

# **RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

April 13th, 2026 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, Steve Meyer, Wayne Morse, Jean Nicks, Gordie Brockway, Barb Brockway, Kurt Monson, Paul Perkins, Shirley Welte, Gary Manning, Bobbi Goplin, Steve Michel, Calvin Sebranek, Joe Halverson, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Todd Coppernoll, Tom McCarthy, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Brent Parker, Steve Krueger, Kerry Severson, and Lacey Luxton. A quorum was present.
4. Motion by Gary Manning, second by Calvin Sebranek to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Steve Downs, second by Jean Nicks 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 \$370,795.02. Payroll total was \$2,355.49, total bills paid were \$12,975.20, and total deposits were \$18,314.64. Leaving a balance of \$373,778.97. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$303,293.16. Deposit from Wisconsin Surplus of \$6,945.00. Total interest credit was \$789.83 leaving a balance of \$311,027.99. The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$388,322.31. Total interest credit was \$922.52, leaving a balance of \$389,244.83. The total amount for all accounts is \$1,062,410.49. Motion by Wayne Morse, second by Steve Downs to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment check #9438-9440 for \$2,355.49 was for payroll, check #9414-9415,9424-9437 and EFT payments for \$12,975.20 was for bills. Motion by Jean Nicks, second by Kathy Maly 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. The department has responded to 53 fire calls year to date. Recently hosted visits from Derrick Van Orden and Tony Kurts, and have submitted requests for congressional funding; this has been a valuable learning experience for everyone involved. The department completed the burn at the footbridge area with a turnout of 33 members. Several members are currently working toward certification 1 training, with Darin providing instructional support. The radio project remains on hold, but performance has noticeably improved even though the system is not yet fully activated. Successfully passed the 2% due audit. The janitor position will now be shared among members rather than assigned to a single individual. Have acquired a new fire extinguisher training and were able to purchase a safety house for \$1,000 through Wisconsin Surplus. National Night Out fundraiser open house. Additional items will be listed on Wisconsin Surplus to sell. Actively pursuing several upcoming grant opportunities. This meeting marks the last for Todd and Tom, and we extend our sincere thanks for their service.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Update given regarding outstanding fire call bills and assessment bill for Richland Township.
  - b. Discussion regarding outstanding fire call bills with the townships. A motion was made by Shirley Welte, seconded by Jean Nicks to send a written request to Richland Township asking for an explanation of their outstanding bills. Motion carried.
10. New Business:
  - a. Discussion held regarding township inspection frequency. Brent will provide a sample ordinance letter to send to the townships.

11. Citizen Input: Todd spoke to the group and thanked everyone, noting that this is his last meeting.
12. Other business to come before the Board: Inquiry and clarification on billing.
13. Set agenda for the next meeting:
  - a. Standard Agenda
14. Next meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Steve Meyer, second by Steve Downs to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:00 pm.
  - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer