



EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 16,2025

President Cullum CALLED The Meeting TO ORDER AT: 7:02 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 Recording Secretary Mike Benson. **57 Members in attendance.**

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS Month's Meeting, sent via email . Motion by Pete Lehmann 2nd by Ed McCabe. Motion Passes.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - Paul Benson read the Report For August 2025 .47 Checks paid for \$48,694.75. Bills over \$500 - Crown Cleaners-\$1,654.95,George LaPlante-\$2,905, Bank Of Greene County-\$1,409.67Ben Akin-\$4,750, Red Caps-\$2,000,Gettysburg Flag-\$513.80,All Phase-\$18,450, One Craft-\$1,200, Sunlight General-\$698.61, Bill Lindemann-\$600,Chris Cargain \$600,Tracy Cullum-\$1,100, Paul Benson-\$600, Spectrum-\$844.58,Galls-\$4471.54, Diagnostic Services-\$1,442.75.

Motion made by Chris Linck 2nd by Tom Kennedy to approve the report. Motion Passes. TREASURER REPORT - Presented by PAUL BENSON

As of August 30th 2025 -

Total Income for the Month-\$ 10,845.517- Total Expenses-\$52,860.71.

Total of All Assets-\$392,592.52.

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

VISA Card REPORT - President Cullum- Reports,

Charges over \$200- Home Depot-\$715.88,\$517.88,Sherwin Williams \$239.76, Discount Mugs-\$244.08.

Motion by Carl Schilling 2nd by Jake Hallenbeck Motion Passed.

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

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Car 1- Chief Greg Forgea-

Thanks to the Commissioners for our Dinner this evening. The Board appreciates everything you do; this is a small token of that appreciation.

Greg thanked Mike Benson Sr for 50 years of service. Mike was presented with a 50 year badge at Life Members Day. Thanks again Mike for your active service with many years to come.

We took 1st place for Best Out of County for the Greene County Parade. Thanks to those members who marched in the parade.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Tanker drill last week. The chief's office was able to get some real data to use for our Box Alarms.

Vehicle maintenance is still ongoing- Engine 8 is out now . When it returns engine 9 goes out and 8 will replace it in the Park Station until 9 is completed.

Physicals are Wednesday - you need 10% of calls to have a physical.

We are having a few issues in town with the knox boxes which we are working through.

Please check out the Response Boards in the stations. They all have been updated.

Fast Response for West Sand Lake E-7 & E-8 go to the scene with no standby.

With all the dry weather and a lack of rain the state may call for a burn ban again.

Car 2&3- Mike Lansing reporting for himself and Asst. Chief Benson-

If you have any issues with the paperwork or the times of the Physicals please reach out.

Many Pub Ed events scheduled for October. They are all in I Am Responding . If you can assist please reach out.

On 10/18 is a short parade at the Firemen's Home. More details to follow as it gets closer.

Make sure to bring your mask to the fit test.

Car 4- Nick Luizzi reports- there is a BIFO-IFO Fast team needed for Sat 11/8-8am-2pm at the Training Tower. Might be less time. Please reach out to Nick if you are available.

Chairman David Cook Of BOFC- Thanked the membership for all the help with calls, drills etc. We hope you enjoyed the meal.

Commissioner Lehmann and Chief Forgea spoke about the gift for today, a small rescue knife with the district logo. Thanks for all you do.

Commissioner Mike Benson Sr.- Reported on Red Alert it has been about 1 year since we started. One note- only sign in for the event that you are at. If you sign in for a function that you are not at is fraud.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Building Use Report -none

House Committees all reporting no issues.

Pizza Nite- Total profit for the event was \$1,529.47. We had total income of \$3,365 less expenses -\$1,535.53. 91 pizzas sold which was a record number for Sept. 78 orders of wings, another record. 31 mozzarella sticks and 11 salads. Thanks to the members that assisted setting up and helping during the event. Thank You to the members that bought food from the event. Thank You to Sue Benson of the Auxiliary for a record number of placemat advertisers. We raised \$1,350 for that alone. We will spread that amount over the next few events. The next event is Saturday October 18th.

Golf Outing- Mike Prestipino reports that sponsor checks are coming in. The Golfers roster is set. We will need anyone that can work at the event. If you are available please let Mike know.

We will be meeting at 7:15 am at the North Station.

New Main Station Committee-

Bill Lindemann reports there will be an open comment meeting on October 8th. Then the Town will likely approve at the next Board meeting. We got the contractor price breakdown which came in at 4.6 Million. Wainschaff will do some value engineering and look to bring our cost down to 4.1 million. President Cullum reports our groundbreaking will be pushed back into October.

Life Members Day -Mike Benson Sr reports- on 9/7 we had about 55 life members in attendance. We had a nice BBQ by Jason from Bernie's Blue line. I was honored with my 50 years of Service Badge. Thanks to the Committee Linda Cook , Mickey Jenkins and myself for a nice event.

Tunnel to Towers - Past President Iorio reports that the race will be held on Sunday September 28th. There still is still time to enter. There will be a short meeting after this meeting in the back of the Pavillion.

Trivia Nite- Marc Iorio reports the next trivia nite is 11/14.

Proposals for Membership

Lincoln Gipson

Michael Battenfeld

Both prospective members have been approved by our membership committee.

Election of New Members- Mike Benson Jr. makes a motion to approve Lincoln Gipson. There was a second by Jake Hallenbeck. That motion passes.

Jeff Wasileski makes a motion with a second by Marcus Kravitz to approve Michael Battenfeld. That motion passes.

Michael & Lincoln are then sworn into membership by VP Lindemann. Congratulations to our newest members!!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

New Business-

Joe Winnicki makes a motion with a second by Anthony Gullo to purchase new cameras for the Park Station and North Station aprons for \$4,864. That motion passes.

Good of the Order: - *Anthony Gullo makes a motion with a second by Jake Hallenbeck to donate \$600 to Breast Cancer Walk for Jen Lansing Team. That motion passes.*

Chief Forgea reports he will be collecting \$235 for the June 2026 convention starting in October.

He also reports to mark your calendar for 8/7 Friday Nite for a parade in Ossining. More to report at a later date.

Secretary Correspondence- *Thank You letter was read from Team Red Knights for the donation we gave for the ride for 911 Foundation.*

A Thank You card was received from Mickey Jenkins for our donation during her recovery. The secretary asked Mickey if she would read her card. Thanks Mickey and best wishes on your recovery!!

A Thank You card was read from the Boys Scouts for our donation to the Troop. Member Chris Pearson is the Scout Master for Troop #41.

50/50 AMOUNT: \$69 - -Winner -Marc Smallwood

With no further business,

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Recording Secretary *Mike Benson Sr.*

