



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 21, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:04 PM

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

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Roll Call by Secretary Benson 63 Members in attendance.

Chief Jeff Tooker takes the floor to recognize Life Member Elwin Michel.

Jeff Reads the following:

Picture it... New York... May 20, 1964.

The World's Fair has just kicked off in Flushing Meadows.

Buster Mathis defeated Joe Frazier that night to secure a spot on the US Boxing team.

The Town of East Greenbush had just approved an actual police force sixteen days prior to this date, and purchased a 1964 black and white Ford patrol car.

We were only just shy of six months since President Kennedy's Assassination.

The number one album in the land was "The Beatles Second Album."

The Vietnam War was quickly escalating overseas.

And here... well, up the street at the Main... four men joined the Fire Company that day.

Thomas Hopkins.

John Leavett.

Departed Past Chief David Smith.

And a man who went on to be a Lieutenant in 1973, a Captain from 1974 to 1977, and – correct me if I'm wrong – but Car 3 for the majority if not all of

the years 1978 to 1989... and who has crossed the SIXTY YEAR THRESHOLD

of Active Membership as of yesterday's date...

Elwin Michel.

Jeff Called on several Past Chief's to say a few words and the current Assistant Chief's.

Pete Lehmann, Tim Boel, Rick Williams , Mike Benson , and Bob Lehmann all had nice comments for Elwin.

Also included with comments Greg Forgea, Mike Benson Jr .Mike Lansing.

Thanks for 60 years of Active Service Elwin!

President Tracy Cullum presented a gift to Elwin for his service.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Tim Dick SECOND: Jim Pendolino. Motion Passes.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

CHECKS OVER \$500, \$16,127.551. -CHECKS OVER \$500-JIM FAZZONE (SOFTBALL) \$1,125, CHRIS LAVIN-\$850, SKYWAY ROOFING-\$600, EGFD AUXILIARY-\$ 1177.55 , NATIONAL GRID-\$3,409.66, TIBBITTS HEATING & COOLING-\$3,104.50,TWIN BRIDGES- \$475.18,SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE-\$811.58

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Tim Boel SECOND: Jeff Wasileski, Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF APRIL 30 TH 2024 TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$352,944.57. TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$10,379.29. TOTAL EXPENSES- \$26,558.92,.NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$16,179.63.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Pete Lehmann SECOND: Elwin Michel. Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Mercury Screen Printing-\$756,Amazon-\$219.94 , Both for Softball

Motion by Chris Linck Second by Ed McCabe . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order by the Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

CAR 1 - District Chief JEFF TOOKER-

May 2024 Company Meeting

1. There are parade details this weekend.

Town of East Greenbush – Saturday, May 25, 2024

Line Up at Bowling Alley 9:15 am – Step off at 10am.

The parade terminates at the VFW on Hays Road this year.

Full dress uniform is required.

City of Rensselaer – Sunday, May 26, 2024

Line up for Ceremony/Parade at the Doane Stuart School – 1:00 pm sharp.

Step off is at 2:00 pm.

Full dress uniform is required.

Town of North Greenbush – Monday, May 27, 2024

Line up for the parade is Town Hall (2 Douglas St) and surrounding streets at 12:30 pm and step off is at 1:00 pm.

Full dress uniform is required.

2. Truck 11 has been requested to fly the flag on Sunday 6/16 at the Crisp Cannoli Car Show. Car 4 will attempt to locate a crew.

3. Those members who are attending the NYSAFC Show on June 13, 2024 are requested to check emails as we get closer to the event to make sure all materials and personnel are accounted for.

4. The Fire District has purchased new extrication tools (battery powered) for Rescue 11. Car 3 will discuss this during his report.

5. Please make sure you contact your station chief and/or see Car 2 or Car 3 if you are in need of equipment.

6. Please see me tonight if you need an EGFD District Polo (navy blue).
(If you saw me back in December, you're all set.)

7. Thanks to those who have attended Pub Ed events and the Recruitment Event yesterday at CHS.

8. Thanks to those who reached out to me after I was involved in a (non-FD) related traffic accident yesterday over in Slingerlands.

Car 2- A/C Forgea - Apparatus service to begin in June. Follow I AM Responding for alerts.

Anyone who needs Turnout gear parts please see Greg.

Please be aware of the construction work at the HANY'S Building. Also please remember all buildings now have cameras please conduct yourself accordingly.

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.-

At the commission meeting on 5/13 the Board approved some new battery operated Holmatro tools to replace our old tools on Rescue 11. More information to follow.

Mike reported on Scene safety at all calls . The department handled a call for a snapped power pole on 9&20. Need to keep your eyes wide open on these type of calls.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike reported on the 2 recent Pub Ed events that went very well. Thanks to all those that helped out.

Chairman Jenkins - reports that the board is working on 2 new fire trucks that will be coming in a few years. Thanks to Elwin for your years of service.

EGFD Auxiliary- President Mickey Jenkins presented a check for \$300 to President Cullum. The check is to cover the cost of the Credit Card reader that we use for fundraising.

Mickey also reported there are now 72 Vet Banners. 11/2 will be the vendor fair. 12/10 Holiday Parade . She announced that she was able to secure \$4,000 for the fireworks. Congrats Mickey.

Report of Other Officers: none

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NORTH STATION -all ok.

MAIN STATION - all ok

PARK STATION - all ok

Convention - Greg Forgea reports that this will be a day trip to Saugerties. Save your money for 2025 back to Lake George for the convention.

If you need uniform parts please reach out to Greg.

Tunnels to Towers- Marc Iorio reports there is a \$2,000 budget line for this event. He is looking for some more members to participate. Last year was a great experience.

Main Station Project Committee- Chris Lavin reported the contract with the Engineer is under review by a new attorney. More info to follow. Our last attorney had it for over 6 weeks with no review.

Valley Cat night at the Joe is 7/30. Signup sheets will be going up.

Softball Team- Coach Marc Iorio reports that there will be 2 more games, one on 5/31 and the last one is on 6/7.

Golf League EGFD- Mike Lansing reports the league will start on 6/5. Sign up sheet is being passed around at tonight's meeting. It will then be posted at the park station. Please sign up if interested.

Website- President Cullum reports that the Fire District is looking to take over a new website and is looking for some volunteers to work on the committee on the Fire Company side.

Jeep Jam - 7/4/24- Jake Hallenback will be handling the details. We will be serving food , hamburgers and hotdogs. Last year we made about \$2,000 at the event. If you are available that day please see Jake.

Golf Outing - VP Lindemann announced the date to be 9/27/24 at Burden Lake CC. The FD is looking for someone to step up and take the lead. Mike Benson Sr and Tim Boel will help to advise the committee on how to proceed. Please contact the Vice President if you are willing to help out and take the lead.

Pavilion Sign- President Cullum reports that the sign can't be painted and we would need a new one. Kurt Schlacter will look into getting a new one.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - One- Christopher Pierson

Chris Lavin makes a motion 2nd by Chris Linck to select Chris into membership.

That motion passes. Congratulations Christopher!

Change of Status-

Marty Miller from active Life to Life Membership.

Motion to accept made by Matt Sullivan 2nd by Marc Iorio. Motion Passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS: -

President Cullum reports that the VP Laptop is shot. The cost of a new one is \$1397 with all the security layers included.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by Tim Boel to purchase the new laptop. That motion passes.

Election of Board of Director:

*Jake Hallenbeck, David P Cook, Jay Luizzi. Jake pulls his name. **After a vote Jay Luizzi is elected Director.***

Congratulations Jay!

Other New Business- Lawn Mower for the Park Station.

Tim Boel gathered some pricing In March from True Value then went back this month to see if we could get a better price.

After a little discussion on the lawn mowing issue and the use of the tractor. Tim discusses the pricing of the two options one 60 inch was \$5,100 the other was \$4,500 for a Club cadet zero turn from True Value.

Tim Boel makes a motion to purchase the mower for \$4,500 for the 60 inch zero turn . Jake Hallenbeck seconds the motion. After a brief vote that motion passes.

Good of the Order: -

Communications- Secretary Benson read a Thank You Card from Nancy Williams for her gift from the fire company upon her retirement.

A letter from FASNY for a delegate for the convention in August. Tim Boel Volunteered to be the delegate. Thank YOU Tim!

Nick Luizzi brought up that the treadmill in the fitness room is shot. This was a donated piece of equipment. Marc Iorio makes a motion 2nd by Jake Memile to spend up to \$3,000 for a new treadmill and replace the cable and pull system on another piece of equipment. That motion Passes.

Tim Boel makes a motion 2nd by Nick Luizzi to donate \$150 to the hospitality Room for the Chief's show in June to the Monroe & Chautauqua County Chiefs Association.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by T-11 . MAIN STATION FOR JUNE

50/50 AMOUNT: \$76 WINNER: CHRIS LINCK - CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS! CHRIS DONATED THE WINNINGS TO THE BARBARA LEHMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.THANK YOU CHRIS !!

A motion to adjourn was requested by Jake Hallenback with a 2nd by Tom Whittemore. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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



