

Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Members: Small, Kuel, Reed, Shortall, McInerney, Gibbs (for Weinsoff)
Members Absent: Weinsoff, Finn

Staff present: Toy, Stutsman, Chinn, Mills, Mahoney, Lewis

Opened meeting in open session. Provided direction to staff regarding the closed session items.

Steve Lamb, San Anselmo community member regarding coin (?) system and if the department was going to respond to the Grand Jury report and their suggestions. Chief Mills responded that the department was not named in the grand jury report, and that there was discussion during negotiations and some aspects may be implemented in the future negotiations.

Battalion Chief Dan Mahoney reported on the small fire at 1966 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., at the Bicycle museum. The sprinkler system activated and contained and extinguished the fire before the first arriving units. There was minimal damage to the building and no risk to firefighter safety. The cause of the fire was items placed too close to the water heater.

Board requests: Chief Mills reported on local interest in expanding our JPA and down the valley. He is asking for a subcommittee to work on this item. There would be discussions regarding shared services, shared Fire Prevention services to inclusion in the JPA. Member Kelly, Member Shortall and Member Small volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Consent Agenda: Member Kuel, Member Gibbs recused themselves from voting on the minutes. M/S Small/McInerney to approve items A-E, all ayes. Pulled Section F for discussion after the presentation by Sperry Capital.

Chief Mills introduced Jim Gibbs from Sperry Capital to make a presentation regarding Paying the Unfunded Pension Obligation. Mr. Gibbs distributed a copy of his presentation to the board and staff. Discussion ensued regarding what the economies of scales would be if the municipalities all worked together to obtain the bonds. The amount of unfunded liability \$8million is for the prior authority members. Discussion about what would be a reasonable amount of money to borrow and the board would need a recommendation from the management committee as well. Discussion about interest rates and what the effect they would have on the bond and rates. Board is asking for specifics and options of where to go from here.

Acknowledge and file grant acceptance for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for replacement of the air compressor. Chief Mills presented the staff report and explained the reason for this new compressor. He wrote a grant to replace the old compressor at Station 20. The matching

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funds would come from contingency funds. Member Small thanked the Chief for writing and obtaining the grant. M/S Kelly/Shortall to accept report. All ayes.

Consent item 2F, a – d. Member Gibbs asked for an overview of the resolutions and the agreements. Chief Mills explained the background and the process of how the agreements were reached. He also reviewed the staff report and explained the other changes to the agreements and resolutions. Discussion about the rest of the county and what are the current trends. Member Shortall spoke on the deliberations and prior discussions that were held. The MOUs are for one year.

M/S McInerney/Kelly to approve all in item 2F a – e. All ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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