

Approved – Minutes for the Galesburg Charleston Fire Board Meeting January 21, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Roomsburg, Chris Balkema, Josh Balkema, and Carol Wortinger. Ann Nieuwenhuis and Roger Frazee absent. No Public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes for December 17, 2025. Motion to approve as written by J Balkema, seconded by C Balkema. All in favor, motion carried.

Run Report: Charleston - 26
 Galesburg - 15
 Mutual Aid - 4

We finished last year with 517 calls, up from last year with 484 calls. Currently at 28 calls compared to 27 last year.

Motion to approve Run Report by C Balkema and seconded by J Balkema. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Current balance in all accounts of \$186,956.76. Motion to pay bills for checks #7356 to 7376 by C Balkema and seconded by C Wortinger. All in favor, motion carried.

Chiefs Report:

Three Firefighters have started the fire academy. The academy runs through the end of June. Representatives from the department will be attending the high schools career day on February 4th to promote careers in the fire service.

The department has transitioned to the “National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). This replaces the old system the “National Fire Incident Reporting System” NFIRS, which has been used since 1999. There was a little learning curve between the old and new systems, but it is working out ok. Three Firefighter have completed the MFR class. They are scheduled to take the National Registry test in the next few weeks.

Motion to approve the Chief’s report made by C Balkema and a second by J Balkema. All in favor, motion carried.

We have one applicant. Working on setting up an interview. We will not need to train him.

Old Business:

Grant update: Chief Roomsburg will be attending a meeting with the county fire chiefs to discuss a regional FEMA grant for SCBA’s and radios. We would be looking to replace our radios.

Website Update: Nothing to report.

Budget Update: The budget for FY26/27 was reviewed. After discussion on each line item a final budget was proposed. Motion to approve the FY26/27 budget was made by C Balkema and seconded by C

Wortinger. All in favor, motion passed. Budget format to be finalized then it will be presented by each board's representative.

Building update: Nothing to report

Legal update: Nothing to report

Equipment Update: New truck is still on schedule for October completion.

New business: Chief Roomsburg made a request to purchase online training through Vector Training Solutions. This training will supplement our in-house training. This will assist Firefighters with maintaining the state required training hours to include OSHA requirements. It will also allow them to complete extra training on their own time to assist with firefighter development. This training is used by several departments in the county. The cost is \$1700.00 per year for up to 30 Firefighters. Motion was made to proceed with this training by C Balkema and seconded by C Wortinger. All in favor, motion passed.

Public comment: None

Members Time: None

Motion made to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion made by C Balkema and a second by C Wortinger. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.