

**Ross Valley Fire Department
Fire Board Meeting
January 9th, 2019**

Presentation of badges to: Fire Captain Rick Rosecrans, RVFD; Deputy Director of Fire Kevin Yeager, MCFD, Senior Fire Captain John Payne, MCFD, Fire Captain Pat Terstegge, MCFD, Engineer/Paramedic Pat Hoffman, MCFD, and Firefighter Danae Wellander, MCFD

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

Board Members present: Shortall, Finn, Reed, Lacques, Brekhus, Kuhl, Greene, Brown

Election of President and Vice President: M/S Reed/Greene to elect Peter Lacques as President. All Ayes. M/S Finn/Lacques to elect Richard Shortall as Vice President. All ayes.

Open time: no public addressed the board

Board and staff requests: Member Finn thanked outgoing President Brekhus for her hard work and dedication over the past year.

Consent: M/S Greene/Kuhl to approve as presented. All ayes.

Receive Defensible Space Inspection Program Report and Provide Direction: Chief Weber presented the staff report and the background of the proposed program. The most cost-efficient program would be to hire extra temporary personnel for the program to gain consistency, create efficiencies, in order to have the program be as effective as possible. He then introduced Battalion Chief Dan Mahoney and Battalion Chief Kristie Neil, who explained the areas that are being prioritized for the initial inspections in 2019. There are also grants that are being applied for by the county for funding for parts of the program. Board discussion ensued regarding the importance of getting out in front of this issue now, the importance of evacuation routes, etc. Steve Lamb, from San Anselmo, asked about evacuation routes and foot paths. Frank Egger, Fairfax, supported the program and asked about signage, clearance, sirens with voice information, focus on evacuations and other programs that are available. The board agreed that staff should move forward with this program. They asked for an update at the March meeting.

Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement for the purchase of two (2) new Pierce Manufacturing, Enforcer 1500 GPM All-Steer Type 1 Fire Engines. Chief Weber presented the staff report and explained how the engines would be purchased. M/S Brekhus/Greene to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a purchase agreement with 50% cash, 50% financing (which will be negotiated at the best available interest rate). All ayes.

AGENDA ITEM # 30
Date 2/13/19

Surplus and Sale of 2014 Ford F550 Truck and Chipper: Chief Weber presented the staff report and explained that although the Chipper and Truck will be sold, the Department would still have access to them, as needed. However, without the continuing maintenance costs. M/S Brekhus/Greene to approve the surplus of the 2014 Ford F550 Truck and Chipper. All ayes.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JoAnne Lewis
Administrative Assistant