

MINUTES
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Richland Township and Richland Volunteer Fire Department
February 11, 2026

Richland Township representatives and the Volunteer Fire Department representatives met at the Richland Township Administrative Offices on February 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., for their monthly Safety Committee meeting.

PRESENT

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director

Tiffany Shomo, Secretary

Wesley Meyers, Richland Fire Department – via phone conference

Brandon Rozich, Road Department Representative – via phone conference

Scott Conahan, Police Department Representative

ABSENT

Todd Shaffer, Road Department Representative

William Lehmann, Richland Fire Department

Kevin Gaudlip, Police Department Representative

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2026

Mr. Meyers moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026 as distributed, seconded by Mr. Rozich. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1st Quarter 2026 Site Safety Inspections are due.

Mr. Beppler stated that the Administrative office safety inspection was completed February 3, 2026 with no safety issues or concerns. The Police Department, Road Department and Fire Department inspections are outstanding, but will be submitted for the following meeting.

NEW INCIDENTS OR NEAR MISS REPORTS

January 22, 2026 at 12:10 pm: A Police Department employee fell on the ice (concrete driveway at residence) causing injury to right shoulder.

Root Cause:

1. Ice on driveway

Corrective Actions:

1. Maintain driveway with salt, shoveled, or ice removed to prevent injury
2. Non-skid shoes
3. Take extra time and be more cautious

January 26, 2026 at 8:25 am: A Public Works employee (Operator 1) was plowing snow and backed up a roadway (intersection of Bentwood Avenue / Coldren Street) and struck the front of another vehicle

(Operator 2) causing Operator 2's vehicle to be disabled. There were no injuries. However, there was damage to Operator 2's vehicle.

Root Cause:

1. Operator 2 was in Operator 1's blind spot

Corrective Actions:

1. Only back up, if necessary
2. Make sure mirrors are clear of debris
3. Attempt to beep horn before backing up

February 1, 2026 @ 7:00 pm: Two (2) police officers responded to a public intoxication call at Sheetz (1455 Scalp Avenue). The male suspect became combative with both officers. Police officer #1 received injuries to face, right hand, and right ankle. Police officer #2 sustained injuries to left knee, left shoulder, and forehead.

Root cause:

1. Suspect was under the influence
2. Suspect was being unruly/non-compliant

Corrective actions:

1. Have more backup
2. Verbally talk down suspect

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Appointment of Safety Committee Secretary*

Mr. Beppler made a motion to appoint Tiffany Shomo as safety committee secretary, seconded by Mr. Conahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

SAFETY CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no new safety concerns or suggestions.

The next meeting is March 11, 2026 at the municipal building at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Rozich moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Conahan. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tiffany Shomo
Secretary