



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: *May 16, 2023*

CALLED TO ORDER AT: *7:00 PM at the Pavillion.*

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by Vice President Hallenbeck .

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: *Roll Call by Secretary Benson 62 Members in attendance.*

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email by Mike Benson Sr. Motion by Jeff Wasileski **SECOND:** by David Cook Minutes Approved.

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

39 CHECKS TOTALING \$47,251.84 WERE PAID

CHECKS OVER \$500, CHECKS IN TOTAL PAID. . CHECKS OVER \$500- JIM DUGGAN \$3,000, DECRESENCTE DISTB-\$657.39, KEYBANK-\$ 14,175.15,NATIONAL GRID- \$4706.43,OTIS ELEVATOR-\$1,177.53, TIBBITS HEATING & COOLING -\$9,620, EASTERN HEATING & COOLING- \$1,078.88, BANK OF GREENE COUNTY-\$1,500,EGFD LADIES AUX-\$1,096.77, CHRIS LAVIN-\$850,SPECTRUM-\$801.90,DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES-\$1,403, TOVEN SERVICES-\$1,290.24.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Chris Linck **SECOND:** by Joe Winnicki . **Motion Passed.**

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF APRIL 30TH 2023 TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$292,692.66 . TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$14,060.45. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$47,251.84,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$47,251.84.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY : Pete Lehmann **SECOND** by : Chuck Rossbach **Motion Passed.**

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- . Restaurant Depot-\$ 312.59,898.19,\$832.71, Ginsberg \$235.44, Birch Hill-\$1,000, Pulse Group \$2,630.50.

Motion by Tim Boel Second by Ed McCabe .. Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Chief Tooker Reports:

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1. Hose and Ladder Annual Testing was done on 4/28/23.

Special thanks to Kurt Schlachter, Marc Iorio, and Rich Hendrick for all their help with this.

2. New 4" LDH has been ordered for the hose that is OOS.

3. Thank you to the members who took Truck 11 to Nassau FD this past Saturday for the services for Past Chief Larry Cooper. Kurt Schlachter took the bunting to Nassau for their apparatus and scoped out a spot for the truck.

The family is very appreciative of our participation.

(In addition, that bunting is being used this week for the passing of North Chatham's Chief, of which they too are grateful.)

4. The Tanker drill is next week. Cars 2 and/or 3 will be discussing this.

5. We have been asked to participate in the East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade.

Those available are requested to assemble in full dress uniform at the stations at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 27. You will proceed to the bowling alley at 9:15 am.

This will most likely be a riding-the-apparatus event – Car 2 will be in charge.

6. Those members who made themselves available for the Mock DWI crash this Friday at Columbia – report to your station at 7:50 am Friday and take your apparatus over to the North Station for 8:05 am and be in place at that time. I will coordinate via Tac 6 at 8:10 am as to where you need to be after that.

7. For box alarms / second alarms, please confirm the box alarm before you leave.

Chances are, if you are an engine that also has a crew but doesn't have a response on the box alarm, you'll possibly be needed – i.e. the Castleton fire last week.

Keep an ear on the radio.

8. Please remember that if you are signing a points sheet, you are "ready, willing, and able" to respond to a fire call.

9. Car 2 will be soliciting volunteers to bring Bus 11 to Lake George for the HVVFA convention.

10. My chief's car will be OOS in the Park Station spare bay until May 24.

Members are not to move it unless you contact me directly.

11. Red Vest members – if you want a new Red Vest white polo – cost is \$40 – order is being placed by Past Chief Bob Lehmann on Thursday. Please let me know tonight and/or text me tomorrow.

The convention t-shirt – we are only ordering one – all orders are in and that order is being processed by Past Chief Bob Lehmann.

12. Thank you as always for your time and dedication to this department.

Car 2- A/C Forgea - Greg reports -

Thanks for the help at the Fire in South Schodack. Great job by all.

To Jake Hallenbeck & Rich Hendricks thanks for getting the firetrucks to other fire towers of the training classes.

Next Tuesday on 5/23 there will be a mutual aid drill starting at 6:30 pm.

Location will be at the Empire State BLVD. A lot of hand lines will be deployed.

Some of the fire trucks will be going out for various repairs.

Thanks for responding to calls and drills. It is much appreciated.

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.-

Thanks to all the Fast Team Crews. We had about 20 members attend the drill in Defrestiville.

Good job everyone acted totally professional.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reports ,

There will be a pub ed activity on 6/3 at the Methodist Church. Captain Kurt will handle the event.

The flow testing has been completed on the Air Packs.

Report of Other Officers:

Tom Whittemore reports there will be a battery change out on the air packs at the next Single Co. drill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

NORTH STATION - all ok.

MAIN STATION - all ok.

Park Station- all ok.

Pavilion- President Cullum Thanks the Five Members that came out to help with the work detail to get the pavilion ready for the rental season.

Convention Committee for 2023-

Greg reports he sent out a detailed message on the convention. Make sure you review it.

I will include that email in the Minutes.

This email was sent by: Gregory Forgea

Good morning,

We are just under a month away from the highly anticipated 2023 Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association annual convention and parade. With that, we have a ton that needs to get done before convention weekend. Some time sensitive items are listed below:

1 - Final deposits are due TONIGHT at the company meeting. The final deposit is \$210, cash or check. Checks can be made out of the East Greenbush Fire Company.

2 - Please check your uniforms before the company meeting tonight!! If things need to be ordered, we must do it ASAP. This includes hats, belts, ties and shoes. If we order those items Wednesday, we will have them for convention. I can't stress enough that you must check everything NOW. Telling us next week or the week before the parade, will just not work. If you need something, please email me or let me know at the meeting. I will have a list going.

3 - For those that got fitted for new uniforms earlier this year, I am happy to report that I met with a Galls representative and most of our uniforms are completed. They expect everything to be completed by next Thursday.

4 - If you are not marching and don't plan to march or use your dress uniform in the future, please bring it so we can add it to our inventory. Our used inventory is extremely low.

5 - I will be at the Park Station at 6:15PM tonight down stairs in the uniform room for anybody that has outgrown their current uniform. I would like to take care of actual dress uniform issues tonight or this week.

6 - As of this email, we have 46 marchers for the dress parade. We are looking for 50.

7 - If you are still interested in going, let me know ASAP. We have 2 rooms open and, possibly, a room for Saturday night. If you're interested, please talk to me tonight.

8 - If you are planning on going for the day, please let me know tonight. We want to ensure we have adequate transportation for everybody.

We will discuss work details, times, and expectations at tonight's meeting.

Again, I can't stress enough that if you need anything for your uniform, you have to let me know NOW.

Thanks,

Assistant Chief Forgea- End of email.

If you need any uniform parts please see Greg tonite. Please double check your uniform.

Greg will also send another email out about the convention after Memorial Day.

Convention Committee- Greg reports room deposits are still due. He has 3 rooms left. Please see Greg if you are interested in a room.

Softball- Marc Iorio reports the team is now 2-0. They play Best Luther at the Town Park Field on Friday nite the 19th. Marc invites all members to come out and cheer the team on. Always a good game with Best Luther.

Main Station Committee- No report submitted.

Building Use Report- No Report

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - None

Six Month Probation to full membership status: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

The appraisal from Greene County Bank will be performed on Wednesday the 17th.

The President reports on the Door Openers for the Park Station. All Types Professional Door Services, Inc. submitted an estimate of \$11,595 to replace 4 Commercial Door Operators and remove all old equipment. The motor over Engine 9 is the original equipment from when the station was built.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by Mike Lansing to replace the two openers in the Park Station.

After a long discussion a vote was taken and that motion was defeated.

Cam Poli makes a motion with a 2nd by Jake Memole to replace all four (4) openers for the \$11,595.

*After another discussion the vote was taken and **Motion Passes to replace all the openers .***

Backflow devices will be installed next week.

Drainage project will start in the next 2 weeks.

No other unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: -

President Cullum makes a few presentations. First one went to Mike Benson Sr. Mike was presented a plaque for all the years as Co-Chair with Linda Cook for our Pizza Nites. Linda was presented her plaque at the Installation Banquet. Mike Thanked Tracy for the plaque.

President Cullum presented the plaque that was given to the department from Bill Young the Fire District Attorney. This plaque hung in Bill's office for years. David Cook explains that Bill's Grandfather was one of our department's original members. The picture shows the department in Uniform and a picture of Bill's grandfather and his badge. Bill's grandfather was Wiiam Adams.

Valley Cat night is scheduled for August 1st. Save the date it is also Irish Night at the" Joe".

Nick Luizzi makes a motion with a 2nd by Jake Memole to sell the 1 older bike in the weightroom and the elliptical machine. That motion Passes.

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

Jeff Tooker makes a motion 2nd by Bob Lehmann to sponsor a Trophy for the Green County Parade and place an ad in the book. Total Cost is \$125. The Trophy will be in honor of Kathy Miller.

That motion passes.

Kurt Schlacter took the floor and spoke about two items. First one was on The Wreaths across East Greenbush. If Anyone has any names of members they would like to add to the list please let him know.

The second item is The Tunnels to the Towers 5k in NYC. Kurt gave an overview of the race. Today's focus in the Fire Service is all about Cardiac Health and Cancer Awareness. Kurt is looking to attend the race this year which is 9/24/23. He is looking for other members to attend as well. Past President Marc Iorio will assist Kurt in gathering information to put together a formal plan to attend the event. More details to follow.

Marc Iorio makes a motion 2nd by Nick Luizzi to send Schodack Landing Fire Company \$400 for use of the softball field. That motion passes.

Marc Iorio took the floor and spoke about another Chicken BBQ Fundraiser scheduled for Wednesday June 21st. More details to follow.

Cody Swartout took the floor and spoke about a donation of 2 bins of dented food from Ginsberg's Food. Cody will work with Greg Forgea to work out the details of the delivery and donations. Some of the items could be donated to the Anchor Food Pantry.

Chris Dick took the floor and mentioned that if you see State Senator Jake Ashby around to Thank Him for his work on PTSD of First Responders. The Senator was able to obtain 1 Million dollars in the State budget to address and help with this important issue.

Marcus Massaconi mentioned there is a 5k Race for the Anchor Food Pantry on 8/19 if anyone is interested, reach out to Marcus as he is attending.

EGFD Golf League to start on Wednesday June 7th at Pheasant Hollow beginning at 5 pm.

David Cook took the floor and spoke about Life Member Bill Sinnott . Bill has relocated to the Loudonville Home For Adults. One of his fellow residents is former member of the Department Matty Schweigert.

Matty was a long time member of the Main Station.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by Truck 11. Food next month will be the Main Station.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$ 65.00 WINNER: JOE LACIVITA - CONGRATULATIONS JOE!

A motion to adjourn was requested by Greg Forgea with a 2nd by Rich Hendrick . Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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



