

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

## Special Budget Meeting 11.3.22- TCVFRA Budget meeting for Company Presidents and Treasures

### Roll Call

President	x	
Vice President		
Treasurer	x	
Station	President	Treasurer
20	x	x
30	x	x
40	x	
50	x	x
60	x	x
70	x	x
80	x	x

President Keswick began the meeting with an outline of the budget process and timeline as well as and the importance of departments sending requested information in a timely manner. Additional discussions were held of the importance of educating the incoming council, Chris Thomas was asked to provide a replacement cost for the services he association members provide.

Dan Tarrant discussed the data that will be collected. Information request will be sent out on 12/3/22 with a return date of the January meeting of the association. Dan then reviewed the old demographic data.

Chris Thomas (St 40) started a discussion thread on comparing the change in the cost of living to the change in cost of operations

The question was put out about what % increases we should seek in operational funding: the agreement in the room was 25%

Chris Hash (St 60) recommended making a capital unding request similar to the 508 structure.

Starkey shared the details of a discussion with Clay Stamp:

- Phil brought up some of the ideas such as a fuel allotment. Clay indicated that

it would be better to have a larger operating budget than a line itemed budget.

- The County Council has a copy of the property tax easement plan. This plan cannot go into effect this year but will possibly work in 2024. A request will be made of the Council to sign off on incorporating this going forward.
- The issue of the \$5000 contribution to closing cost for first time homeowners just needs to council approval.

Phil then brought up some ideas from the Chief's committee

- Hose testing currently is paid out of the burn fund. There is only one more year's worth of funding remaining in the burn fund, asked to have that added as a line item.
- Chiefs committee would like to ask for funding to cover pump testing as well.

There was a discussion of the workman's comp plan. The Chiefs Committee would like the county to assume workman's comp for all of the departments in the county

President from station 40 clarified that the discussion was directed on the non-members such as a member of 70 responding to 40 not being covered responding to the station and returning home.

The County will replace and dispose of all of the foam. It will come out of capital money.

Phil proposed that TCVFRA request a 15% increase.

Station 60 recommended that TCVFRA split the R&R money to equal allotments for each department. This would allow each department to do something that meets their needs.

Station 40 discussed the need for more countywide drills. Pressed for a greater training budget.

It was shared that there should not be an expectation of an increase for loss of revenue.

Final requests:

15% increase in operation budgets

\$40,000 for testing.

\$10,000 training

\$21,000 R&R

Stations were asked to return budget forms and credential forms

Adjourned 7:39

Respectfully Submitted,

*William Keswick*

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