

RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 10th, 2025 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: Kathy Maly, Wayne Morse, Jean Nicks (via phone), Gordie Brockway, Barb Brockway, Jim Lingel, Steve Michel, Joe Halverson, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Dave Fry, Todd Coppernoll, Tom McCarthy, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Brian Jones, Brent Parker, Steve Krueger, Kerry Severson, and Lacey Luxton. A quorum was present.
4. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Gordie Brockway to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Steve Downs 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 \$264,437.09. Payroll total was \$2,529.84, total bills paid were \$24,696.45, and total deposits were \$9,818.52. Leaving a balance in The People's Community Bank checking account of \$247,029.32. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$326,564.95. Total interest credit was \$1,034.72, leaving a balance of \$327,599.67. The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$255,631.29. Total interest credit was \$809.96, leaving a balance of \$256,441.25. Motion by Wayne Morse, second by Dave Fry to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment. Check #9122,9123-9125 for \$2,529.84 was for payroll, check #9022,9105-9107,9111-9121,9126 and EFT payments for \$24,696.45 was for bills. Motion by Jim Lingel, second by Steve Michel 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. Continuing to work with Keller, Inc. on fire station and a representative from Keller, Inc. will come in for March meeting to present on fire station assessment. Zach Sherman joined the fire department. Brush truck 711 was sold on surplus to Reedstown for \$23,000. Training was held at the Richland Center Primary School for the fireman. Chief Gald thanked Mayor Todd Coppernoll for saying kind words about the fire department at a community event, the Community Forum. Chief Gald discussed the fires in California and importance of budget and not short cutting items. Chiefs' association meeting in Viola and moving to auto aid with bordering departments. Radio project with county completion date is in August. Reminder of 2% dues. Partnered with Foremost Farms and Schreiber Foods to purchase an air compressor which will be ordered next week.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: Discussion on the sell of brush truck 711 and squad car and replace with a truck. A new truck was quoted with municipal discount. The total of new truck would be \$71,492.41. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Kathy Maly to approve purchasing new truck for the amount of \$71,492.41. Motion carried.
11. Citizen Input: Todd Coppernoll discussed he was at a recent community event, the Community Forum, and talked about all of the things the fire department does for the county.
12. Other business to come before the Board: None
13. Set agenda for the next meeting:
 - a. Schedule date for internal audit
14. Next meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Steve Downs, second by Kathy Maly to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:36 pm.
 - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer