



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 15, 2022

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00PM

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE - C CULLUM

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 60

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING(S) - Mike Benson Sr.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Chris Linck SECOND: Mike Condo Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN

CHECKS WRITTEN: 26 TOTAL OF THOSE CHECKS \$15,920.35; 2021 - 339 CHECKS, \$247,009.86

CHECKS OVER \$500: OTIS ELEVATOR-\$1,148, ABELE-\$3,798, CHRIS LAVIN-\$830, NATIONAL GRID-\$3,740.68, CONSTELLATION NEW-\$1062.03, CHRIS LAVIN-\$830 (SNOW PLOWING).

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Jim Pendolino SECOND: Mike Lansing Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PAUL BENSON

TOTAL INCOME JANUARY: \$925

TOTAL EXPENSES JANUARY: \$15,895.35

TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$205,357.41

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Chuck Rossback SECOND: Kathy Miller Motion Passed.

VISA BILL REPORT - President CULLUM

CHARGES OVER \$200 - There is none for the month.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Mike Memole SECOND: Tom Chesser Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

CAR 1 - District Chief JEFF TOOKER-

Two new Officers were appointed by the Chief and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The new Officers: Nick Cullum, Lieutenant; Rich Hendrick, Foreman.

The new 2021 Tahoe has been moved to Wells to begin the Installation of lighting and striping. Once completed, the 2011 Tahoe will be taken out of service for repairs.

The Chief reported on the Fast Team - Letters will be going out to the Rensselaer County Chiefs alerting of our Fast Team. Chief stated he will alert all members if we are placed on the first alarm with any department.

The Chief was pleased to announce that nine new radios were received from Rensselaer County, along with a trove of supplies. Chief Tooker estimates the value of about \$22,000.

Please review the BOP's for responses and especially mutual aid.

The Chief thanks everyone who keeps showing up for calls and drills. It is appreciated.

At the end of the report, the Chief asked for the Assistant Chief's to join him in the front of the hall. Chief Tooker Presented the Officer of The Year Award to Captain Kurt Schlachter. Congratulations Captain!

CAR 2 - A/C Greg FORGEA - No report.

CAR 3 - A/C Mike BENSON JR -

The Chief's office thanks all members that staffed the special duty crew during the ice storm on February 3rd & 4th.

We have organized some great hands-on training for the FAST team drills. We have had good attendance and we want to continue to build off of our training. It's important that members take an active role during company training.

The upcoming CPR certification drill will be held on March 8th, beginning at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall.

Finally A/C Benson would like to thank everyone for your service! TYFYS.

CAR 4 - A/C Mike LANSING -

The Chief thanks everyone for responding to calls and also notes, when you get off the truck be ready to go.

Contact Mike for any missing OSHA classes that you need to make up.

Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners - George Forgea -

Thanks to everyone responding to calls and drills and the participation in the FAST TEAM training.

Fire Police Captain - Tom Whittemore -

Tom states before air packs are filled to check the oil level in the system by opening the door. Add if needed.

Tom also states he has added several items to the website members area.

No other Officers reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

BUILDING USE REPORT - T CULLUM - No Rentals to report.

NORTH STATION - Report is under New Business.

MAIN STATION - Kurt reports everything is ok.

PARK STATION - Jake reports everything is ok.

Pizza Nite - Mike Benson Sr reports:

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help out. February results:

Income - \$1,630; Expenses - \$778.91 - Net Profit after startup bank was returned - \$621.09.

The Pizza Nite season is completed - with 2 less pizza nites the year profit was \$3,086.24.

Linda Cook and Mike Benson Sr. would like to thank everyone for the help this year.

Fish Fry Nights - Tom Chesser -

Tom reports there will be five nights and they are as follows:

March 18th, 25th. April 1st, 8th and 15th.

Based upon a review of costs, Tom is raising the prices for this year. A Fish Fry dinner will now be \$10.50.

The time for the events will be 4:30-7:30pm. Tom reports that all help will be needed to make this event a success.

Tim Boel brought up the usage of unused placemats from the previous year. It was determined that they were handed out with the take out orders. A new placemat is needed and vendors will be approached.

By-Law Committee - Tom Chesser - reports any changes need to be submitted to him for the March meeting so that they may be voted on in April.

Installation Banquet - RSVP due by March 2nd.

There were no other committees reporting.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership - None.

Status Changes within our membership:

1. **Emma Gill** - Emma submitted a letter stating she wishes to change her status to social.

Joe Winnicki makes a motion, 2nd by Jake Memole, to grant her request. That motion passed.

2. **Glen Cook** - Glen submitted a letter wishing to move to Social. Eric Cullum makes the motion, 2nd by A/C Mike Benson Jr., to grant his request. That motion passed.

Six Month Probation Review -

James Kownack - Mike Benson Sr. makes a motion, 2nd by Tom Kennedy, to change status to full active membership. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and that motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Cullum led the discussion on building improvements.

Chris Cargain will lead a team with Tim Boel & Tim Dick obtaining three quotes for Epoxy on the station floor.

President Cullum also reported she is starting to get quotes for various building improvement projects.

She has an appointment scheduled with Ron Martin to have an asbestos survey completed for the North Station. The concern is over the tiles in the day room and bathroom. The cost of the survey is between \$300-\$500. Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion, 2nd by Nick Liuzzi. That motion was approved.

Good of the Order:

The Vice President read the Thank You card from Chuck Alger. Chuck thanks everyone for the fruit basket.

President Cullum stated that after cooking in the Park Station please turn off the gas from behind the stove.

Jake Hallenbeck inquired about interest in bringing back the softball team. After a quick query of the membership it was determined there are about fifteen (15) members interested. More to follow.

Pete Lehmann requested that the secretary send a get well card to David Chapman. Dave is in the hospital and has been a huge resource to us during convention time. Dave is an officer in the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association. That request has been honored. At the time of preparing these minutes the card was sent.

Secretary Benson Reported the following:

I ask that all members make sure that there are no blocks on your email. Also that your inbox has been cleared to accept emails. I have received a few blocked emails.

Sympathy cards were sent to both Defreestville Fire Department & Lebanon Valley Protective Association. Both departments suffered a loss of a Past A/C Chief and Chief, respectively.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by Engine 8 in the lounge. Next Month is Engine 9.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$66.00

WINNER: CHRIS DICK

A motion to adjourn was requested by Mike Memole with a 2nd by Jake Hallenbeck. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

These minutes were recorded by Michael J Benson Sr., Recording Secretary.

