

**East Greenbush Fire Company**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

President Cullum called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Rossbach led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

David A. Cook presented a picture of Past Chief Ed Rysdorph and his 1947 Chief's car.

Acting Recording Secretary Jeff Tooker called the rolls.  
62 members were in attendance.

President Cullum asked for a motion to accept the February 2024 meeting minutes as published.

A motion was made by Chris Linck, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept the minutes.  
The motion carried.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gave his report.

29 checks were written for a total of \$35,628.93.

Checks over \$500 were written to Tibbitts Heating & Cooling, FASNY, KeyBank, National Grid, Country True Value, Chris Lavin, and Spectrum.

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

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.

Total income for the month was \$317,735.48.

Total expenses were \$35,628.93.

A motion was made by Frank Jenkins, seconded by Joe Winnicki, to accept this report.  
The motion carries.

President Cullum gives the Visa card report.

One charge over \$200 was recorded – a charge of \$418.39 at Restaurant Depot.

A motion was made by Tom Chesser, seconded by Jon Smith, to accept this report.  
The motion carries.

Communications and bills will be held until Good of the Order.

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gave his report.

1. The Frankoski Wake Detail will be leaving here at 11:05 am sharp on Thursday. Bus 11 will be transporting people. Full dress uniform is requested. We are scheduled to go through at 11:45 am, but that time could move.
2. The Frankoski Funeral – we are not going as an organized group. Car 2 is likely going to be in the procession to the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery and then immediately returning to town. If there is a large group (six or more members) who are going and there is a qualified driver for the bus, you may take the bus. See me tonight if that is the case.
3. The Frankoski family has expressed their thanks for all of the cards, prayers, and participation in the procession yesterday.
4. Truck 11 is needed on Saturday 4/20/2024 to fly the American flag at Goff beginning at 7:30 am for the Girls Softball parade.

Engine 7 is needed on Saturday 4/20/2024 to be in the parade.

Engine 7 needs to be at the intersection of Katelyn Place / Hays Road (be on Katelyn, facing Hays) by 7:45 am.

5. Make sure you are reporting damaged gear as soon as you are aware of it. We need to ensure that people who are missing vital components of gear are issued replacements in a timely manner.
6. The Chiefs are all going to the FDIC show. The Captains will be assigned cars to act as chiefs from 4/17 to 4/20. Details will be shared at the next Company meeting.
7. If there is an issue (personnel or otherwise) at a station, it is always the hopes of the chief's office that the station officers can handle the issue. If you think it rises to the level of needing your station chief, please contact that station chief immediately. If you are not satisfied with their response, contact the District Chief.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gave his report.

Greg congratulates Andrew Roehr on receiving the Town of East Greenbush "Spotlight on Youth" Award for 2024.

He reminded the members to see him for gear issues.

He discussed the windshield issues with Engine 7.

He reminded our members of the EAP services that we have.

Car 3 (Mike Benson, Jr.) gave his report.

The Spring drill schedule is being finalized it will be disseminated within the next week or two. The drill schedule will encompass bailout, FAST Team, Hose stretches, and a couple of SCBA drills.

- Bailout will entail a couple of nights. All interior members must be present for the lecture refresher portion of bailout on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We will be doing bailout jumps beginning on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin as early as 5:30pm. There will be more announcements next month as we get closer.
- The makeup evening for bailout jumps will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, which is a scheduled single company night.
- As already mentioned, thanks to all the members that participated in the procession yesterday for Casey Frankoski.
- On behalf of my father and my uncle, I just wanted to say thank you to all the members that attended my grandmothers wake, whether you came on your own, or you were part of the group of 45 or 50 members that showed up at 6:30pm that evening, it meant great significance to our family. It is extremely impressive standing in a funeral home and watching you all enter the funeral home. Thanks to Past Chief Pete Lehmann for leading the department in prayer. This has been a rough month, and now we offer the same support for the Frankoski family.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gave his report.

He discussed the YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 20, 2024 from 12pm to 2pm.

He discussed the VFIS training deadline of April 30, 2024.

He stated that he will host an in-person class with a date TBA.

He discussed the gear inspection process.

Linda Cook gave the Pizza Night Report.

Total expenses were \$873.21.

Total income was \$3,471.95

Total net profit was \$2,298.74.

Total net profit for the Pizza Night season was \$9,429.32.

Linda thanked all members for working or financially supporting Pizza Night.

Mike Lansing circled back to the class being offered at the Park Station – the Life Safety Educator Course. Tim Boel explained further that lunch will be provided and it is similar to a state fire course.

Jake Hallenbeck gave the Fish Fry Night Report.

Total profit for the first night was \$3,072.00.

Marc Iorio reports that the Softball League will begin on April 26<sup>th</sup> and end on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no games on Memorial Day weekend.

He also reports that there will be pick up basketball on Thursday 3/21 and Thursday 3/28 at Green Meadow.

Bill Lindemann requests any available assistance to report to the Park Station by 7:30 am for the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 3/24/2024.

Chris Lavin gives the Main Station Construction Committee Report.

A motion is made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by David A. Cook, to proceed with the H2M Architects proposal for \$31,500.

The motion carries.

Tracy Cullum discusses the Skyway Roofing quote.

This would service the North Station and the Park Station for a total cost of \$1,200 (\$600 for each station) for roof maintenance.

A motion was made by Rick Williams, seconded by Tim Boel, to accept this quote.

The motion carries.

Bob Lehmann submits a resignation letter from the position of Vice President, effective 3/31/2024.

Tracy Cullum states that the ballot box will be open in the Park Station Radio Room from tonight until April 9, 2024 at 9:00 pm. Anyone interested in the position of Vice President should submit a letter of interest, with their signature, and the signature of another member, by that deadline. An election will be held on April 16, 2024, at the next Fire Company meeting.

Greg Forgea discusses the Greenbush Soccer expansion project and their request for our support.

He states that it is a grant-based program.

He states that they are looking for a letter of support.

A motion is made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Tim Boel, to transmit a letter of support to Greenbush Soccer.

Bob Lehmann expresses concern over the project, specifically those who may be against it based on concerns over traffic. He suggests the possibility of remaining neutral.

Greg Forgea states that Wyatts Circle is on board with the project.

The motion carries.

Kathy Schmidt reports that the bus garage is selling T-shirts to raise money for the Casey Frankoski Memorial Scholarship. \$5.00 per shirt will go to the scholarship.

Tracy will send the information out to the membership.

Bob Lehmann reads various correspondences that were received.

A thank you card was received from the Benson family.

A thank you card was received from the Chesser family.

A thank you card was received from Elwin Michael.

A request was received from the East Greenbush Police Department PBA for a sponsorship for their golf outing on May 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Mike Lansing, to sponsor a flag for \$150.

The motion carries.

Tracy Cullum states that Engine 9 has food and clean up tonight.

Rescue 11 has food for April's meeting.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$66. The winner is Todd Cullum.

A motion was made by Joe Winnicki, seconded by Frank Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker

Recording Secretary Emeritus