



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

ROLL CALL

Date: 1/12/2022

20	Steve Mroczek	60	Absent
30	Shirley Quidas	70	Absent
40	Holley Guschke	80	Dennis & Corky Starkey
50	Megan Thorton, Jimmy Eason	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Phil Starkey, Bill Keswick, Dan Tarrant, Dawn Starkey	Chief's Committee	Sonny Jones
Guests	Richard Smith, MSFA; Ken Busch, MD Tax Incentive	R&R	

President Starkey asked for the minutes from the December meeting to be read. Steve Mroczek motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as distributed, Shirley Quidas seconded, minutes approved.

GUESTS

Richard Smith, MSFA –

- Weekly Newsletter came out today.
- If County Association making a change for their meetings, please let executive director know. Convention still being planned for June, three candidates for 2nd Vice President. Suggest TCVFRA vote in favor of Skip, he is from the eastern shore.
- SAFER part time position is still open, contact Executive Director.
- Legislative Session has started, there are 200 pre-filed House Bills and 220 pre-filed Senate Bills. Will be there to give testimony on SB122-Income Tax Subtraction Bill. Looking to take the volunteer service in year 2022 to \$10,000, beyond 2022 they are looking for 5 year increments up to \$15,000. SB 130 keeping an eye on that. Looking at presumption bill – has to do with cancer looking for someone to look at verbiage.
- Changing the name of the MSFA, this was originally brought up three years ago by members of the legislature. Committee unanimously approved changing from Firemen to Firefighter as to not change the acronym. Will be on ballot for membership to vote on. He suggests that Talbot County vote Firefighter.
- Loss of Revenue – submitted to State, even if you didn't submit last year go ahead and submit this year.

Ken Busch, MD Tax Incentive –

- MD Tax Subtraction for 2021 is \$6,500.
- Need information into Ken by 2/15/2022. First, Last name; SSN; Years of service; has at least 3 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$20,000.00
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 2,159.20
Training	\$ 8,975.00

Admin	\$ 2,000.00
Checking:	\$11,587.12
CD	\$15,177.82

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report. Asked how many students were in Career Tech? 1-Easton and 2-Cordova. Invoice for Quicken is due, it's \$78. Steve Mroczek motioned to pay, Corky Starkey seconded, Delegates voted, motion approved. Budget was sent out to the companies, need that information back before the end of January.

DES

- EM Division continues to support the Health Department with COVID, gone to KN95 masks.
- EMS – process of hiring EMS Division Chief, hope to announce early next week.
- Due to increase of COVID cases started a new time capture, patient transfer. November 17th it was 31 minutes to hand off, yesterday January 11th it crested at 3 hours. Monitoring closely, trying to do different things to help combat.
- Moving spare unit into hospital
- Ultrasound Program – starting the training how to do safely with COVID.
- 3 full time paramedic positions open.
- Winterfest going virtual – anticipate in person next year.
- Communication – made it through beginning of pandemic very well, been hit extremely hard this round.
- Acting as hospital status for DE hospitals. Caroline and Dorchester transport to DE regularly, they asked Talbot to assist.
- Have taken soil samples at the Cordova location for substation, they are starting with design on building, looking to break ground in October.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

- Sonny is coordinating with disposal of foam. Prohibited to use foam containing PFA. Sent email to all companies for total gallons from each. Spoke with MDE, it won't be cheap. Oxford, St Michaels, Tilghman have 1,000 – 1,500 gallons, going to dispose of all Class B and start with new.
- All absorbent at Black & Decker if you need to pick up let Brian know. If during day they have people that can help, if weekend they can pull it out and have ready for you.
- DE is going to take one of the sprinkler trailers. They were a gift to us; one should be gone in about a month.
- Meeting next Wednesday, January 19th.

R&R –

- Need to get this going again and need someone to oversee it.
- Kyle at Lightning Customs is working on banners.
- Shirts for each company are here tonight, take back to your company to distribute.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Sonny Jones presented the Association with a proposal from Easton Fire company to use the R&R funds. He stated there is approximately \$20,000 in that budget and that last year we did not spend that. Furthermore, we only have 5 months left in this year and have not spent it again this year. Easton is requesting funding for R&R for their station for standardized non dress uniforms. They are requesting allocation of funds from County R&R to fund their initiative. Concerns of the association were that this proposal takes half the funds for one company. Five years ago we gave each company \$1,000 to

buy shirts and hats. Take Easton's proposal back to your companies and association will vote at February meeting.

- Chief Engineer Committee has been a sub committee of the Chief Committee and will be brought up at the Chief Committee. They will report directly to the Chief's and can't spend money without prior approval.
- \$5,000 Homestead toward settlement – will get the information and submit with our budget.
- Hose testing – asked about instituting as regular line item in budget.
- Going to submit change to LOSAP. Currently Talbot County says you can not draw from two LOSAP programs, it doesn't specify that means counties. Easton and St Michaels both have capability to draw from another LOSAP program.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- No decision on banquet.
- 30- No banquet; 1/17 soup day; 1/30 Kids Bingo
- 40- No decision on banquet.
- 50- No banquet; Megan Thorton new Delegate
- 60- No banquet; groundbreaking yesterday on new training ground. Full service like MFRI in Centreville. Training ground not just for Easton, open to any company, Easton responsible for maintaining it. If transfer to Easton for any reason must wear KN95 mask while there. Bingo canceled till further notice.
- 70- No report.
- 80- Elections in December; Awards ceremony members only; Gun Raffle off MD lottery in February.

Get Officers sheets back into Dawn.

Discussion of the next meeting being in person or virtual – association decided to leave up to the discretion of the President at that time.

The next meeting is a regular meeting, February 9, 2022, at Queen Anne-Hillsboro.

Steve Mroczek motioned to adjourn; Jimmy Eason seconded; meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Starkey

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Secretary, TCVFRA