

**Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2013**  
**Ross Valley Fire Station 19**  
**777 San Anselmo Ave.**  
**San Anselmo**

**Board Members Present:** Berto, Shortall, Weinsoff, Bragman (for Reed), McInerney, Kroot, Small, Hoertkorn

**Staff Present:** Stutsman, Meagor, McCarthy, Hanson, Stasiowski, Lewis

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

1. Presentation of badges to newly appointed Battalion Chief David Stasiowski, Captain Mark Lui, and Captain Craig Dow. Chief Meagor presented the three newly appointed personnel and gave a short background on each person. The children of Dave, Mark and Craig pinned the new badges on their Dads. They thanked their families and friends for attending tonight's meeting. A short reception to celebrate the promotions followed.

Meeting resumed at 7:30pm

2. Board requests for future agenda items, questions and comments to staff, staff miscellaneous items – there were no items or requests.
3. **Consent agenda:** M/S Kroot/Hoertkorn to accept consent agenda as presented. All Ayes.
4. **Monthly call report:** Chief Meagor explained the new reports and distributed an updated report to the board. There is other information that we will be providing with regards to statistics. Questions regarding various responses and what the types of calls were; the Chief explained the plans to continue expanding the report in the coming months.
5. **Current Financial Report:** Chief Meagor reviewed the report and reported that we have received all the reimbursements from Cal OES for the out of county responses. Member Hoertkorn asked about the Overtime account. Chief Meagor replied that the savings in Salaries and other employee benefits offsets the costs associated with overtime. Member Small asked about the process of hiring new employees and why there was a delay. Chief Meagor explained the process and the longer delay this time was due to current negotiations with the firefighters regarding the retiree health.
6. **Report and discussion regarding current Firefighter/Engineer vacancies:** Chief Meagor reviewed the staff report. Member Small asked about the costs of this position and why there is a difference between the current Apprentice Program and this position. Chief Meagor responded that with the new pension regulations there is significant cost savings to the department. Member Hoertkorn asked if this program could be set up in place of the current apprentice program and if it could be department wide. Chief Meagor responded that it would be a board decision if it would be worthwhile to create. Member Small wants to go on record to say that they are going through the budget process and they won't be able to include construction penalties any longer. The Town of Ross won't

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be able to collect those fees any longer, which will impact their budget. They are going through their budget workshop in April. They will need to take a look to see if they can continue to fund the apprentice program in the future. They are not sure they can get the program into the budget. They are very supportive to the program, but they just don't know if the program can continue. Member Shortall asked for clarification that they did not want to close their fire station; Member Small responded that their plan is not to close the station, only to possibly end the apprentice program. M/S Weinssoff/McInerney to direct staff to proceed. All ayes.

7. **Adoption of Resolution 13-01 – A Resolution of Ross Valley Fire Board of Directors establishing and reconciling the compensated absence liabilities as of July 1, 2012.** Chief Meagor reviewed the staff report. Discussion about the figures and how the transfer of the funds will occur from current reserves in the prior authority. Member Shortall explained that going forward any contribution will be part of the regular budgeting process. M/S Weinssoff/Shortall. All ayes. A motion by San Anselmo, Fairfax and Sleepy Hollow only – to transfer amount. M/S Shortall/Weinssoff. Fairfax, San Anselmo, SH, ayes.
8. **Adoption of Resolution 13-02 – A Resolution of the Ross Valley Fire Board of Directors revising the 2012-13 adopted budget.** Chief Meagor reviewed the staff report and explained some of the changes and issues the department has faced since the budget was adopted. M/S Weinssoff Shortall to adopt Resolution 13-02 as presented. All ayes.

For the Board's information, on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the volunteer academy will be holding the graduation ceremony at Ross Valley Fire Station 20 at 4:00pm. All are invited.

Adjourn to closed session regarding conference with labor negotiator (Executive Officer) regarding negotiations with Ross Valley Firefighters Association, Ross Valley Fire Chief Officers Association, and unrepresented employees (Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, and Fire Inspector) pursuant to GC Section 54957.6.

Meeting re-opened and President Kroot stated that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Ross Valley Fire Department 777 San Anselmo Ave., San Anselmo.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



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