



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

6:00 PM Workshop.

Mayor Megan JM Cook
Mr. Don Abbatiello
Rev. Elmer Davis
Ms. Maureen Curry
Mr. David Montgomery

Also present was the Town Manager, Mr. Don Richardson, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

Present from the EVFD was President Rick Stacey, Russell Miles, Sol James, Ralph Romano, Phil Marshall, Chris Hash, Rich Williamson, Chief Sonny Jones and Jeff Meintzer.

WORKSHOP MEETING

The workshop commenced at 5:57 p.m. at Easton Volunteer Fire Department, 315 Leonard Rieck Drive, Easton, Maryland.

President Stacey congratulated newly elected Mayor Megan Cook and Councilmembers Maureen Curry and David Montgomery. President Stacey discussed the ranks of the EVFD personnel present.

Chief Sonny Jones discussed the operational aspects of the Department. Chief Jones asked permission to take the town's engine to the Maryland State Fire Convention on June 21. Mayor Cook obliged the request.

Jeff Meintzer discussed the delivery of the new trucks. He stated that a trip is being planned for June 25 and 26 to Supthein in Scranton, Pennsylvania to go over a punch list. After that, the trucks will be delivered.

Discussion occurred regarding turnout gear and the 10 year replacement plan. Sol James stated that a new set is approximately \$4,000.

Chief Jones stated the department is active in recruitment and retention. He discussed applying for grants and training. He stated that the ISO rating for Easton has improved to Class 3. President Stacey stated that the Department will be asking for funding.

VP Rich Williamson stated the restrooms need to be replaced and the kitchen needs to be updated. Insurance for personnel was discussed.

Captain Daryl Caldwell discussed the training facility. He stated the proposed pole barn will hold a class of 120. He stated that the Department has received a substantial donation that will be disbursed in 2 payments. They have also applied for a \$2 million Federal Grant. The donations for the training facility are held by "Friends of Easton Fire Department" a 501(C)3 entity within the Department.

President Stacey asked if there were any questions.
Ms. Curry asked how the Council can help the Department.
Funding for incidentals was discussed.

The Mayor and Council toured the day room construction progress.

ADJOURN

At 7:40 p.m., upon unanimous consensus, the workshop meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk