

Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Ross Valley Fire Station
777 San Anselmo Ave.
San Anselmo

Board Present: Small, McInerney, Shortall, Finn, Weinsoff, Kelly, Hoertkorn, Reed

Staff Present: Stutsman, Mills, Hanson, Stasiowski, Lewis

Meeting called to order in the Apparatus room by President Small.

Chief Mills presented badges for the promotions of Battalion Chief Dan Mahoney and Captain Todd Standfield. He also presented badges to the new hires of the department Firefighter Bryan Galli and Firefighter Scott Poppe.

Meeting then adjourned for a small celebration to congratulate the new promotions and new hires.

Meeting then reconvened in the station for the remainder of the meeting.

Board Requests for future agenda items, questions and comments to staff and staff miscellaneous items: Member Finn mentioned grant money that may be available that was announced with the May revise of the California budget. Chief Mills will look into if Ross Valley Fire would be eligible for any funds.

Consent Agenda: Member McInerney asked that Item D be removed for discussion. M/S Hoertkorn/Shortall. 1 abstain Finn Item a, 7 ayes.

Item D: Member McInerney stated that the Town of San Anselmo has abstained on this item, asking for more information on the steep increase to the tax. Fairfax has supported the tax and Sleepy Hollow will be supporting it as well when it's brought up at their meeting. Executive Officer Stutsman spoke on this item and stated that the Town of San Anselmo will have it on their next meeting. BC Hanson and Chief Mills will be attending the meeting to further discuss this item. This is on the Consent Agenda for the Board's information. BC Hanson spoke on the RVPA information. He will attend the meeting in June to answer the questions from the Council. M/S Kelly/McInerney to receive the information. All ayes.

Call Report and out of Jurisdiction report: April – Chief Mills reviewed the call reports and reported that there has been an increase in fires in So. California.

Review of Current Financial report: Chief Mills stated that the budget is tracking where it should be. It is further explained in the Proposed Line Item Budget.

Approval of Resolution 14-02 A Resolution of the Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors adopting the Proposed Line Item Budget Revisions to the FY 2013-14 Operating Budget of the Ross Valley Fire Department. Chief Mills explained the reasoning behind this item and that it is standard accounting practice. President Small spoke on her understanding coming from the private sector and that doesn't feel that it is necessary. She is always on the side of transparency. Member Shortall responded that the auditor for their agency agreed that

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it is common practice in governmental agencies. M/S Weinsoff/McInerney to approve Resolution 14-02. All ayes.

Review and consideration of the Proposed FY 2014-15 annual budget: Chief Mills presented the staff report and how he put together the budget. He explained the increases in revenues and outside sources. He explained the increases to the various line items in the budget. In future budgets the prior authority reserves are now completely expended. Member McInerney spoke about the Health Care costs committee would be meeting sooner rather than later. Member Hoertkorn said she applauds the efforts to bring in the exercise program to the department. And the attempt to reduce the costs overall in the budget.

Chief Mills will add an item to a future agenda about getting a consultant to come in and review the agency costs breakdowns and percentages.

Member Kelly asked questions about the budget and the overtime costs and the reasoning behind them. There was also the absences and vacancies last year. Chief Mills explained the reasoning behind the changes to the overtime. There are no expected retirements this year so the overtime costs are expected to be less.

Receive report from David Jeffries, MERA special Projects – All of the town councils have received this presentation times. M/S Kelly/Weinsoff to adopt Resolution in support of the upcoming MERA Bond measure. 7 ayes, 1 abstain (Hoertkorn)

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Station 19.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



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