

***7. Annual PM will be starting soon – A/C Forgea will report out on this in a moment.***

***8. We have our 2 nd Alarm Tanker Drill next Tuesday – A/C Benson will report out on this in a moment.***

**Car 2- A/C Forgea - No Report Submitted**

**Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.- Mike reports: Tanker Drill next week starts at 6:30 pm.**

**A/C Benson reported on the Duty Crew for the first six months of the year. Mike called off the names and had each member stand to be recognized.**

**That Report is copied below:**

### **LOSAP Compensation**

Each member of the duty crew will receive one attendance credit for **each** shift (Monday to Sunday) period he/she volunteers. Members will continue to accrue LOSAP points for response to calls in accordance with our District's Basic Operating Procedures (BOPs).

### **January 2023-June 2023 Statistics**

During the first six months of this year the members of the East Greenbush Fire Department were dispatched to approximately 205 calls for service and 24 calls were handled by the members of the Duty Crew. So far this year we have had 49 members participate in our duty crew program totaling 9,677 hours. Each member completed at least one eight hour shift during the year. The Chief's Office has sincere gratitude for the amount of time our members have dedicated to this program and overall to the East Greenbush Fire District, 24 hours a day and 365 days per year. A final report for the 2023 Duty Crew Program will be submitted at the Commissioners meeting on January 8, 2024.

Attached herein are the monthly calls for service pertaining solely to the duty crew. Also attached is the full roster of members that have participated in the duty program for the first six (6) months of calendar year 2023. The busiest month for the duty crew so far this year was in February. The duty crew for the month of February handled 9 calls, eight of these calls were fire alarm activations.

**January 2023-June 2023**

**DUTY CREW CALL DATA**

<b>Call Nature</b>	<b>January-June 2023</b>
Fire Alarms	15
Structure Fires	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	1
Traffic Accidents	2
Natural Gas Leaks	1
Fast Stand-by, Mutual Aid	1
Service Call	0
EMS Assist	0
Smoke Investigation	0
Wires Down	2
Brush Fires	1
<b>Total Duty Crew Calls</b>	<b>24</b>

**January 2023-June 2023 DUTY CREW HOURS**

<b>Duty Crew Member &amp; Title</b>	<b>Total Participation Hours</b>
Dawson Ciminjotti (Firefighter)	536 Hours
Chris Lavin (Firefighter)	444 Hours
Tracy Cullum (Lieutenant)**	422 Hours
Jason Deyette (Lieutenant)**	416 Hours
Marc Iorio (Firefighter)	400 Hours
Jeff Tooker (District Chief)*	388 Hours
Nick Decirce (Firefighter)	368 Hours

Marcus Kravitz (Firefighter)	366 Hours
Mike Lansing (Assistant Chief)*	360 Hours
Cody Swartout (Firefighter)	346 Hours
Mike Benson Jr. (Assistant Chief)*	331 Hours
Greg Forgea (Assistant Chief)*	324 Hours
Tate Tibbits (Firefighter)	296 Hours
Rick Williams (Past Chief)***	296 Hours
David Albarelli (Foreman)**	266 Hours
Chuck Rossbach (Firefighter)	256 Hours
Cameron Poli (Lieutenant)**	240 Hours
Jake Hallenbeck (Captain)**	224 Hours
Jay Liuzzi (Foreman)**	224 Hours
Mike Prestipino	216 Hours
Jacob Memole (Lieutenant)**	208 Hours
Christina Guilbo (Firefighter)	200 Hours
Tim Hedgepeth (Firefighter)	184 Hours
Joseph Winnicki (Foreman)**	184 Hours
Jim Pendolino (Firefighter)	171 Hours
Kaiden Poli (Firefighter)	168 Hours
Stephanie Deyette (Firefighter)	152 Hours
Nick Cullum (Lieutenant)**	144 Hours
Rich Hendrick (Foreman)**	144 Hours
Bob Lehmann (Past Chief)***	133 Hours

George Forgea (Past Chief)***	118 Hours
Bill Lindemann (Captain)**	112 Hours
Pete Lehmann (Past Chief)***	104 Hours
Nick Liuzzi (Captain)**	96 Hours
Kirk Dixon (Firefighter)	96 Hours
Marcus Massaconi (Firefighter)	82 Hours
Anthony Gullo (Captain)**	78 Hours
Ryan Tubbs (Firefighter)	72 Hours
Ryan Condo (Firefighter)	64 Hours
Chris Linck (Firefighter)	64 Hours
Sarah Smolinski (Firefighter)	56 Hours
Bob Fish (Firefighter)	56 Hours
Mike Benson, Sr. (Past Chief)***	56 Hours
Jesse Frankoski	56 Hours
Chris Cargain	40 Hours
Tim Boel (Past Chief)***	40 Hours
Todd Cullum (Firefighter)	40 Hours
Jim Frankoski (Firefighter)	32 Hours
Cynthia Carter	8 Hours

**Thanks to everyone that participated.**

**Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reports - Flow testing will be finished up Wed the 19th. Mike Thanks all the LT'S and Tom Whittemore for their help.**

**Plymovent will be serviced in the next 2 weeks. The company told him they have been very busy. So it may take a little longer. On August 7th E-7 will be on a Fast detail at the tower.**

**Report of Other Officers:None**

**No Line officers reporting.**

**Ladies Auxiliary- No Report**



**At -7:25pm the meeting was in a Rain Delay , heavy rains and lighting was surrounding the Pavilion.**



**We attempted to resume at 7:40 PM then .....**

**The meeting then finally resumed at 8:15Pm , We took the down time to enjoy our after meeting refreshments.**

***REPORT OF COMMITTEES:***

NORTH STATION - all ok.

MAIN STATION - all ok.

Park Station- all ok.

Pavilion- all ok.

Building use report-

Banquet Hall -\$500 , Pavilion \$2425, bar \$469, Expenses -\$50 . Total Income \$3,344.

**Motion to accept the report , By Tim Boel 2nd by Jim Pendelino. Motion Passed.**

**Valley Cats Nite - Tuesday August 1st- Pick up your tickets at the Will Call Window per Tracy.**

**Jeep Jam Fundraiser on the 4th of July:**

**Vice President Jake Hallenbeck reports:**

Jeep Jam July 4 Fundraiser Thompson Hill  
Rd

\$834 Food Cash Income  
total

\$132 Food Cost sausage  
peppers

\$176 hannafood burgers  
dogs

\$60 cash burgers dogs  
walmart

\$466 Profit on  
Food

\$1,300 Check donation from Compass Automotive, Off Road  
Upfitters, Justin Brandt and all attendees

\$1766.00 Total  
intake

Thank you to all involved to make the fundraiser run smoothly..

**Main Station Project Committee- Chris Lavin went out on numerous fire calls during the meeting..**

**VP Jake Hallenbeck gave his report. Please see below:**

Report to the Fire Company; July 18, 2023; Chris Lavin Chairman Main Station  
Project Committee

The Main Station Project Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

At its meeting on July 11 th , the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that  
the Company proceed to authorize a Lot Line Adjustment, to join its two lots on



Hays Road and Columbia Turnpike into one single parcel.

This is a real estate transaction that requires engineering data and legal oversight.

The Fire Company Attorney was consulted regarding this resolution;

“The Project Committee recommends that the Company proceed to engage Creighton Manning Engineering LLP to prepare an application for a Lot Line Adjustment at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,000; and, for the Company’s Attorney Terry Hannigan, to oversee the submission of said application at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,000; Town and County Filing Fees are estimated at \$450; and, because a Title Search may be necessary and a new Deed may be necessary to advance the Project; that a contingency fund of \$2500 be authorized for these purposes, should that be so advised; for a total appropriation of \$4950;

Claimants: 1. Town of East Greenbush

2. County of Rensselaer

3. Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP

2 Winners Circle, Suite 201

Albany, NY 12205

518.446.0396

4. Terry Hannigan, Esq.

388 Kenwood Ave.

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**R.P. Smith makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel to approve the project Committee Recommendation. Bob Fish requested to raise the amount to \$5,000. That motion was agreed to be amended by both RP and Tim . The monies are to be taken from the Capital Reserve. A vote was taken on the motion and Passes.**

**EGFD Golf League-** Mike Lansing reports we have been averaging about 10 members each week golfing. Only a few weeks left to play.

**EGFD Golf Outing - There will be a brief meeting after the company meeting.**

**MEMBERSHIP -**

***Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - None***

*Six Month Probation to full membership status: Cynthia Carter .*

***Jim Pendelino motion to approve 2nd by Marc Iorio. Motion Passes.***

*Six Month Probation to full membership status: Michael Carter .*

***Chuck Rossback makes a motion 2nd by Jeff Wasileski to approve. Motion Passes.***

*Six Month Probation to full membership status: Sarah Smolinski.*

***Tom Whittemore makes a motion 2nd by Cody Swartout to approve. Motion Passes.***

***Status Change- Mason Albert looking to move from Military back to active.***

***Chris Linck makes a motion to approve 2nd by Pete Lehmann. Motion Approved.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

*Paint and carpet project to start this Friday the 21st of July.*

*Remote Door Openers park Station will be installed 8/15 & 8/16. When they are in town they will also fix the issue in the North Station.*

*No Other Unfinished Business*

***NEW BUSINESS: - Electrical Work for another gear washer in the North Station. Martin Electric quote for \$2750. Pete Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by Marc Iorio to approve the work. Motion Passes.***

**Good of the Order: - Vice President Hallenbeck reviews the communications.**

A letter was read to endorse Vinny Galvin for Trustee of the Firemen's home.

**Motion made by Pete Lehmann with a 2nd by Chris Linck to send a letter for endorsement.**

**Motion was approved.**

*Tim Boel took the floor and spoke about the status of the Rensselaer County Chiefs Association.*

With the low turnout at the meeting they will be going through several changes. A name change will be one of them. The new name will be Rensselaer County Firefighters Association. Next meeting is 9/18/23 . Firefighter day at the Hudson Home is on 9/30.

Tim will report back as the changes take place.

**Tim Boel makes a motion with a 2nd by Frank Jenkins to send a \$100 for the annual Chief's award for the County Chiefs Association. Motion is approved.**

Linda Cook spoke about Life Members day for 9/10/23. If you have not responded please do. You can let Linda or Mike Benson Sr. know.

Marc Iorio spoke about the Tunnels to Tower walk and run. It is on 9/24 in NYC. If you are interested and did not sign up, let Marc know. The cut off is 8/15.

**Tom Gullo makes a motion 2nd by Marcus Kraviits to raise the lawn mowing fee from \$75 to \$125 for the Park Station. After a discussion . The vote was taken and the motion was defeated.**

**Report from Secretary Benson-**

Thank You cards were sent to the Smith family for the large donation in honor of Life Member David Smith.

Another card went to Sunnyside Garage for all the support they have given us over the years.

**Tonight's food & cleanup provided by the Explorers. Food next month is the Ladies Auxiliary & Fire Police.**

**50/50 AMOUNT: \$72 WINNER: ELWIN MICHEL - CONGRATULATIONS !**

A motion to adjourn was requested by Marc Iorio with a 2nd by Jeff Wasileski. . Motion Passed.

***The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.***

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



