

## **RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

October 14th, 2024 MINUTES

1. Scott Banker called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Jim Lingel, Bobbi Goplin, Calvin Sebranek, Joe Halverson, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Dave Fry, Todd Coppernoll, Tom McCarthy, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Brent Parker, Steve Krueger, Kerry Severson, and Lacey Luxton. 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 \$240,100.51. Payroll total was \$2,258.57, total bills paid were \$5,036.64, and total deposits were \$77,561.43. Leaving a balance in The People's Community Bank checking account of \$310,366.73. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$322,137.96. Total interest credit was \$1,125.27, leaving a balance of \$323,263.23 The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$252,165.88. Total interest credit was \$880.86, leaving a balance of \$253,046.74. Motion by Wayne Morse, second by Calvin Sebranek to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment. Check #8988-8991 for \$2,258.57 was for payroll, check #8947,8963-8965,8967,8981, and EFT payments for \$5,036.64 was for bills. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Jean Nicks 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. Fire prevention has been on going at the schools. The fire department assisted at the Richland Center Fairgrounds for the Hub City Drags. The annual DNR grant was approved at the department gets 50%. The department is looking to order 3 sets of turn out gear. The department did not receive the EFG grant for radios. The brush truck is to go on surplus soon and Chief Gald received quotes for \$41,000 for a new truck to replace the brush truck and the current Ford Explorer the fire department has, to go down to 1 unit. The I am Responding contract was renewed. October 28<sup>th</sup> is the quarterly Chiefs association held at the fire station. The fire department has attended a lot of recent parades. The fire department will be handing out candy and fire trucks will be throughout the community on Halloween.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: Chief Gald presented the 2025 budget. Discussion on 2025 budget including township representatives to take back to townships if needing approval before next fire district meeting. Barb Brockway will call court house for equalized value for 2025, if no equalized value available for specific townships, the 2024 equalized value will be used. Discussion and possible action on 2025 budget will be on November 11,2024 at the next Fire District meeting.
11. Citizen Input: None
12. Other business to come before the Board: Discussion on townships having two fire districts in a township and for the township to call to get the equalized value of each.
13. Set agenda for the next meeting:
  - a. The standard agenda should be used.
  - b. Discussion and possible action on 2025 budget.
  - c. Discussion and possible action on a possible benefit UTV ride for Richland Fire Department.
14. Next meeting is scheduled for November 11th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Joe Halverson, second by Jean Nicks to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:42 pm.
  - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer