

RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 9th, 2024 MINUTES

1. Todd Coppernoll called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at the Fire Station.
2. It was determined that the meeting was posted and properly noticed.
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Wayne Morse, Jean Nicks, Gordie Brockway, Barb Brockway, Calvin Sebranek, Joe Halverson, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Steve Henthorn, Dave Fry, Todd Coppernoll, Tom McCarthy, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Brent Parker, Steve Krueger, Lacey Luxton, and Bonnie Arbegust with the Ocooch Mountain Humane Society. A quorum was present.
4. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Jean Nicks to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Jean Nicks second by Dave Fry to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.
6. Lacey Luxton reviewed the treasurer's report. At the last meeting the balance in the checking account at The People's Community Bank was \$239,974.96. Payroll total was \$2,158.82, total bills paid were \$3,115.64, and total deposits were \$5,399.98. Leaving a balance in The People's Community Bank checking account of \$240,100.51. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$320,979.35. Total interest credit was \$1,158.61, leaving a balance of \$322,137.96 The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$251,258.94. Total interest credit was \$906.94, leaving a balance of \$252,165.88. Motion by Calvin Sebranek, second by Wayne Morse to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment. Check #8968-8971 for \$2,158.82 was for payroll, check #8919-8921,8946,8972-8976, and EFT payments for \$3,115.64 was for bills. Motion by Steve Downs, second by Dave Fry to accept the bills as listed and approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.
8. Chief's Report: Fire calls were reviewed by Chief Gald. Mike Wertz resigned the Lieutenant position and Chad Knable has been his replacement. The fire department has been awarded a \$17,000 grant for black top for the parking lot. We as a city have to remove the blacktop and the project will take place in 2025. Annual pump testing went well with no issues. Events coming up include Halloween events and Pumpkin Fest. The fire department helped out at the fair for the tractor pull. Keller met with Chief Gald and a couple board members for the building assessment on the fire station future needs and will be coming back to go over station. October 16th the entry level class starts at Richland Center for 6 members. Chief Gald suggested in the future looking at selling brush truck 711 and the squad car and look at potentially getting 1 truck to replace.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: A representative, Bonnie Arbegust, from Ocooch Mountain Humane Society spoke before the board to ask if the fire call bill from March 2024 could be revoked or lowered as Ocooch Humane Society is a small nonprofit organization. Chief Gald informed the board the fire call bill was from March 15,2024 and 16 members responded with 10 on scene and the total fire call bill was \$800. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Jean Nicks to approve reducing the amount of the fire call bill to Ocooch Mountain Humane Society to \$200.00. Motion carried.
11. Citizen Input: None
12. Other business to come before the Board: None
13. Set agenda for the next meeting:
 - a. The standard agenda should be used.
14. Next meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Jean Nicks, second by Dave Fry to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:28 pm.
 - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer