

**Ross Valley Fire Department
Board Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Board present: McInerney, Kelly, Weinsoff, Read, Small, Hoertkorn, Shortall, Finn

Staff present: Toy, Mills, Hanson, Stasiowski, Mahoney, Lewis

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Member Weinsoff mentioned that he was very thankful that the firefighters and the chief returned safely from their out of county responses.

President Small welcomed new Executive Officer Toy to the board and thanked Town Manager Stutsman for her service as Executive officer. Member McInerney asked if the website could be updated to include staff member names and contact info.

Consent Agenda: Member Kelly asked for correction to the minutes. He was not at the meeting in July. Steve Lamb, San Anselmo asked about the Chief's report and what engine or vehicle is used for out of county response. Chief Mills replied and explained how it depends on the situation, the engine is usually the OES engine. As a Strike Team Leader or Division Leader it would be the Tahoe or department pick up.

Chief Mills then explained the out of county responses and what assignments the department had and explained what the prep and defend means to structure defense. Discussion and question and answer with the Chief on various aspects of the responses. He also described the USAR response to the Napa earthquake.

M/S Weinsoff/Kelly to approve consent agenda with the changes noted. All ayes.

Call report and out of jurisdiction report: Still trending as normal for this time of year.

Review of current financial report: Chief Mills explained the current status of the budget which is right at 16% of budget.

Acknowledge AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) Program Award and authorize utilizing and explained the history of the grant and the SCBAs: They are nearing the end of their life span, which is why they are being replaced all at once. Member Shortall spoke on the idea of implementing a replacement program and something that should be adopted and funded over time. President Small agreed with Member Shortall that the replacement program and funding should be implemented. Staff will bring the program and information on replacement to a future meeting. M/S Weinsoff/McInerney to approve as presented. All ayes.

AGENDA ITEM # 2A
Date 10/8/14

Initiate and authorize funds for the RVFD Chipping Program: Chief Mills reviewed the report and explained the history of the chipper days and how the advantage to having our own chipper and truck that is mobile and able to go to residents homes to assist in clearing the defensible space from various neighborhoods. Member Reed asked about the maintenance of the equipment. Chief Mills responded that the department will maintain the chipper. The crews that would do the actual chipping would be firefighters or other crews that are hired. Member Shortall spoke on the success of their chipper days that occurred last month. He feels that will be a great asset to all the areas. Discussion about past successful chipper days and what type of truck will be purchased. M/S Weinsoff/Kelly to approve as recommended in staff report. All ayes.

Approve Resolution 14-09 approving the acceptance and funding for the volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for 2014-15. Chief Mills reviewed the staff report and explained the matching fund component of this grant. M/S Weinsoff/Reed. To approve resolution as presented. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned until next meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Minutes respectfully submitted,


JoAnne Lewis
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