

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

March 11, 2020

The executive meeting was opened by President Phil Starkey at 1900 hours.

Roll call of Officers: All present

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

Pledge to the flag.

President Starkey asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Randy Satchell, Station 50 motioned to waive the reading of the minutes as everyone received a paper copy, Steve Mroczek, Station 20 seconded members voted motion approved.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Clay Stamp, Talbot County Emergency Services – Continuing to go through the budget; put the third Paramedic Unit in place, and it is helping; very busy helping Public Health regarding the Coronavirus.

Corey Pack, County Council –

- Spoke briefly to the Council being briefed by Talbot County's Public Health Officer regarding the Coronavirus as well as Clay briefing them on the preparation side of it for emergency services.
- Asked the companies to allow the Council to bring up to the Council the individuals to be given a plaque to each of the companies' fire fighter of the year. After much discussion it was suggested to have a plaque to hang in the courthouse and give individual a certificate. President Starkey asked if there was a motion for the Talbot County Council to honor each company's fire fighter of the year. Dennis Starkey, Station 80 motioned that there be a single plaque with the year, and the seven individuals' names, in addition the individuals receive a certificate from the County Council noting the year and their name as fire fighter of the year, Debby Sweet, Station 70 seconded. 20-y, 30-y, 40-absent, 50-y, 60-y, 70-y, 80-y. Motion passed. Corey asked that the Association get him the names and stations at our earliest convenience and then they will get the plaque and set a date for a formal presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Balance</u>
R&R	\$32,785.05
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$15,500.00
Admin	\$ 1,432.51

Checking: \$10,469.00
CD \$14,819.94

President Starkey spoke to Greg Whitby, he was Treasurer for TCVFRA at one time and he works at an Accountant's office. He would be agreeable to setting down with the Treasurer after the tax season is over.

COMMUNICATION

President Starkey asked if anyone remembered a purchase in June 2019 in the amount of \$1,236.46 under R&R? Talbot County Finance is looking to issue the Association a check to replace one that was never cashed; therefore, they need to reissue the check. A form must be filled out, and the only thing the finance office could tell him was that it was from Josh and it was for R&R. Dan Tarrant will look into the files the previous Treasurer gave him.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee – Sonny Jones, Chief of Easton – at their meeting they had a guest from the State Fire Marshall's Office, Karen McMann did a presentation on services the Fire Marshall's Office offers. Dorchester County will be the primary response agency on the Maulkus Bridge with Trappe providing support as needed. Active 911 deployment has begun, has a message Jared Royer, Active 911 training March 19th at Station 50. Have been working on Engine standards, he will send to Secretary so they can be distributed by email to each of the companies and provide input. Training dates for the Elementary Schools in Easton, one in April and one in June, will reach out to companies. Thanked the County in allowing us the opportunity for this.

R&R – Danielle Hayes, Committee Chair, stated Evan is working on a calendar of when the committee will be visiting each of the stations. Still working on the trailer, Bill Keswick is working with both high schools graphic arts teachers; each school will design one side. Will be doing Talbot 4 H Fair, Saturday will be set as First Responder Day and we will be doing the challenge course again it will be on July 11th. Will be participating in the Easton High School Career Fair in April. Randy asked about Chesapeake College and Danielle said she will reach out to them about their Career Day and other private schools.

By Laws – Dawn Lange, stated we need to meet to discuss the August meeting, as it stands right now there has been discussion of the August meeting not being held and that the By Laws were changed in 2019 to remove the August meeting every year. However, we have been unable to find any copy of the By Laws that say that or any minutes where that was voted on. Randy Satchell, Station 50 motioned to not have a meeting this year in August, Steve Mroczek, Station 20 seconded. 20-y, 30-y, 40-absent, 50-y, 60-y, 70-y, 80-y. Motion passed. Dawn stated that Dennis Starkey sent Dawn via email all the minutes from last year; she will look through them and see if she can find anything.

OLD BUSINESS

President Starkey presented the budget to the County Council, he thanked everyone that came out to be present.

President Starkey attended the Chief's Committee meeting where he talked to them about the \$5,000 Foam Allotment. In the past in the minutes it's recorded that they have purchased absorbent. There is foam on hand and none of the money budgeted for foam was spent last year so he suggested purchasing absorbent. The Chief's agreed to repurpose what the foam budget is used for and use it to purchase absorbents they are all currently paying for absorbents out of their own company budgets. Currently looking into riding the State of Maryland's contract with MDE.

Bill Keswick said that Doyle Cox got back to him regarding MSFA credentials and whose were still outstanding, they are Station's 30, 40, 50 and 60. If you could please get those in it would be appreciated.

President Starkey reported that Angela Lane made the Tax Referendum Committee's recommendation to the County Council. Corey thanked Phil and the Association for their help with this.

Vickie Thorton, Station 50, questioned the Queen not receiving a check. President Starkey said they would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

No report

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, 3/12/2020.
- 30- Chicken BBQ at Easton Airport 4/5/2020; Sub Sale 4/21/2020; Fair 6/25, 26 & 27/2020.
- 40- No Report
- 50- Spaghetti Dinner 3/20/2020; Grocery Bingo 4/6/2020; Kids Bingo & Bake Sale 4/9/2020.
- 60- Stop, Drop and Run 5K 4/25/2020.
- 70- Chicken BBQ 3/11/2020; Turkey Shoot 3/12/2020.
- 80- Texas Hold 'Em 3/21/2020; Grocery Bingo 3/23/2020; Annual Dinner 4/19/2020.

Danielle Hayes reminded everyone that Recruitment and Retention weekend April 18 and 19. Please take back to your station; in the past the companies have done something like an Open House, if your company does something like that the R&R Committee has it in their budget to reimburse the company.

There being no further business Randy Satchell, Station 50 motioned to adjourn, Steve Mroczek, Station 20 seconded.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting in Easton on 4/8/2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Lange

Dawn Lange
Secretary, TCVFRA