



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 22, 2023

**CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:12 PM at the Park Station Hall by
President Tracy Cullum President .**

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by VP Jake Hallenbeck

Meeting turned over to Membership Committee Chairman David Cook.

David spoke about recently departed Life Member Dennis P. Kennedy. Dennis joined the department 9/1/67 . His Final alarm was on 10/17/23. Dennis was Assistant Fire Chief from 1973-1976, He was called "Rent a Chief" he served in 1979. Dennis was a Director from 1980-83. He was responsible from organizing our current fundraisers , Pizza Nite & Fish Fry Nites. David noted he and Frank Jenkins drew up a commemorative plaque for the family. Secretary Benson read the plaque before the membership.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by Chris Lavin to set aside a page in the minutes for the memory of Dennis P. Kennedy. That motion passes.

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Roll Call by Secretary Benson Members in attendance total of 51.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email by Mike Benson Sr.

Motion by Tim Boel makes a motion to accept on record SECOND: by Joe Winnicki . Minutes Approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - CHRIS CARGAIN READ THE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023 :

37 CHECKS TOTALING \$46,127.34 WERE PAID

16 CHECKS OVER \$500, . CHECKS OVER \$500- KEYBANK -\$8,809.03 SPECTRUM-\$789.16 , BURDEN LAKE CC-\$10,542.16,DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES-\$2,714, US POSTMASTER-\$3,000, WICKED SMART-\$1,520, CHRIS LAVIN \$705, PELHAM CONTRACTING, \$5,400, SUNLIGHT GENERAL-\$868.99, CLE COMMERCIAL-\$1,550, WICKED SMART-\$1,140, DECRESENTE DISTB. \$564.69, NATIONAL GRID - \$1,056.24, DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES-\$675, CROWN CLEANERS-\$918.00, SUNLIGHT GENERAL-\$731.57.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY: Chris Linck SECOND: by Ed McCabe . Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - PRESENTED BY PAUL BENSON

AS OF OCTOBER 31 ST 2023 TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH -\$24,190.88 . TOTAL EXPENSES- \$45,207.34, .NET ORDINARY INCOME - \$21,016.46. TOTAL ASSETS-\$159,527.28.

MOTION TO ACCEPT Report BY : Mike Lansing SECOND by : Frank Jenkins .Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Turnpike Beverages -\$839.39, Restaurant Depot-\$689.72, \$289.71, Parts Town-\$1289.17

Motion to accept Report by Tom Chesser Second by Todd Cullum . Motion Passed.

Communications & Bills - Reviewed under Good of the Order.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Chief Tooker Reports:Fire Company Meeting – November 2023

1. Please do not spend any money on behalf of the Fire District (supplies, etc.) unless you make contact with a Chief Officer first. This is effective immediately and until further notice.

2. Truck 11 is out of service. Truck 8 and Ladder 1 will be placed on standby, in their quarters, if we are transmitted for a structure fire. If you need them, call for them.

3. The water department has added two (2) hydrants on Phillips Road. One is five hundred feet in from Hays Road and another is one thousand feet from Hays Road.

4. If anyone wants to attend any training in 2024, please get those requests as soon as you see them to Car 3.

5. There will be a mandatory drill for all members on December 12 – this will be our annual BOP review. You will be required to sign off on the fact that you attended the drill. It will be broadcast virtually via a Google Meet for those who might benefit from that method.

A link for the virtual presentation will be sent out that morning.

6. Please remember to get your driver recertifications done by November 30! See Car 4 for details.

7. Thank you, as always, for coming to drills, calls, pub ed events, fundraisers – anything that represents the department. As of tonight, we have 75-ish active members who respond to calls. There are departments around us that have maybe ten to twenty percent of that number. Your time is truly appreciated.

Car 2- Assistant Chief Forgea - *We have been very busy recently. We have had several Fire Alarm calls. Please be advised the Chief's office is working closely with code enforcement to get these multiple alarms under control. Thanks for everyone's help in responding.*

Car 3- Assistant Chief Benson - *Thanked everyone that attended the tower for drill. Great job to everyone. Looking forward to returning in the springtime.*

Car 4- Assistant Chief Lansing- *Driver recertification is underway you have until the end of the month of the month to complete. All members are to log on to VFIS University and make sure your password works and you can get onto the platform. This way when January gets here you are all set to begin the assigned programs. Mike also noted the weather is changing so **be careful in the parking lots and roadways.***

Report of Other Officers: Chairman Lehmann said that he attended the Library's public hearing on the tax break for firefighters. Bob feels that should pass and that will complete the approval process. Those members that own homes and signed up should see the tax break next year.

Ladies Auxiliary- President Mickey Jenkins called President Cullum forward and presented a check in the amount of \$1,200 to cover the cost of the repair in the pizza ovens. Mickey stated they have had an increase in membership and the Vendor fair was successful. The membership thanked the ladies Auxiliary for the gift.

Commissioner Cook reported on a recent Federal Lawsuit involving a driver of Fire Apparatus who backed over two people. Dave stated make sure every time you back up that you have a spotter and that all spotters check their surroundings before you have a truck back up.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

NORTH STATION - all ok

MAIN STATION - all ok.

Park Station- all ok

Building use Report- Hall Rentals \$1,250.00

Motion to accept the report By Pete Lehmann 2nd by Matt Sullivan Motion Passed.

Pizza Nite Committee-

Mike Benson Sr. gave the report for November - Total Income-\$2,379, Total expenses-\$1,1125.38. Total Profit for the event-\$954.37. 75 Pizzas , 50 orders of wings, 29 orders of mozzarella sticks, and 18 salads.. Linda Cook and Mike thank all the workers that helped work the event and the members that purchased food. Thanks again to all the Ladies Auxiliary members that helped.

President Cullum reports a Pancake Breakfast will be held on December 3rd .

The event will take place from 8am - 12pm. Workers should report for 7:30 am.

Marc Iorio reports a chicken BBQ and Trivia Nite -

Drive Thru Chicken BBQ

Total Income \$1980

Total Expenses \$1233.50

Total Profit \$746.50

Trivia Night and Dinner

Total Income \$4525

Total Expenses \$2963.10

Total Profit \$1561.90

Total Evening Profit \$2308.40

In addition \$1456.75 was generated in revenue at the bar.

I wanted it reflected that we needed about 6 people to run the drive thru, about 2 people running trivia (members assisted during the event) and a small clean up crew the following morning.
Thanks!

Park station decorating will take place on November 29th starting at 6pm. The Ladies Auxiliary will run the event . They need a few men to help get the decorations down.

The Holiday Parade is on 12/2 . After a brief discussion and since they moved the location parade the membership showed no support for the event. Bruen was also asking us to provide \$800 for fireworks. No funds will be given towards this event.

The adult Christmas party will be held on 12/16 at 6pm. Signup sheets are up. The event will be held in the members lounge. Please sign up by 12/8.

Childrens party is being organized by Lauren Lehmann. Party will be held on 12/10 at 1 pm. Invites have been sent out in the mail.

Nominating Committee- Pete Lehmann reports:The following members have placed their names in nomination for the

following offices:

President

Tracy Cullum

Vice President

No nomination submitted

Treasurer

Paul Benson

Financial Secretary

Christopher Cargain

Recording Secretary

Michael Benson, Sr.

Membership Secretary

Joseph Lacivita

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jacob Memole

Kaiden Poli

Charles Rossbach

Board of Directors

William Lindemann

Richard Williams

Michael Prestipino

Captain

Anthony Gullo

William Lindemann

Nicholas Liuzzi

Kurt Schlachter

Lieutenant

Nicholas Cullum

Tracy Cullum

Marcus Kravitz

Jacob Memole

Camerron Poli

Foreman

David Albarelli

Richard Hendrick

Joseph Liuzzi

Joseph Winnicki

Fire Police Captain

Thomas Whittemore

Fire Police Lieutenant

Dennis Davis

Edward Whited

Pete advises the ballot box will be open until 12/12 at 9 pm. Any nominations must be signed and have a second.

Joe Winnicki makes a motion 2nd by Frank Jenkins to approve the nominations. Motion passes.

Election Committee:

President Cullum has appointed the following:

Current Chief's Past Chief Boel, Pete Lehmann & Mike Benson Sr.

Motion to accept the committee by Marc Iorio 2nd by Eric Cullum. Motion Passes.

Main Station Project Committee- Chris reports that the RFP is going through the finishing touches and will be ready to be sent out to various firms. A station visit is scheduled for next week the 29th to Elsmere Fire Company. All are welcome to attend the bus leaves at 6:15pm. Chris reports the lot line adjustment was approved by the planning board.

Convention Committee- Greg reports he would like to thank April Speed who made covers for the trumpets that the Chief's carry for the flowers.

MEMBERSHIP -

Proposals for membership and Election of New Members - none

Status Change- Jon Smith from social back to active.

Greg Forgea makes the motion 2nd by Bob Lehmann. Motion passes. Welcome back Jon!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Tate has replaced the parts for both pizza ovens. They are back up and running. The President gives a Thank You to Tate for his expert assistance.

No Other Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS: - *Jake Hallenbeck reports on roof quotes. Weather Guard \$8,830 to make repairs at the Park Station. North Station -\$2,850. Skyway Roofing - Park - \$3,800.88 for the North. Orourke Roofing- to get the report would be \$650.*

Bob Lehmann makes a motion to make the repair with Skyway Roofing, 2nd by Tim Boel and ask them to give a quote for the North Station. That motion Passes.

Dave Cook makes a motion 2nd by Tim Boel that we seek quotes for a maintenance contract for our roofs for next year. That motion Passes.

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

Broadview Credit Corp. sent a check for \$250 in honor of Fire Prevention month of October.

A Thank You Card was sent from The Kennedy Family Thanking the FD for all the support we gave during their time of loss of Dennis.

Nomination letters were read for the Chief's office . Elections to be held on 12/7 at 7 pm.

The letters were read as follows:

Car 1 -Jeff Tooker

Car2,3,&4 Greg Forgea, Mike Benson Jr, Mike Lansing.

Snow Plow Bids are due 12/19/23.

The door at the bottom of the stairs has been fixed. It now closes properly.

The metal that runs along the bay doors at the Park Station has been repaired. It has been secured with screws for now. We will see how it holds up.

President Cullum notes there is to be no hunting /parking down by the Pavillion.

The Tractor yearly service and maintenance has been completed.

President Cullum reports the loan for the Bank of Greene County has closed. Our Interest Rate is 4.89%. We have a 2 year draw as needed.

Bob Lehmann reports any committees that need an event to be pushed out on social media please let him know. He is willing to assist.

Tonight's food & cleanup provided by the Park Station . Food next month is the Ladies Auxilary and cleanup by the Fire Police.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$ 68 WINNER: - MIKE LANSING CONGRATULATIONS !

A motion to adjourn was requested by Joe Winnicki with a 2nd by Anthony Gullo. . Motion Passed.

This Page is Dedicated to :

Dennis P. Kennedy, Life Member

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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

