



## EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: July 15th 2025**

**President Cullum CALLED The Meeting TO ORDER AT: 7:06 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. 60 Members in attendance.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS** Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Chris Linck 2nd by Carl Schilling. Motion Passes.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - Chris Cargain read the Report For June 30 2025** 47 Checks paid for \$77,683.05. Bills over \$500 , National Grid-\$833.24 ,SunlightGeneral-\$564.56,Diagnostic Services-\$2,851,Skyway Roofing-\$2,000,Marine Village-\$33,618,Halo-\$618.80,Key Bank-\$14,133.32,Beckers Farm-\$1081.81,Wojeski-\$2,500,All type doors-\$595,Diagnostic Services-\$985.25, Red Caps-\$2,000.

**Motion made by Pete Lehmann 2nd by Tim Boel to approve the report. Motion Passes.**

**TREASURER REPORT - Presented by PAUL BENSON**

**As of June 30th 2025** - Total Income for the Month-\$22,587.59. Total Expenses-\$89,172.93

Total of All Assets-\$399,704.96

**MOTION TO ACCEPT BY :** Tom Chesser **SECOND** by Jim Pendolino to approve the report. Motion Passed.

**VISA Card REPORT - President Cullum- Reports,**

*Charges over \$200- Carrier-\$1,106.44, refund-\$571.43 of deposit. Duffy's \$1,145.09, Pizza Jerks-\$831.66,Giuseppes-\$351.36, Market 32-\$423.97, Garrison \$850.95, Amazon \$280.79, Sams Club-\$451.90, Syracuse Mets-\$1,500, BJS-\$27.87, Amazon \$430.90.*

**Motion by Ed McCabel 2nd by Rich Hendrick Motion Passed.**

**Communications and Bills- Read by Recording Secretary under Good Of the Order.**

**REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:**

**Car 1- Chief Greg Forgea** - Thank you to everyone that has been answering calls for service. The last two weeks have been busy.

- Thank you to the members that have been participating in the duty crew program.
- I am working on getting better screening of calls for service from Rensselaer County. We are being dispatched to calls we should be dispatched to.
- Battery tools now on E9/T-11/U-11
- New turnout gear has been distributed
- New Tahoe is awaiting up fitting
- Mobile CAD training possibly in late August
- Physicals scheduled for September
- If you need a district polo please let me know
- RedNMX- This is a program that uses multiple forms of technology, issues will happen. If the system is not working please let an assistant Chief know and complete and point sheet.
- New response boards will be going up in the station.
- Thank you to those that helped out at the Pierce Road Rally event.
- Annual PM to start in Early August

**Roadwork in the following areas**

- Columbia Turnpike from Troy Rd to the 9&20 split
- Town of East Greenbush is paving multiple roads in our response area
- Fiberoptic crew working on Taylor Estates and Hays Rd
- All rail traffic on the Boston line has been suspended

**Car 2- A/C Benson Mike Benson Jr.** - The drill schedule for July-September 2025 was sent on IAR and uploaded to the events

calendar on June 20 th .

-Drill next week on July 22nd is extrication tool use at the Park Station. Truck 11 has been requested to Nassau FD for a water supply drill so they will attend that drill next week. Car 1 and Car 4 will also attend that drill. July 29 th is a Hose Line Advancement & F.A.S.T Drill to close

out the month.

- The county is requesting our F.A.S.T Team for the BEFO/IFO blended learning class on 7/24/25 at the tower from 12pm-4pm. The county has also requested an Engine for the BEFO/IFO blended learning class on July 28 th from 8:15am-11:30am. If you can assist with either request, please let me know after the meeting. I sent a message this past Friday morning on July 11 th .

- Physicals are scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 th , from 10:00am-8:00pm. The last physicals will be at 7:00pm.

- Jan-June 2025 Duty Crew Report. We have had 49 members participate in the program so far this year. The Duty Crew has handled 25 calls for the first six months. The busiest months for the Duty Crew were in April and May. We had seven calls each during those months. (Attached is the full report in a PDF format to be entered into the actual minutes, which includes the specific call data and hours of each member)

## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **DUTY CREW REPORT**

**JANUARY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2025**

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, District Chief Forgea

Subject: Duty Crew Response, January 1, 2025- June 30, 2025

From: 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, Mike Benson, Jr.

Date: July 11, 2025

Board of Fire Commissioners:

Below is the report regarding our duty crew program for the first six months of 2025 covering the time period of January 1, 2025- June 30, 2025. As you are aware our duty crew assignments are weekly and cover the hours of 2200hrs-0600hrs. \*\*April and May were the busiest months for the 2025 duty crew thus far. Duty Crew members handled seven (7) calls each for April and May.

### January-June 2025 Duty Crew Call Data

<b>Call Nature</b>	<b>January-June 2025</b>
Fire Alarms	6
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	4
Traffic Accidents	3
Structure Fire Dispatches	2
F.A.S.T Dispatches-WSLFD	2
EMS Assists	2
F.A.S.T. Dispatches-WFD	1
Chimney Fires	1
Mutual Aid-Rens FD	1
Outside Smoke Inv.	1
Brush Fires	1
Water Problems	1
<b>Member Participation: 49</b>	<b>Total Calls= 25</b>

### DUTY CREW STAFFING

Each week a station is assigned to 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 the first six (6) months of this year we have had **49 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 assigned 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 consistently each month. All members are encouraged to continuously participate in the program since our members earn LOSAP points with their participation.

The **49 members** that have participated in the duty crew for the first six months of this year are listed below along with their total hours covering Jan 2025-June 2025:

<u>Firefighter</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Mike Lansing***	414 Hours
Dave Albarelli**	406 Hours
Dan Merckx	394 Hours
Christina Guilbo	352 Hours
Nick Liuzzi***	342 Hours
Nick DeCirce**	338 Hours
Frank Jenkins	324 Hours
Bill Lindemann**	318 Hours
Greg Forgea***	314 Hours
Marcus Kravitz**	298 Hours
Jim Meltz	284 Hours
Chris Lavin	280 Hours
Mike Benson Jr.***	275 Hours
Dave P. Cook	268 Hours

Will Schwab	268 Hours
Mike Prestipino	236 Hours
Tim Hedgepeth	228 Hours
Jake Hallenbeck**	224 Hours
Jay Liuzzi**	212 Hours
Cam Poli**	208 Hours
Marc Iorio	208 Hours

Tracy Cullum	168 Hours
Tim Kuhn	168 Hours
Emma Gill	168 Hours
Cody Swartout**	160 Hours
Rick Williams	144 Hours
Rich Hendrick**	126 Hours
Dawson Cimijotti	116 Hours
Anthony Gullo**	109 Hours
Chuck Rossbach	104 Hours
Bob Lehmann	96 Hours
Pete Lehmann	96 Hours
Kaiden Poli**	92 Hours
Kurt Schlachter**	74 Hours
Jim Frankoski	72 Hours
Marc Smallwood	60 Hours
Mike Benson Sr.	56 Hours
Chris Cargain	56 Hours
Joe Winnicki**	56 Hours
Jesse Frankoski	56 Hours

Jeff Tooker	52 Hours
Jeff Wasilieski	52 Hours
Andrew Roehr	48 Hours
Chris Dick	45 Hours
Sarah Smolinski**	42 Hours

Jon Smith	36 Hours
Tim Boel	24 Hours
Chris Pierson	24 Hours
George Forgea	16 Hours
<b>Total Members: 49</b>	<b>Total Hours: 8,985</b>

\*\* denotes Officer

\*\*\* denotes Chief Officer

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benson, Jr.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief/Duty Crew Program Administrator  
Car 2

**Reports-Car 3- A/C Mike Lansing- Reports-** Great job to all F/F that did the bale out. Thanks to everyone that participated in the dress parade in Lake George. When responding to calls make sure you are driving safely and following all traffic laws. Don't cut off any of the Joe Q Public on your way to the firehouse.

**Car 4- A/C Nick Luizzi-** Chief notes PM Maintenance will be coming up shortly if you have any issues on the truck make sure it goes into Vector solutions and report to the Chain of Command.

**Chairman Cook of the BOFC reports-** There will be a special meeting with the fire commissioners and the board of directors of the fire company next monday the 21st at 7 pm.

**Other Officers -** Foreman Rich Hendrick notes that anyone who rides truck 11 to take a look around the truck because many tools have been moved from the original location.

**Auxiliary Report-** President Mickey Jenkins reports that the vendor Fair will be held on 11/1/2025. If you know of any vendors that might be interested in a table please let her know.

**Member Reports-** Life Member and Past Director Chris Linck took the floor and thanked everyone for all the support he got during his Rehab. Chris said he got a lot of advice along the way and it made him feel good with all the support we gave him. Glad to have you back Chris!!!

***REPORT OF COMMITTEES***

**NORTH STATION -** all ok- Block work should start next week by All Phase Chimney and Block.

**MAIN STATION -** all ok

**PARK STATION -** all ok.

**Building Use Report:**

President Cullum reports Pavillion rentals for June were \$3,500.

**Motion by Rich Hendrick to accept the report with a 2nd by Jesse Frankowski.**

**Mike Benson Sr. reports the Following Dates:**

**Life Members Day 9/7/25 invites to be sent out.**

**Pizza Nite- Saturday 9/13/25. This starts the new season.**

**Jeep Jam** - Jake Hallenbeck reports that the event on 7/4 was a success and Thanks to the members that came out to help him. He will have a full report next month. Jake did note that food sales were over \$600.

**New Main Station Committee-** Chris Lavin reports the project is moving along. We should have 90% of the plans by the end of next week. Steve Hart is working with us to get the planning board and town board final approval. Bill Lindemann reports that we need a water flow test done on the property and has found a vendor that will donate their services to perform the test. This would have cost us around \$500.

**Golf Outing-** Mike Prestipino reports the Golf Outing preparation has started. There will be a short meeting right after our meeting tonite in the back of the Pavillion.

**Tunnels to Tower 5k** - Marc Iorio reports registration is now open. The date is 9/28/25.

**Convention 2025-** Greg Forgea reports that we did well in our scoring. Our score for the parade went up. Thanks to everyone that came out and paraded.

The next parade is 7/26 in Mellenville, NY in Columbia County. Step off is 3pm.

We have been invited to participate and it is a judged parade. More details to follow.

**Proposals for Membership- None**

**Six Month Probation: Tim Kuhn**

**Rich Hendricks motions to approve full membership Second by Jesse Frankowski. That motion passes.**

**Rich Hendricks makes a motion with a 2nd by Jake Hallenbeck to grant a college absence to Kylie Cronkite. That motion passes.**

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none***

***New Business-***

***Grinder Pump-***

***The downstairs grinder pump in the park station needs to be replaced. The quote is for \$3,380 from George Laplante. Jake Hallenbeck makes a motion with a 2nd by Dawson Cimijotti. That motion passes.***

***Pavilion Picnic tables-***

*President Cullum reports that the committee of Directors Jeff Wasileski and Jay Luizzi have reported back after a lot of research a vendor has been selected. President Cullum notes that the tables are the originals from when we built the pavilion over 20 years ago.*

***Jeff Wasileski makes a motion to purchase 22 8 ft tables of premium lumber and 2 ADA complaint tables. The vendor is Shot Gun and Wildflower from Schaghticoke, NY. The contact is Ben Akin. second by Rich Hendrick. That motion Passes.***

***No other new business.***

***Good of the Order: -***

*Chief Forgea reports on a new program that is open to all Juniors at the age of 16.*

*A joint program from the Rensselaer, Defreestville and East Greenbush Fire Departments. It would be run similar to the Boces Program. Please see Chief Forgea for further details.*

***Secretary Benson reports the following:***

***A letter was read for Boy Scout Troop 41 from our member Chris Pierson Asst. Scoutmaster. Looking for a donation to help defray the cost of a weeklong trip. RP Smith makes a motion with a 2nd by Jesse Frankowski to donate \$600. That motion passes.***

***A letter was read from Hudson Valley FF Assoc.- Looking for a donation for Firefighters Day at the Hudson Home on Sunday 9/28/25.***

***Tim Boel makes a motion to donate \$100 with a 2nd by Jake Hallenbeck to the event. That motion passes.***

*A letter was read from Firematic thanking us for the help in the Pierce Road Rally. A donation of \$725 was also sent with the letter. Chief Forgea thanked the members that assisted him during the event.*

*Food this evening was provided by the Auxiliary with a big Thank You by the President. Clean up provided by the Fire Police. The Auxiliary will assist in August as well.*

***50/50 AMOUNT: \$62 - -Winner -Rick Williams - Congrats Rick !!***

*With no further business,*

***A motion to adjourn was requested by Jake Hallenbeck with a 2nd by David A Cook.***

***Motion Passed.***

***The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.***

***Minutes recorded and submitted to the membership by Michael J Benson Sr.***



