

East Greenbush Fire Company
March 2025 Company Meeting Minutes

President Tracy Cullum called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Sergeant at Arms Chuck Rossbach led the company in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cullum requested a moment of silence for our departed members.

The Acting Recording Secretary, Jeff Tooker, called the rolls.
62 members were in attendance this evening.

President Cullum stated that the February 2025 meeting minutes were sent out by email.
A motion was made by Matt Sullivan, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to approve the minutes.
The motion carried.

Membership Secretary Jesse Frankoski stated that he is sending a roster around and to please make updates to that roster.

Financial Secretary Chris Cargain gave his report.
He begins by wishing Tom Kennedy a happy birthday.
38 checks totaling \$25,640.36 were written in February.
11 checks over \$500 were written. Those checks were written to Daley Hospitality Group, East Greenbush Girls Softball, Chris Lavin, KeyBank, Southern Glazer of NY, Tibbitts Heating and Cooling (x2), Skyway Roofing, National Grid, Twin Bridges, and Spectrum.
A motion was made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept this report.
The motion carried.

Treasurer Paul Benson gave his report.
Total income for the month was \$365,450.23.
Total expenses for the month were \$38,944.13.
A motion was made by Todd Cullum, seconded by Marcus Kravitz, to accept this report.
The motion carried.

President Cullum gave the Visa Card report.
One charge over \$200 was made.
A charge to \$947.78 was made to Restaurant Depot.
A motion was made by Tom Chessier, seconded by Christie Cullum, to accept this report.
The motion carried.

Car 1 (Greg Forgea) was absent this evening.
He was handling a personnel issue.

Car 2 (Mike Benson, Jr.) gave his report.

- Numerous training class announcements were sent out. Please let him know if you are interested in any of those class offerings.
- Chief's office is working on a date for the in-house EVOC class with Past Chief Boel. Car 4 is working on finalizing a location for our competency course.
- The drill schedule for April 2025 to June 2025 was sent out on Friday, March 14. It was also uploaded to the IAR calendar.
- We will be at the training tower next week for drill, as well as on April 8.
- Bailout will be on May 13, with make-ups on May 27.
- We have had a couple of working fires in the North Greenbush Fire District. Thanks to the FAST team members who went to the call in Wynantskill. We almost had to make a grab for a firefighter who fell through the floor. We were in the position to make the grab as needed, but the firefighters from Mountainview FD were able to do this. This continues to show that our members are well-trained.
- Thanks to the members who responded to Kraft Road on Saturday morning at 5:15 am. A small fire was quickly extinguished on the B/C side – this would have been much more of an issue if the tenant did not have smoke detectors.

Car 3 (Mike Lansing) gave his report.

- Thanks to all of the members who got their VFIS training and OSHA training completed.
- A reminder to all members to check their bailout equipment prior to May 13.
- Thanks to the members who supported him and his family during Jen's recent health concerns.

Car 4 (Nick Liuzzi) was absent this evening.

Tom Kennedy stated that he is beginning year 45 with the Fire Company tonight.
He presents the company with two photographs – one of the Main Station and one of Truck 11.

George Forgea gave a North Station report.

- There is a moisture issue on the right side of the station that is causing the paint to peel.

Mike Lansing gave a Main Station report.

- If anyone wants the trophies from the Main Station, let him know. The placards will be removed and secured, but the trophies will be discarded.

Jake Hallenbeck gave a Park Station report.

- Please watch for the construction vehicles.

Linda Cook 2025 Pizza Night Profit and Loss Statement.

- 90 pizzas, 73 orders of wings, 39 mozzarella sticks, and 15 salads were sold.
- Total net profit for the evening was \$2,016.55.
- The total net profit for the season was \$8,944.35.
- See everyone next season in September!

Jake Hallenbeck gave a Fish Fry Night report.

- Fish Fry Nights will be on 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, and 4/18.
- Work details will take place on 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, and 4/16 at 5:00 pm to prep.

Joe Winnicki reports that South Schodack is not having their Fish Fry Nights.

Tom Chesser reports that he has not received any Constitution and By-Law Changes.

Marc Iorio reports that the Softball Team will begin play on 4/26. See him if you need a jersey.

Bill Lindemann gave a Pancake Breakfast report.

- The breakfast will run from 8am to noon on 4/6.
- An Easter Bunny is needed.

Chris Lavin gave a Main Station Building Committee report.

- The Committee continues to meet with the contractors.
- The drawings have been forwarded to the architects.
- Terricon is working on their drilling.

There is one proposal for membership this evening.

Ryan Johnson, of Leadholm Court, has submitted an application.

Chris Lavin gives an overview of the background check.

A motion was made by Chris Lavin, seconded by Jim Pendolino, to approve this application.

The motion carried.

A letter was received by Matt Garner that states that he is resigning from the Fire Company.

A motion was made by RP Smith, seconded by Eric Cullum, to accept Matt Garner's resignation letter.

The motion carried.

A letter was received by Marcus Massaconi, requesting a status change to social membership.

A motion was made by Jacob Memole, seconded by Kaiden Poli, to move Marcus Massaconi to social membership status.

The motion carried.

A letter was received by Cynthia Carter, requesting a status change to social membership.

A motion was made by Tim Boel, seconded by Eric Cullum, to move Cynthia Carter to social membership status.

The motion carried.

A letter was received by Andrew Roehr, requesting a status change from Explorer to Active Member.

President Cullum states that he turns seventeen on April 2, 2025.

A motion was made by RP Smith, seconded by Marcus Kravitz, to move Andrew Roehr to active membership status.

The motion carried.

Vice President Lindemann administered the oath of office to Andrew Roehr.

President Cullum gave a report about the cooler in the Park Station Members Lounge Bar Area. She reports that she has a quote from Katom Restaurant Coolers for \$3,433.80. A motion was made by Robert Lehmann, seconded by Mike Benson, Jr., to purchase that cooler. The motion carried.

President Cullum gave an update on the garage by the Pavilion. The temperatures need to come up at night in order for the crew to finish their work.

Jesse Frankoski reminds the members to pay their dues.

President Cullum presents a quote in the amount of \$595.00 to upgrade the remote door opener for Engine 8. A motion was made by Marcus Kravitz, seconded by Robert Lehmann, to proceed with the upgrade. The motion carried.

Dennis Davis inquired about a possible upgrade to the Banquet Hall sound system. Robert Lehmann stated that Tenn Chen may be able to assist.

Robert Lehmann took the floor to discuss the Main Station upgrade and other needed improvements at the other stations. A discussion ensued regarding the future of the stations and the future of the department in general.

Bill Lindemann discussed the Park Station parking lot lights and the issues surrounding them. Tim Boel states that some issues developed when the switch was made from incandescent to LED lights. Joe Winnicki discussed the wiring issues.

George Forgea encouraged members to check their LOSAP statements for accuracy.

Tom Kennedy suggested that there be one more company meeting at the Main Station prior to it being torn down.

Tracy Cullum discusses the fix that was made to the Park Station Grinder Pump.

Tracy Cullum states that the Derek Murphy Foundation is using the Pavilion in May. She stated that they asked if the \$325 non-profit rental fee be donated back. A motion was made by Jesse Frankoski, seconded by Eric Cullum, to donate back the \$325 rental fee. The motion carried.

Tracy Cullum discussed the \$1,200 H2M fee that was approved by the Executive Board.

Will Schwab discusses a lacrosse fundraiser for the family of a local fallen firefighter (JR Gaudet). A motion was made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Marcus Kravitz, to donate \$300. The motion carried.

Mike Benson, Jr. discusses the Truck 11 detail on Thursday.

Bill Lindemann discusses the need for a chairman or two for the annual Golf Outing.

Tim Boel and Marc Iorio discuss the status of Brad Galotta.
He is always up for a phone call from our members.

Marc Iorio reminds the members of the upcoming EGFD March Madness pick-up basketball at 8:00 pm on Wednesdays at Green Meadow Elementary School.

Tonight's food was prepared by the crew from Engine 9, and it was served in the lounge.
Clean up and food for next month is Rescue 11.

Tonight's 50/50 is \$60.00.
The winner is Tate Tibbitts, and he donated the money back to the Scholarship Fund.

A motion was made by Bob Fish, seconded by Matt Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carries.
The meeting is adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tooker
Recording Secretary Emeritus