

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

ROLL CALL

Date: 2/8/2023

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts, Sonny Jones
30	Nick Newnam, Evan Roe	70	Chris Hood
40	Dan Mautz	80	Doreen Riggs
50	Jimmy Eason	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mroczek, Dan Tarrant and Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	Graham Norbury
Guests	Bob Phillips, Doyle Cox	R&R	Absent

President Keswick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance.

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the January meeting to be read. Tim Knotts made a motion for minutes to be accepted.

President Keswick thanked all the fire departments who sent representative to the Meet and Greet with the County Council earlier this evening. Everyone believes it was well received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R \$19,700.00
Career Tech \$ 4,496.00
Foam \$ 5,000.00
Training \$ 9,270.21
Admin \$ 2,000.00
Checking: \$11,293.33
CD \$15, 253.70

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion made/2nd/Passed to approve paying the bill for the TCFRA Website in the amount of \$75.00.

Thank you to everyone who sent the data request information needed for the Council Budget hearing/ as of meeting no response from Station 80, and more information needed from Station 30.

Brian LeCates- TCDES

- Mary's Court is moving forward and will be going out to bid for construction.
- FYI 24 Budget submitted to the County Council
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- EM Division held it's first CERT Class since COVID; next class will be in March
- Emergency Operations Plan is being worked on// outside agency University MD Homeland Security
- Hiring Process underway for 2 paramedics as the Department had 2 retire
- 911 Division Cut-Live with Next Gen 911; everything went well with the cutover.

Bob Phillips- MSFA Executive

- If you are not receiving the MSFA Newsletter, please contact Mr. Phillips and he will put you on the email chain
- Still taking applications for low interest loans
- Town Hall Meetings are occurring throughout the state in regard to the MSFA name change; as of right now there are no meetings scheduled for the Eastern Shore

Doyle Cox- MSFA Secretary

- Make sure each department sends in their credentials for the Ocean City Convention. If they are not sent it, the Department will not be able to vote. You can do this by going to the MSFA website.
- Voting will be changed this year and will be an easier process- is a new program that has been vetted- chief delegate will be the one making the votes- if interested in serving on a committee
- Dave Lewis is putting on a It's OK to say no, I'm not OK- Sudlersville Fire Department

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Graham Norbury, Station 20

- Water Rescue Meeting with Talbot Center, Coast Guard, and DNR will be held on February 15th
- Talbot Center and the Fire Chiefs are working on efforts to reduce radio traffic and possibly changing some radio channels around
- The Engineer working group would like to purchase Draft site signs- about 30 signs and the cost would be around \$1,000

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- Not present
- President Keswick announced the RR Committee is looking for a representative for each department to be on the committee. The County has given \$21,000 to spend by June-
- MACO is doing a study and looking for funding from state to complete a survey on RR and what works and what doesn't work- want to look at property tax subtraction, housing, LOSAP, incentives,

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business reported.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget due yesterday- FY 24 Budget for TCFRA was turned in; waiting on Budget Hearing Dates

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Sunday Breakfast 2/12 ; Oxford Day in April- New Ambulance may present for that day; Boat will come in the spring; Fire Department Banquet 3/31
- 30- Station 30 has put together a committee for a new fire engine

- Soup Sale will be held on 2/20
- 40- Banquet will be held 2/18
 - Flea Market will be held on 4/1
 - E45 is a work in progress/ Production Pictures available online.
 - 50- New Engine Committee will be going to Sutphin on 2/20 for Pre-Meeting
 - 60- Stews and Brews will be held on 2/18- projected to sell out
 - 5K will be held in April; more information will follow with date.
 - 70- Banquet ³/₄
 - Bingo is being held the 2nd Friday of each month; next one will be 2/10
 - Pre-Sale happening now on Wings for Superbowl
 - 80- Gun Raffle Tickets raffle is being drawn each day in February
 - Banquet 2/11

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be March 8, 2023, at Talbot Center

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Dan Mautz seconded; meeting adjourned 8PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Guschke

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Secretary, TCVFRA