

Oxford Volunteer Fire Company  
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company  
St Michaels Volunteer Fire Department

Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue  
Association

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.  
Easton Volunteer Fire Company  
Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company  
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

December 9, 2020

The regular meeting was called to order by President Phil Starkey at 1900 hours at Easton Volunteer Fire Company.

Roll call of Officers: President present, Vice President was present, Treasurer was present, Secretary was present, Chief's Committee was absent, R&R Committee was present.

Roll call of Companies: Station 20 present, 30 present, 40 present, 50 present, 60 present, 70 present, 80 present.

President Starkey asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Dan Mautz, Station 40, motioned to waive the reading of the minutes as everyone received them via email prior to meeting, Dennis Starkey, Station 80 seconded members voted motion approved.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

#### ***MSFA – Bob Phillips***

- Tag Application – There is a tag application being put on the website.
- Reports – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports, September-December 2020, any losses turn in report and at the bottom be sure to note if you received funds from your County.
- MSFA Convention – June 19-24, 2020.

#### ***MD State Delegate – John Mautz***

- Thanked companies for all their hard work and asked to send his praises back to all members.
- More federal money coming. He has told the Governor's Chief of Staff that this has been a big problem for the volunteer fire companies. The County's stepping up and helping the fire companies has been great.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

R&R	\$40,000.00
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$20,000.00
Admin	\$ 1,500.00

Checking:	\$10,632.19
CD	\$15,055.41

In January we discussed that the Association was considered Not in Good Standing with the State. In trying to rectify this it has been discovered that the association has three EIN numbers. Our current EIN is not on the bank account. Dan is working with the bank to get this taken care of. We are in good standing with the State and he is working to get the Federal straight now.

Dan read the bills to be paid, Tim of Oxford motioned to pay the bills, Randy of Cordova seconded. 20-y, 30-y, 40-y, 50-y, 60-y, 70-y, 80-y.

## **COMMITTEES**

### ***Chief Committee –***

- They have not met due to COVID.

### ***R&R – Danielle Hayes***

- Let the chiefs know if anyone has taken a class 20 hours or more, as long as the class is completed to please let R&R know.
- Randy stated the banner at Station 50 is looking pretty bad and would like to see if we can get it replaced. Danielle asked if it was known where they were originally done, it was suggested she check with Tom DaFitta.

### ***Hall of Fame – Tim Boyle, Station 20***

- Hall of Fame was held last week at Talbot Center. Plaques will be at the courthouse on Friday. Ceremony turned out well.
  - Ron Anderson – Station 20
  - JD Patrick – Station 40

### ***By Laws – Dawn Lange***

- If the By Laws need to be submitted to the State as part of our being in Good Standing, we need to find who has a digital copy of the most recent set. The only copy Dawn has is a hard copy and there is an addition that needs to be added to the By Laws concerning the approval of not having a meeting in August. It's believed that Connie Greenhawk may have a copy, Tim Boyle will ask her.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ken Bush sent extra copies of the MSFA Tax Incentive paperwork. He also stated he will need company members qualifying for the 2020 tax reduction by February 15, 2021.
- Banquet for 2021 – companies have postponed their banquets at this time.
- Elections – There were no offices being contested. The Secretary cast a vote for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. Delegate John Mautz swore in the officers.
  - There is no Secretary. Dawn Lange, the 2020 Secretary, will continue in office until a new Secretary can be found.

## **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 20- Bake sale online – pick up Saturday.
- 30- Nothing to report.
- 40- Merry Christmas.
- 50- Safe and Happy Holidays to all.
- 60- C.R. Chance is the new Chief. Santa Run on Sunday.

70- Doing a Santa Run.

80- Facebook Raffle going on till December 12<sup>th</sup>; 50/50 involved in that as well. Gun Raffle ticket sales going on now, raffle in February.

Budget meeting coming up, look for information in January.

Talbot County grant CARES money deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business Dan Mautz, Station 40 motioned to adjourn, Randy Satchell, Station 50 seconded.

The next meeting will be an executive meeting on 1/13/2021 at 7:00 p.m. location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn Lange*

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Secretary, TCVFRA