

Town of Gordon
Douglas County, Wisconsin

Ordinance 2024-05

Authorizing Fire Department to Hold Volunteer Funds

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, as follows:

SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Gordon Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the town Volunteer Fire Department to hold "volunteer funds" in the name of the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION II -AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 66.0608, Wis. stats. to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III -ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, authorizes the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department to hold volunteer funds in the name of the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS

- A. "Public depository" means a federal or state credit union, federal or state savings and loan association, state bank, savings and trust company, federal or state savings bank, or national bank in this state that receives or holds any public deposits or the local government pooled- investment fund.
- B. "Volunteer funds" means funds of the town that are raised by employees of the town's volunteer fire department, by volunteers, or by donation to the volunteer fire department for the benefit of the volunteer fire department.

SECTION V -ACCOUNTS

The Town Treasurer (or Town Clerk-Treasurer) is authorized to deposit volunteer funds into a separate savings account restricted for use by the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department. The Gordon Volunteer Fire Department, through the Fire Chief, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department, subject to Section VI.

SECTION VI - LIMITATIONS ON ACCOUNTS

- A. The type of funds that may be deposited into the account described in Section V is restricted to "volunteer funds" as defined in Section IV.
- B. The purposes for which withdrawals of volunteer funds from the account described in Section V may be made are limited to any purpose that promotes the ability of the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department to provide services for which it is organized as determined by a majority vote of the members of the Gordon Volunteer Fire Department, subject to paragraph C.
- C. Volunteer funds shall not be disbursed for employee or volunteer pay and/or benefits, or expenditures which commit the town to future expenditures.
- D. Expenditures from the account shall be accomplished by requests submitted by the Fire Chief to the Town Clerk (or Town Clerk-Treasurer) for payment of expenses in accordance with the procedures used for payment of all town expenses. Funds for the expenditure shall be transferred from the volunteer funds savings account to the town checking account.
- E. The Gordon Volunteer Fire Department account shall be included in any annual audit of town funds and shall be audited in the same manner as other town funds.
- F. Volunteer funds remain the town's property until the funds are fully disbursed and the account is closed.

SECTION VII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

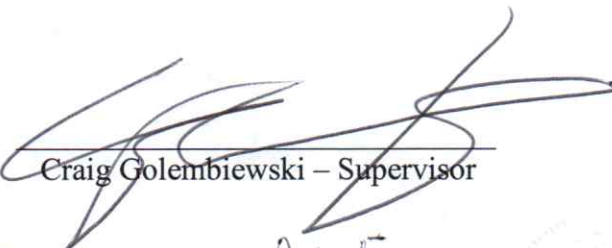
SECTION VIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective upon publication or posting.

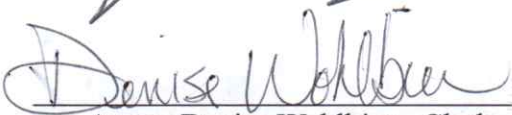
The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 10 day of December, 2024.


Jen Knutson – Chairman


Craig Golembiewski – Supervisor


Cody Eagle – Supervisor


Attest: Denise Wohlbiere - Clerk

Approved: Ordinance # 2024-05, December 10, 2024.