

From: Michael Rosenbaum <mfrosenbaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 4:33 PM
To: CouncilAll
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reply to Councilman Salter's community email

Councilman Salter:

Wow you know how to write an email that whips up emotions of an entire community. I just wish you had some perspective of living in this community for a longer period of time. 2027 will mark our 40th year living in Ross, if I do not leave the country first, because of the current administration.

The Town Manager and her Staff are the ones charged with researching and providing reports and facts to Council Members and the Ross Community writ large that as citizens and residents we rely upon and should help inform your decision when it comes time to vote on an action. If a Council member is able to go down rabbit holes to obtain a different set of facts and do a blast email then the entire Council process falls apart.

Fire

- It does not take an additional 2 minutes to drive down SFD or Shady with Light & Sirens. "Code 3" Please provide testimony or a report from the Chief Pata or the Marin County Fire Chief or Ross Valley Fire Chief to the response times you state in your email
- If you were an Urban Planner you would not put a Fire Station in a Town of 2,300 people with approximately 800 families, when you have two stations less than 1.5 miles away with a lot more trucks and equipment then Ross FD ever had in the past 40 years. If you

can provide the name Marin County planner or other Planning Professional to validate your position please have them submit their report to the Town Manager.

- The County of Marin and Town of Ross have learned a lot since the 2020 Glass fire and the Vision and Tubbs fires in 2017. I will assume you were not living in the TOR during those years. Ross is not Pacific Palisades, and I do not have the time or space in this email to school you on the differences.
- MMWD and PG&E have done a lot of fire mitigation in the past few years
- If you or Town Council really wanted to help Ross become more fire resistant than:
 - Town of Ross would become a FireWise community
 - The Town would bury/underground all electrical utilitiespass a Bond

Medical

- For a medical emergency (cardiac or stroke) a 7 minute response does not matter. So stop causing unneeded or unwanted hysteria with your email.
- Having a Paramedic arrive within 2 minutes does matter in a true life or death situation. Please do not conflate the two.
- I would support a full Paramedic Unit being stationed in Ross
- I would not support a Fire Department in our Town
- Paramedics who ride on ambulances are better trained and can perform more invasive procedures than EMTs who ride Fire Trucks (full stop). Maybe Council Robbins can speak to that or have the Chief of ER from MGH weigh in . Again the RV Fire Chief or Marin County Chief are the final arbiters of the roles and responsibilities of their personnel on their rigs, not Ross Council Members.

- The reason it costs SO much to rebuild the TOR fire station is that the Town and its Council members have let it fall into disrepair by wilful neglect. So while SA or Fairfax can rebuild @ \$800 per sqf, when you are talking about mold and asbestos remediation prices for retrofitting increases dramatically. I recently visited the TOR "Civic Center" and was appalled by its appearance.
- I lived in Town when Ross School flooded and no one realized or provisioned for what was found in the walls and under the carpet when we passed the School Bond.
- Let's build a Civic Center for what we need now. This is not a Field of Dreams request.

I will be at the Council Meeting on the 13th, but unfortunately I do not believe you are permitted to respond to me during public comments.

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From: Michael Rosenbaum <mfrosenbaum@gmail.com>
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Councilman Salter:

At 66 I still appreciate education, BUT what you are implying is that the Town of Ross should consider unincorporating like Sleepy Hollow, and use the County of Marin's taxbase to fund improvements.

Be careful what you wish for.... until the 13th.
Mike

On Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 4:52 PM Mathew Salter <msalter@townofrossca.gov> wrote:
Michael,

I appreciate your email. I will let you know your opinion is in the minority of the letters and emails the Council has received. In my email, I included links to the independent consultant reports I referenced. I will include them below- please read them so you can be educated on the facts. I am happy to address your other concerns any time - my number is (415) 828-5800. Sleepy Hollow is a similar size area and population to Ross and has decided to completely remodel its station instead of tear it down. Additionally, they must raise the buildings above the flood plain and completely gut and redo the living quarters. It's a matter of priorities to the community and fire protection is important to Sleepy Hollow even though they are small.

[Fire Station Memo](#)

[Fire Consultant Report](#)

[Ambulance Consultant Report](#)

[San Anselmo Station Remodel Report; Website](#)

[Fairfax Station Remodel Report](#)

Thanks,

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Mathew Salter
Town of Ross Council

