

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: 5/10/2023

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts
30	Nick Newnam	70	Debby Sweet
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	None
Guests	None	R&R	Absent

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-

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

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the February meeting to be read. Jimmy Eason made a motion for minutes to be accepted, Dan Mautz second. Minutes approved.

All presidents have tentative budget sheet from county. Got everything we asked for 25% increase in budget. Hose testing, Pump testing, in Operational Expense budget- public hearings are happening and will be voted on at the end of May. LOSAP increase as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$19,646.05
Career Tech	\$ 4,496.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 9,270.21
Admin	\$ 1,916.12
Checking:	\$11,873.51
CD	\$15, 260.17

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Received a donation from Scott Dean Watzer for \$500.00; It was noted to be an annual donation. Someone was going to try and reach out to make sure it was sent to the right place.

Treasurer requested to pay the Insurance Liability for \$776.00; Motion/2nd/Passed to pay the bill by all companies.

Brian LeCates- TCDES

- Mary's Court is moving forward and going out to bid. Construction to start in Summer 2024
- FYI 24 Preliminary budget has been approved by the County Council. Full vote will occur at the end of the month. In the proposed budget TCDES is seeking a CAD replacement, Radio upgrade, Career ladder enhancement for EMS and 911 Divisions, money for the move to Mary's Court. Also, seeking EMS billing increases to align with State and Federal entities. Also, has asked for a 911 fee increase on cellular lines.
- Still seeking a solution with the North County EMS Station; having some issues with the soil testing, and at this point the County may have to look at purchasing new properties in the area.
- EMS Stations are getting a refresh and updates throughout the County
- RFP will be going out soon for the CAD project.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Graham Norbury, Station 20

- Not Present

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- Station 20 gift cards were given to Chief Norbury

Career Tech-

- Graduation for Career Tech will be May 25th at MFRI in Centreville. There will be 2 graduates from Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

- Received a letter from Mistras (Hose Testing Company) stating we had not paid the bills for hose testing. These bills are from 2021 and 2022. Working with the Finance Department to figure out how to get them paid. They total \$17K. This comes from a lack of oversight on this project, how it was being done, how the bills were supposed to get to the County. Any bill that is being paid by TCFRA MUST go through the Treasurer directly, and not bypassed directly to the Finance Department.
- The County is moving to electronic deposit instead of issuing checks. They need a W-9 from the Association, and the President is working on getting that done.
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NEW BUSINESS

- There was a nomination for Phil Starkey for President for 2023-2024. Due to nominations being left open; Motion was made to accept nomination and seconded. ST20-Y, ST30-Y, ST40-Y, ST50-Y, ST60-Y, ST70-Y, ST80-Y
- Sonny Jones has requested to be removed from the Vice President Nomination and to not be placed on the ballot. Motion was made to accept nomination and seconded. ST20-Y, ST30-Y, ST40-Y, ST50-Y, ST60-Y, ST70-Y, ST80-Y
- Station 30 questioned why Talbot Center was no longer announcing Road Closures, Weather Announcements, and other General Announcements. Talbot Center has recently been working on changing various policies to keep them updated with current affairs and technology.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

20- Oxford Day went well; Mothers Day Breakfast this Sunday 5/13/2023// Rummage Sale in May

- 30- May 20 Grocery Bingo// June 22-23-24 Annual Trappe Fair// Delmarva Convention will be held at Trappe Fire Department in May 2024. Work in progress with a new building working with legislature
- 40- E45 will be in service by the end of June
Pit Beef and Turkey will be held on June 24th
Fireworks in the Miles River scheduled for July 1st
- 50- Cooler of Cheer Raffle is currently happening
Cash Bash will be held in during the Halloween Weekend
- 60- 2 new engines nearing completion in the next 4 weeks// Brush Truck waiting Chassis
New Day Room renovations have started to take place; kitchen and bathroom renovations will Occur after that.
- 70- Bingo is being held the 2nd Friday of each month; next one will be June 9th at 7PM
Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held this May 12th
- 80- JR Cadet Program up and running
Instructor 1 class will start May 22nd at Station 80
Town Yard Sale with Chicken BBQ will be held on June 3rd

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be **June 14th, 2023, at Cordova Fire Department**

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Jimmy Eason seconded; meeting adjourned 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Guschke

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Secretary, TCVFRA