



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 15, 2022

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Roll Call by Secretary Benson - 59 Members in attendance.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting Motion by Rich Hendricks **SECOND:** Mike Memole Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT

CHECKS OVER \$500, 36 CHECKS IN TOTAL PAID. \$41,634.01. CHECKS OVER \$500-NATIONAL GRID \$,924.68, DeCrescente Distributing -\$659.77, JOE TORRE -\$2,200.00 BURDEN LAKE COUNTRY CLUB -\$13,107.80,NFP PROPERTY & CASUALTY \$1,814.50, COUNTRY TRUE VALUE-\$1,622.35.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Chris Linck **SECOND:** Matt Sullivan, Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

As of OCTOBER 31ST TH 2022 TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS - \$148,693.46. TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$27,128.82 TOTAL EXPENSES- \$41,174.01, NET ORDINARY INCOME - -\$14,045.19.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Mike Lansing **SECOND:** Ed McCabe. Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Price Chopper- Meeting Food -\$285.50

Motion by Pete Lehmann Second by Ed McCabe . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

CAR 1 - District Chief JEFF TOOKER-

1. Thanks for everyone for coming to public education events, calls, drills, and everything else associated with the Fire Department.

2. Required upcoming drills:

November 22: Radio Refresher Training

(Required every two years.)

This will be streamed via Google Meet for those unable to attend in person.

Food served afterwards courtesy the Fire Company.

December 13: Annual BOP Review.

This will be streamed via Google Meet for those unable to attend in person.

3. County Fire Training

Process is as follows – Rensselaer County courses:

You notify me that you want to take a class.

I will get you a training authorization form ASAP.

You fill out the highlighted portions and send me a screenshot.

You upload the screenshot to LMS.

I will send the screenshot to Rensselaer County.

Process is as follows – All other County courses:

You notify me that you want to take a class.

I will get you a training authorization form ASAP.

You fill out the highlighted portions and send me a screenshot.

You upload the screenshot to LMS.

If you want a specific class offered, let us know.

If you are going to use Utility 11, please notify me or an Assistant Chief.

4. People that go to Wellnow for physicals / clearances –

If there is a problem – text me immediately – I cannot answer phone calls at times but I will text you back.

5. When going mutual aid on an apparatus – call enroute and arriving with

EG dispatch and Fire dispatch (Rens. Co) – one of those two should be able to tell you what TAC channel the Incident Commander is on.

Car 2- A/C Forgea - Greg reports that Engine 7 & Rescue 11 are still Out of Service . There is no timetable for the return.

When the Apparatus is enroute to a call please make sure to Open the I am Responding APP in the tablets and hit responding. That allows the Chiefs on scene to see what Trucks are coming.

Car 3- A/C Mike Benson Jr.- Mike states that there will be a radio refresher on Tuesday 11/22. This is a mandatory drill.

Mike reports the newest member of the FAST Team is Cam Poli who has completed all of his trainings. Congratulations.

11/29 will be the last FAST Drill for the year.

Car 4- A/C Lansing- Mike thanked everyone that came out to help with the PUB EVents during October & November. The crews looked very professional.

Report of Other Officers:

Board of Fire Commissioners- Chairman Forgea:

George reports the Board Authorized a new Generator for the Main Station. It will be installed Thursday or Friday of this week. The old one was about 27 years old.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

ByLaws Committee:

BY Law Change - The Proposal was posted for 30 days and it was in last months minutes.

Secretary Benson read the current article and then they proposed changes.

Motion was made by Jeff Tooker with a second by Tim Boel to accept the proposed change.

After no discussion , The motion was approved.

The bylaw is listed below:

Proposed By-Law Change October 2022

Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph 1 currently reads as follows:

Active members shall be at least 17 years of age . They shall reside or shall be

gainfully employed within the territory set forth in Article 1, Section 3. Proposed members shall reside within the Town of East Greenbush or any additional territories protected by the East Greenbush Fire District #3. After a period of three (3) years, active members shall be permitted to reside outside the District as set forth in Article 1, Section 3, but shall be responsible to maintain the requirements as set forth in Article 2, Section 2, Paragraphs 2,3,4,5. They shall be legal residents of the United States, shall be of good moral character and sound body, and shall meet such additional requirements as may be contained in any law or regulation applicable to the organization. Prospective members that reside within the town of East Greenbush or any Fire Protective District that East Greenbush Fire District # 3 contracts with shall be considered for active membership by the Membership Committee and the Company, in accordance with Town Law 176-b.

A proposed amendment to Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph 1 shall read: **[Bold indicates the change.]**

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Sections 6 and 7 of Town Law 176-b for Reference:

6. A person who cannot meet the residence requirements of subdivision three of this section may be elected to membership as a volunteer member of any fire company of the fire department if by reason of his or her residence in the vicinity or his or her usual occupation he or her will be available to render active service as a volunteer firefighter in the fire district or in territory which is afforded fire protection pursuant to a contract for fire protection by the fire department of the fire district, or a fire company thereof. Such election shall be pursuant to the by-laws, if any, of the fire company; otherwise by a three-fourths vote of the members of the fire company present and voting at a regular or special meeting thereof. The membership of any person so elected shall not become effective unless approved by resolution of the board of fire commissioners. Membership shall be deemed to have been approved pursuant to this subdivision in the event that no action is taken by the board of fire commissioners, either approving or disapproving within seventy days after service of written notice of election to membership shall have been made by the secretary of the fire company upon the secretary of the board of fire commissioners, either personally or by mail. The membership of any volunteer member elected pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall terminate when the member cannot meet either the requirements of this subdivision or the residence requirements of subdivision three of this section. In the case of a fire district which adjoins another state, the term "vicinity", as used in this subdivision, includes territory in this state and territory in the adjoining state.

7. (a) The membership of any volunteer firefighter shall not be continued pursuant to subdivision five of this section, and persons shall not be elected to membership pursuant to subdivision six of this section, if, by so doing, the percentage of such non-resident members in the fire company would exceed forty-five per centum of the actual membership of the fire company provided however, that the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the memberships of the Shelter Island Heights fire district, the Cherry Grove fire district, the Fire Island Pines fire district, the Davis Park fire department, and the Cold Spring Harbor fire district in Suffolk county, the New Hampton fire district, the Mechanicstown fire district, the Pocatello fire district, the Washington Heights fire district and the Good Will fire district in Orange county, the Jericho fire district, the Westbury fire district and the Roslyn Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1 in Nassau county, the Orangeburg fire district in Rockland county, the South Lockport Fire Company and the Terry's Corners volunteer fire company in Niagara County, the Taunton fire district and the Onondaga Hill fire department in Onondaga county, the Town of Batavia fire department in Genesee County, the Schuyler Heights fire district, the Bough Community fire district and the Slingerlands fire district in Albany county, the town of Providence fire district in Saratoga county, the River Road fire district, No. 3 and the Armor Volunteer Fire Company in Erie county, the Sir William Johnson Fire Company in Fulton county, the Fort Johnson Fire district in Montgomery

county or the memberships of the Millwood fire district, the Purchase Fire District, the North Castle South Fire District, No. 1 in Westchester county, the Thornwood fire company, No. 1 in Westchester county and the Rockland Lake fire district in Rockland county.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES Continued,

BUILDING USE REPORT - T CULLUM - October 2022=

2 Banquet Hall Rentals -\$500

Bar Income \$5,440.

Rich Hendricks makes a motion second by Mike Memole to accept the report. Motion Passed.

Report of Committees:

NORTH STATION - Tracy reports the parts for the spare overhead door in the North have been ordered.

MAIN STATION - Assistant Chief Benson reports that the pipe in the small room at the Main station has been repaired. No more leaking.

PARK STATION - nothing to report.

Pizza Nite- Mike Benson Sr reports,

We served 65 Pizzas, 56 orders of wings , and 19 orders of mozzarella sticks, 9 Toss Salads.Total expenses \$1018.29, total Income -\$ 2383.75.. Net profit for the event \$1,063.46. Thanks for everyone's help. That's two months in a row with Profits over \$1,000. Next Pizza nite is 12/10.

BBQ & Trivia Nite Fundraisers-

Past President Marc Iorio reports we are good to go. We sold about 190 tickets for the BBQ and have sold about 15 tables for the Trivia nite.

Installation Banquet - The Banquet to be held on 2/4/23 at Birch Hill. Cocktails 6pm dinner to follow.

President Cullum reports a change of venue due to the near double prices of the Hilton Garden Inn.

Christmas Party- held in the lounge on 12/17. Cocktails at 6pm dinner to follow. Food from Class Act Catering.

Kids Christmas party starts at 10am on the 17th.

Holiday Party is 12/3 step off at 5:30 PM at the Park Station. We will join the Parade when it arrives at the Station. It appears the parade will start on Wyatt Circle.

Convention Committee- Greg Forgea reports he is still taking deposits for rooms in Lake George. Please get your check to him. There are 11 rooms left.

Uniform orders from 2 years ago are in please see Greg after the meeting to pick them up and check and see if they fit.

Nominating Committee- Peter Lehmann has presented the slate of officers for 2023.

They are listed below:

The following members have placed their names in nomination for the following offices:

President

Tracy Cullum

Vice President

No Nomination

Treasurer

Paul Benson

Financial Secretary

Christopher Cargain

Recording Secretary

No Nomination

Membership Secretary

Joseph Lacivita

Sergeant-at-Arms

Christie Cullum

Michael Memole

Charles Rossbach

Board of Directors

Kurt Schlachter

Anthony Gullo

Rich Hendrick makes a motion second by Mike Benson Jr. to accept the slate for 2023.

Motion passed.

The Ballot box will be in the Park Station radio room until 12/13. Make sure the nomination is signed and seconded.

Chuck Rossback makes a motion second by Clarke Roher to approve the Election Committee, Past Chief 's Tim Boel, Pete Lehmann, Mike Benson Sr. That motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - James Frankoski, Active Membership.

Bradley Roher & Andrew Roher - Junior Members.

David Cook reports the membership committee has approved all applications.

David Cook makes a motion with a second by Clarke Roher to approve all applicants.

Vote was taken and all approved for membership.

Change of Status- none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - As reported earlier by Tracy we are waiting on parts for the Engine 8 bay door at the North Station.

Records project- David Cook would like to thank members Chris Lavin, Mike Prestpino and Kurt Schlachter for their assistance in this project.

Kurt reports on Explorer Post 11. They would like to get the Post going again but they need some assistance to help with the drills. If anyone is interested please reach out to Tracy or Kurt.

NEW BUSINESS: - None from the floor

Good of the Order:

President Cullum reports Election for Chiefs is December 8th at 7pm in the Members lounge.

The President reads the letters for the Chief's.

Below are the details:

Chief Car 1 -Jeff Tooker nominee.

Mike Lansing nominated for 1st, 2nd ,3rd Assistant Chief's.

Mike Benson Jr. nominated for 1st ,2nd ,3rd Assistant Chief's.

Greg Forgea nominated for 1st ,2nd, 3rd Assistant Chief's.

Jake Hallenback nominated for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Assistant Chief's.

All letters for the nominations were in order.

Secretary Benson read all communications:

Thank you from Rensselaer County Car 1 for help at the Fair.

Thank you from the State Fire Administrator for our ladder and crew for the Memorial Service at the Plaza. In October.

A donation from Stewarts Shops in the amount of \$750 was received along with a letter.

A letter from the NYS Troopers Foundation looking for a donation to help in their charity programs.

Motion made by David Cook 2nd by Ryan Tubbs to make a \$50 donation to the NYS Troopers Foundation.

President Cullum read the list of delinquent members .

Snow plow bids Due 12/20 by 6pm.

Commissioner Mike Benson Sr. made an announcement that we will be looking for candidates for the Secretary -Treasurer position. Nancy will be stepping back from her roles later next year. Anyone interested please reach out to Commissioner Benson.

Kurt Schlachter reports that the Wreath Across America Program has grown so large that we won't be doing it this year. He would like to look into something similar for our departed members . More to follow.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by Engine 9 . Next Month food is provided by the Ladies Auxiliary & Fire Police Squad.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$56 WINNER: ED WHITED.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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



