SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Rich Creek Town Council was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 250 Old Virginia Avenue, Rich Creek, VA with the following individuals present:

Paul Morrison, Mayor	Mikhail Mann, Vice-Mayor	William Kantsios, Council
Chris Thornton, Council	Chris Wickline, Council	Phillip Hunt, Council
Richard Cox, Town Manager	Steve Buckland, RCPD	Warren Wilson, RCVFD
Sherry Cox	Lorie Dixon	Merv Swartout
Bill Kersey	Marva Boggess	Kelly Jewell
Helen Swartout	Alleta Morrison	Chasity Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN PHILLIP HUNT

Councilman Phillip Hunt tendered his resignation from Town Council effective immediately, due to him moving
to West Virginia. He wished the council and Town well, and said if he could ever help, he is a call away. Members of Town Council and the Mayor accepted the resignation and wished Mr. Hunt well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kantsios moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting minutes, as presented and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mann. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) by the following voting YES: Mr. Mann, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Kantsios, Mr. Wickline.

RICH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed the Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department report, Chief Warren Wilson reported that during Autumnfest
and the hot dog dinner the department raised $3885.27 with110 man hours.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON THE NEW FIRE HALL UPDATE

Mr. Cox stated that we are between phases one and two of the fire hall project and is pursuing congressional and
legislative avenues for additional funding. Rich creek officials attended a broadband forum with federal and state representatives in attendance to raise funding needs. Mr. Cox will continue to follow up and get letters of support.

Mr. Cox stated that the town hopes to start some sitework as funding becomes available, we don't want to lose
Momentum.

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FOLLOW UP ON REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT FURTHER SPEED CONTROLS ON NORTH STREET

Council continued discussing additional speed-control measures. Mr. Cox said donated items had generated more
than $220 toward purchasing additional equipment and that existing speed-control sign appear to be producing strong
compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DONATED PROPERTY 13B-5-C-W

The property owner has offered this to the Town, it is land locked.

Mr. Kantsios moved to accept the gift offer, seconded by Mr. Wickline. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) by the following voting YES: Mr. Mann, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Kantsios, Mr. Wickline.

VDOT ROUTE 460 TRAFFIC STUDY

Council received a preliminary VDOT concept, aimed at addressing traffic safety concerns along Route 460. Mr. Cox
emphasized, that the concept is preliminary and has not been approved or formally considered by the town, county or VDOT. Mr. Cox went on to say that one proposal was to put a TurboT at the intersection of Knob and 460.

Questions were asked about the effects on the businesses, parking and downtown, Mr. Cox also mentioned changes
Might be made to the Island Street intersection as well as Federal St. Next steps would include discussions with Giles
County followed by conversations between the county, town and VDOT.

REQUEST FOR LEAK ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Patel has requested an adjustment for a leak that occurred last month. Mrs. Morris explained what happened
and it was tabled until exact credit amount was figured.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER REPORT-RICHARD COX

Mr. Cox reported on several ongoing projects and activities, including:

- Traffic study has been completed and VDOT sent a proposed solution.
- Attended Intergovernmental Steering Committee Meeting-TORC is on 3 subcommittees, Library, Fire/EMS, Recreation.
- Leak loss was 12.4%, this may be recalculated when Mrs. Kantsios returns.
- Leak on North St. identified and repaired.
- Interview with Cardinal News on the Fire Hall.
- 219 water erosion repair project: Two engineering studies have been received and possible solutions provided.
- We are accepting proposals to do the 5 year cleanout of the wet well on Island St. This is a high expense line
  item, but needs to be done. No proposals have been received.

Mrs. Morris provided an update on the recent events:

- Autumnfest was held on September 12, 2026, and despite the threat of rain all day, it was a HUGH success.
  All of the feedback from business, residents has been positive, and have asked how they can help next year.
  It was the culmination of a year of hard work by the events committee, and they would like to thank town
  administration, public works, police, firefighters, emergency responders, volunteers, businesses and everyone

that helped with the event. The next event is Trunk or Treat on October 29 6-8 at the town office lot.

POLICE REPORT-STEVE BUCKLAND

- Activity report was presented for review.
- Chief Buckland reported all went well with Autumnfest.
- Chief Buckland was contacted by a citizen that thought that her relative's grave had been disturbed, he told her that she would need a court order to exhume the body, if that is what she wanted. She said that she would like to pursue a grant for cameras for the cemetery. Council agreed to look into a plan and cost estimate for cameras to be placed.
- Chief Buckland spoke on the Flock cameras that are utilized by the town, he explained that several localities in Virginia have suspended use of them. The town has one on 219 and one by Gentry's Landing, they have helped with successful investigations. The town is still under contract until February 2028, and will have to pay $6000 next year whether we use them or not, council agreed to leave them in operation for now.

GILES COUNTY PSA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-WILLIAM KANTSIOS

Mr. Kantsios reported that Chris McKlarney was appointed PSA Director. He indicated that more needed to be done on the landlord/resident garbage bills

TREASURER'S REPORT-DEBBIE MORRIS

- None available.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY

Council agreed to meet Thursday October 1, 2026 at 6pm, to invite residents interested in filling the Council seat.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Due to time constraints with Mrs. Kantsios' absence, only one bill for $87,920.41 to R.L. Price for completion of the fire hall.

Mr. Kantsios moved to approve the bill presented in the amount of $87,920.41, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mann, with it being understood that the other bills will be presented at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) by the following roll call vote: Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Thornton, YES; Mr. Kantsios, YES; and Mr. Wickline, YES;.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town office will be closed on October 12, for Columbus Day, so the October Council meeting will be held on October 14, 2026 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

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Paul Morrison, Mayor	Deborah A Morris, Deputy Town Clerk