



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 21, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:10 PM

PLEDGE/MOMENT OF SILENCE For Our Departed Members- Pledge led by SGT At ARMS- Chuck Rossbach.

ROLL CALL/NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE : Roll Call by Secretary Benson. 56 Members in attendance.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Tim Boel SECOND by Ed McCabe to accept the minutes on record . Motion Passes.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - Chris Cargain read the Report For December 31st 2024 . 46 Checks Paid , Checks over \$500- Crown Cleaners-\$1,290, CLE- \$1,250, Century Linen-\$588.47, National Grid-\$1,375.59, Key Bank-\$5,646.94, Tracy Cullum-\$3,550, Galls-\$1,568.39, George LaPlante (Grinder Pumps)-\$10,305, Galls-\$2,812, Diagnostic Services-\$2,180.50, Joe Torre-\$1,425, H2M-\$7,385.

Total of all checks paid for 2024-\$284,143.09.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY : Pete Lehmann SECOND by Jim Pendelino to approve the report. Motion Passed.

TREASURER REPORT - Presented by PAUL BENSON

As of December 31, 2024 - Total Income for the Month-\$ 11,384.86. Total Expenses-\$51,482.51.

Total of All Assets-\$248,948.32. Outstanding Line of credit owed \$57,275.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY : Tom Chesser SECOND: Joe Winnicki to approve the report. Motion Passed.

VISA Card REPORT - President CULLUM- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Rest. Depot-\$1054.92, \$830.88, Vineyard Wines-\$245.20, Rte 4 Pizza- \$330- Challenge Coin Country-\$1,151.88, All seasons uniforms-\$301.96, Bernie's BBQ-\$1,210.37.

Motion by Marc Iorio 2nd by Jeff Wasileski Motion Passed.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Car 1- Chief Forgea - Chief Forgea Thanked all the Firefighters that responded to the Brookview Road Fire. We were one of the first mutual aid depts on the scene and one of the last to leave. All hands for DCON worked well. Thanks to the Auxiliary for assistance with food during DCON. Bus 11 was requested for REHAB.

Thanks to the crew that attended Winterfest. Thanks to all the members that came out for the installation dinner. Reports from our guests are that they enjoyed the event along with several members stating the same.

OSHA- Chief Lansing will report on that.

New Fire Trucks were ordered on Friday. Paperwork was signed by Commissioner Cook.

We are 21 days into the New Year and our Line officers are stepping up getting things completed.

Thanks for the Good Work.

Car 2- A/C Benson - Chief Benson reports OSHA 3 starts next week.

Gear inspection worked well. They were able to identify 10 sets of gear that needed replacing this year.

Duty Crew report is attached at the end of the minutes. Chief Benson Identified the 55 members that completed duty crew this year.

Car 3- A/C Lansing- Chief Lansing reports if anyone is having issues with logging on to VFIS to please reach out to him ASAP. Please keep working on the courses. Please Print off your certificate and turn in to Mike.

Thanks to everyone that came out to the mutual aid fire call today on Brookview road.

Car 4- A/C Luizzi- Chief Luizzi reports to check your code in the knox box to make sure it works.

Line officers are working with Vector Solutions to perform Truck Inspections. In the future we will be rolling out run reports. The goal is to do away with all the paper and binders.

Thanks again to everyone that came out to the fire call today on Brookview Road.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NORTH STATION - Greg Reports they have a floor drain issue.

MAIN STATION - Kurt reports all ok for now.

PARK STATION - Jake reports if you use the long bay to wash your car please clean up after yourself.

An estimate will be sent to the President for repair of the heater in the truck bay.

Pizza Nites- Mike Benson Sr reports- He and Linda Cook thanked the members & Auxiliary members that came out to work on Saturday Nite the 11th. Total profit for the event was \$1,493.17 . 100 Pizzas sold, 80 orders of Wings, 31 orders of Sticks and 14 salads. Total Income-\$3090.25, less expenses \$1297.08.

It was a very busy night and the dining room was full.

Fish Fry Nites- Jake reports there will be 4 events starting on 3/28 ending on 4/19 Good Friday.

All hands on deck for the event this is a big fundraiser.

New Main Station Committee- Chris Lavin Reports- The committee is meeting on a regular basis. We have had meetings with our contractors. More to follow.

David A Cook reports that he met with the Greenbush Reformed Church and told them about our plans and they were very receptive about the project. They gave us the ok to park in the parking lot as long as no heavy equipment is parked there.

Membership Committee- David A Cook reports they have approved 1 new member Timothy Kuhn.

Election of New Members:

Timothy Kuhn

Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion to accept Tim into membership. With a second by Jake Hallenbeck.

Timothy Kuhn has been elected.

VP Lindemann swore in Timothy. Congratulations.

CHANGE OF STATUS- none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - President Cullum reports that SKYWAY Roofing has us on the schedule to perform our annual Maintenance of the North and Park once the weather breaks.

The Garage project is moving along and the electrical inspection has been completed. The interior walls are going up this week along with the doors. They will be holding up on the siding until it gets warmer. The bathrooms will be installed once it gets warmer.

No other unfinished business.....

New Business- Director Marc Iorio presents the 2025 budget and reviews the results of the 2024 budget. Marc reports we had an excellent year in fundraising .

After the review Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel to accept the 2025 budget of

Total Revenue-\$531,625- Total Expenses-\$531,625. That motion Passes.

Cont- New Business.

The President spoke about two quotes for Pest Control in the Park Station.

1st Northeast Pest Control - Startup \$399 then \$99 a month every 2 week visit.

2nd Thomas Pest Control - \$445 start up plus \$150 per month.

Pete Lehmann makes a motion 2nd by Eric Cullum to go with North East Pest Control for \$399 start and \$99 a month with two visits each month. That motion Passes.

In an effort to try to reduce the Pest issue please work to keep outside doors closed when you can.

Vice President Lindemann reviewed some of the quotes for items concerning the New Main Station Project. All of the below items were approved by the Executive Board.

1. *Spectrum Environmental Associates for Asbestos Inspection of the existing Main Station. **The cost -\$3,111. Motion by Jake Hallenbeck 2nd by Mike Benson Jr. to approve. Motion Passes.***
2. *Hart Engineering quote for all Site Planning and Engineering services for the project.*

Everyone knows Steve Hart and he has been a big supporter of our department.

David A Cook makes a motion 2nd by Chris Lavin to hire Hart Engineering for \$37,200.

3. *Wainschaf Associates- submitted a quote for the construction of a new Main Station.*

That quote came in at 3,423,106.50. This quote will most likely go up with additional furnishings or any other changes.

Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion with a 2nd by Mike Lansing to approve this quote.

That motion Passes.

President Cullum states the Kegerator at the Bar downstairs needs to be replaced. This is the original one. A new can be purchased not to exceed \$2,500.

Bob Lehmann makes a motion with a 2nd by Marc Iorio. That motion Passes.

Jake Memole makes a motion to replace some of the furniture in the Main Station not to exceed \$1,500 with a 2nd by Dawson Cimijotti. That motion Passes.

Good of the Order: -

Secretary Benson read the correspondence: A Thank You card from Mickey Jenkins and the Green Meadow PTO. Thank You from the Anchor Food Pantry.

Marc Iorio presented a letter from Andrew Riley from Columbia High School. Andrew represents Columbia Kicks Cancer Program. They are looking to do a Fundraiser and use our hall for the event.

Marc Iorio makes a motion to allow use of the hall and make a donation of \$250 towards the event . With a second by Tom Chesser. That motion Passes.

Nick Luizzi makes a motion with a second by Mike Benson Jr. to donate \$600 to East Greenbush Girls Softball. This is a complete package team sponsorship and outdoor sign.

President Cullum presented an Engraved Badge to Brad Gallotta for all his work as Bar Manager and all the other work he has completed for us. Congrats Brad! Brad Thanked everyone for the award and those members that came to visit him.

The President then gave her award for 2025 to Mike Prestipinio & Dennis Davis. Congrats Guys.

Chairman David A Cook of the Board of Commissioners Thanked the Membership for all they do.

He also announced that on Friday he signed the paperwork for two new Fire Trucks from Pierce.

Engine 9 New for 1.5 Mil. Rescue 11 New 1.6 Mil.

Mickey Jenkins & Marc Iorio spoke about a joint fundraising Idea with a Guest Speaker coming in (A Mentalist). Making it similar to Trivia Nites.

Marc makes a motion with a 2nd by Tim Boel to explore the idea and come back if it can be worked out. That Motion Passes.

As requested the awards that were presented at the Installation Banquet:

Asst. Chief Mike Benson Jr. reviewed the Awards:

Officer of the Year -Rich Hendricks

FireFighter of the Year- Dawson Cimijotti

Commissioners Presented Awards to Tom Gullo- Lifesaving Award. Tom performed CPR for over 45 minutes and assisted EMS. The Gentlemen whose Life he saved was present. Congrats Tom!!

Meritorious Award presented to Chris Dick and His Daughter Emily for coming across a fire in a residence in Grafton, NY. The Fire Chief of Grafton FD was present and spoke about Chris and Emily actions that day.Congrats Chris & Emily!!

Jim Frankowski Thanked Everyone that came out and supported his family at the Polar Plunge in honor of Casey.

Next Month's Food is Engine 8, This month's food is put on by Engine 7.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$67 - -Winner - VP Bill Lindemann i !!

With no further business,

A motion to adjourn was requested by Jake Hallenbeck with a 2nd by Joe Winnicki.

Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Duty Crew Report:

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT

DUTY CREW REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2024-DECEMBER 31, 2024

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, District Chief Forgea

Subject: Duty Crew Response, January 1, 2024- December 31, 2024

From: Mike Benson, Jr., 1st Assistant Chief

Date: January 10, 2025

Board of Fire Commissioners:

DUTY CREW STAFFING

Each week a station is assigned the duty crew. The Main Station and North Station personnel cover at least two weeks per month based on their larger roster of members, and the Park Station covers one week per month. The Duty Crew consists of at least one [1] Chief Officer, and at least three [3] crew members on the apparatus.

For this year we had 55 members participate in at least one week or parts of a week for the Duty Crew. There are numerous members that participate almost weekly when their station is assigned to the Duty Crew. The Chief's Office is gracious for any number of hours that our members dedicate to this program week after week and every year. All members are encouraged to continuously participate in the program since our members earn LOSAP points with their participation. Without the participation of our members, this program will not operate effectively.

Below are the call statistics regarding our duty crew program for the full year and separated by the first six months of the year and the final six months of the year. As you are aware our duty crew assignments are weekly and cover the hours of 2200hrs thru 0600hrs.

January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024

Duty Crew Call Data

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>January -June 2024</u>	<u>July-December 2024</u>
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<u>Fire Alarms</u>	10	9
<u>Structure Fire Dispatches</u>	1	2
<u>Traffic Accidents</u>	1	4
<u>Fuel Leaks</u>	1	0
<u>Mutual Aid Working Fires</u>	1	1
<u>Service Calls</u>	2	0
<u>EMS Assists</u>	1	2
<u>Wires Down</u>	8	0
<u>Vehicle Fires</u>	1	1
<u>Odors of Natural Gas</u>	0	2
<u>Mutual Aid/Assist</u>	0	1
Total Calls for 2024: 48	26	22

- The busiest month for the 2024 Duty Crew was in the month of March when personnel responded to 10 calls for service. Most of the duty crew calls handled in March were during the late snow and ice storm on 3/23/2024 and 3/24/2024.

2024 DUTY CREW HOURS

Duty Crew Member/Total Hours	Total LOSAP Points Awarded
***Mike Benson Jr./820 Hours	15
**Dave Albarelli/800 Hours	14
***Greg Forgea/ 765 Hours	14
***Mike Lansing/ 718 Hours	13
**Marcus Kravitz/ 698 Hours	12
Dawson Cimijotti/ 648 Hours	11

Nick DeCirce/ 578 Hours	10
**Rich Hendrick/ 566 Hours	10
Chris Lavin/ 534 Hours	9
**Cameron Poli/ 464 Hours	8
**Marc Iorio/ 464 Hours	8
**Jake Hallenbeck/ 448 Hours	8
Chuck Rossbach/ 432 Hours	8
PC Robert Lehmann/ 418 Hours	7
***Jeff Tooker/ 415 Hours	7
Mike Prestipino/ 414 Hours	7
**Jay Liuzzi/ 392 Hours	7
Frank Jenkins/ 368 Hours	6
Joseph D'Intino/ 360 Hours	6
**Jacob Memole/ 358 Hours	6
Tim Hedgepeth/ 352 Hours	6
**Bill Lindemann/ 328 Hours	6
Cody Swartout/ 326 Hours	6
**Nick Liuzzi/ 320 Hours	6
PC Rick Williams/ 320 Hours	6
**Anthony Gullo/ 295 Hours	5
Tate Tibbitts/ 280 Hours	5
Tracy Cullum/ 272 Hours	5
Bob Fish/ 264 Hours	5

Kaiden Poli/ 240 Hours	4
PC Mike Benson Sr./ 238 Hours	4
Matt Garner/ 222 Hours	4
Marcus Massaconi/ 208 Hours	4
Jonathan Smith/ 208 Hours	4
Christina Guilbo/ 200 Hours	3
**Sarah Smolinski/ 192 Hours	3
PC George Forgea/ 172 Hours	3
PC Peter Lehmann/ 168 Hours	3
Carl Schilling/ 168 Hours	3
Chris Cargain/ 144 Hours	2
Bradley Roehr/ 128 Hours	2
Nick Cullum/ 120 Hours	2
Anthony Proulx/ 112 Hours	2

Jim Frankoski/ 80 Hours	1
**Jeff Wasieleski/ 72 Hours	1
Christie Cullum/ 64 Hours	1
Emily Brown/ 56 Hours	1
Chris Dick/ 56 Hours	1
Dave P. Cook/ 56 Hours	1
James Meltz/ 48 Hours	0
**Joseph Winnicki/ 48 Hours	0

Kirk Dixon/ 40 Hours	0
Paul Benson/ 24 Hours	0
Chris Pierson/ 16 Hours	0
**Kurt Schlachter/ 16 Hours	0
Total Members Participating: 55	Total Hours: 16,040

** denotes Officer

*** denotes Chief Officer

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson, Jr.

1st Assistant Chief, Duty Crew Program Administrator

Car 2

cc. District Chief Forgea Assistant Chief Lansing, Assistant Chief Liuzzi

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



