

Ross Valley Fire Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Board – Lacques, Reed, Finn, Shortall, Brekhus, Kuhl, Greene, Brown

Staff: Toy, Donery, Chinn, Meagor, Grasser, Mahoney, Stasiowski, Lewis

Open time: No public addressed the board.

1. Update on status of Fire Chief Recruitment and Shared Services. Acting Chief Meagor presented the staff report and the current status of the recruitment process. The shared service side is moving forward as well. He then introduced Regan Williams from Bob Murray and Associates. He met today with five board members and department staff to get information on the department and what are the qualities the department is looking for in a Fire Chief. He has started the process of looking for a viable candidate(s). There will be a brochure that is being drafted and will be ready within the next few weeks. Resident asked if there could be a better term to describe the shared services term to the public.
2. Election of President and Vice President. Acting Chief Meagor presented the staff report and the past practice of selecting the President and Vice president. With the past practice, Member Brekhus would be President and Member Lacques would be serving as Vice President. Member Brown made the motion and Member Kuhl made the second. All ayes.
3. Board requests for future agenda items, questions and comments to staff, staff miscellaneous items: Member Brown spoke on one of the stumbling blocks is the cost of living in the area, he suggested seeing if there is a way for the department to have a house available for the chief to use. Would there be a vacant house that would be available. Brief discussion if this item should be placed on the agenda for further discussion. Member Greene brought up emergency escape plans and who should the lead be in each town or should the department take the lead. Member Lacques would like to see the Department take the lead on what areas should be addressed within the jurisdiction. Member Greene also brought up looking into the option of prescribed burning and how that would be accomplished to get rid of the vegetation. These items would be brought back at a future meeting for discussion. Member Shortall would like to make a presentation from Fire Safe Marin and what projects they are working on.
4. Consent Agenda: M/S to approve consent agenda as presented. M/S Greene/Kuhl all ayes.
5. Approval of Vehicle Replacement Schedule and Funding Plan: Acting Chief Meagor presented the staff report and explained the difference between the 2013 and 2018 plans. He reviewed the highlights of the plans and how they have

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been updated to current projected costs. Member Lacques asked about the difference between the costs of the Type 3 and the Type 1 engines. He asked about how many miles were put on the engine each year. Captain Standfield replied that it was between 1500 to 2000 miles per year. However, the hours are what is more important when it comes to the age of an engine. Discussion regarding how the engines are used, the hard wear and tear on the engines each day. Discussion regarding if there would be any cost savings if an agreement is entered into with the manufacturers. There would need to be a larger volume to purchase to see any real savings. M/S Greene/Reed to accept the staff recommendation as presented. All ayes.

6. Authorize the purchase of Type 3 (Wildland) fire engine. Battalion Chief Dan Mahoney presented the staff report and the background of what the capabilities are of the Type 3 engine. The department will be able to piggy back on the contract that was created by the Marin County FD. This ensured that the Department will be able to get the same pricing as Marin County FD. The request for the purchase approval is \$430,708.76. Member Greene asked about how this will impact the Vehicle Replacement Fund. Acting Chief Meagor replied that the amount will be drawn from this fund. There are sufficient funds to purchase this engine. Member Finn asked what the delivery time would be, it would be approximately a year from now. He also asked about selling the current 621 and that there would be an increase in the selling price. M/S M/S Greene/Brown to approve recommendation. All ayes.
7. Adjourned to closed session.
8. Announce action from closed session: Board approved Resolution 18-01 approving the Industrial Disability Retirement of Captain Craig Dow. All ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne Lewis', written in a cursive style.

JoAnne Lewis
Administrative Assistant