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ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LINN, WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SECTION 17, EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chapter 17 Emergency Services

§ 17-1 Fire Department.

§ 17-2 Emergency Medical Services Rescure Squad.

§ 17-3 Donated funds.

§ 17-1 Fire Department.

A.

Fire Department recognized. The ~~Town of Linn~~ City of Lake Geneva Fire Department is officially recognized as the Fire Department of the Town of Linn, and the duties of fire fighting, fire inspection and fire prevention in the Town are delegated to such Department.

B.

Appropriations. The Town Board shall appropriate funds for Fire Department operations and for such apparatus and equipment for the use of the Fire Department as the Town Board may deem expedient and necessary to maintain efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire.

C.

~~Compensation. The officers and members of the Fire Department shall receive such compensation from the Town as may from time to time be fixed by the Town Board.~~

CD.

~~Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be Chief of the Lake Geneva Fire Department who shall perform those duties and have such authority as set forth by Wisconsin Statutes. Presiding officer. The Chief of the Department shall be the presiding officer of the Department. He or she shall preside at all meetings, call special meetings, preserve order and decide all points of order that may arise. He or she shall be present at all fires and have complete command of and entire responsibility for all fire fighting operations, plan the control of the same, direct action of the Department when it arrives at a fire and see that the fire fighting apparatus is kept in proper condition at all times. In the absence of the Chief, the next ranking officer of the Department assumes command. The Fire~~

Chief shall perform such other duties as are usually incumbent on the commanding officer of a fire department.

E.

Organization of Department. The organization and internal regulation of the Fire Department shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter and by such bylaws adopted by the Department as are approved by the Town Board. The Fire Department shall adopt bylaws for its control, management and government and for regulating the business and proceedings of the Department, which such bylaws, after adoption by the members of the Department, shall not become effective until approved by the Town Board.

F.

Selection of officers. The establishment and election of all officers shall be done in accordance with the duly adopted bylaws of the Department. All officers elected by the Department shall be approved by the Town Board each year. All officers shall hold office during the subsequent year during good behavior, subject to suspension or removal by the Town Board for cause.

DG.

Adoption of codes. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Code of Ordinances, all provisions of Chs. Comm 5, 7, 9, 10, 16, 30, 32, 40, 45, 70, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79, Wis. Adm. Code, and NFPA 1, including any future revisions or amendments thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein.

[Added 5-10-2004] Appropriate chapters of state administrative code adopted.

(1) Enumeration. The following chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code relating to fire protection and prevention are adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth in this section. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any chapter of the Wisconsin Administrative Code incorporated in this section by reference is required or prohibited by this section:

(i) The provisions of Wis. Admin. Code SPS 314 (Fire Prevention) and all amendments thereto, including the adoption therein of section 314.001(1)(a) of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1, Fire Code), and all amendments and supplements thereto relating to fire protection are adopted as a portion of this chapter as if fully set forth in this section so far as applicable, except as otherwise lawfully provided by in this Municipal Code.

(ii) The provisions of Wis. Stats. § 101.14 (Fire Inspections, Prevention, Detection and Suppression) and all amendments thereto are adopted by reference and made a part hereof.

All inspectable areas and/or premises (as outlined in SPS 314 and Wis. Stats. § 101.14) in the Town of Linn shall be subject to the terms of this chapter. The Fire Chief or designee shall serve as the authority having jurisdiction as it pertains to fire code/fire prevention in the Town of Linn, unless superseded by another government entity.

(2) Copies on file. Copies of the chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code enumerated in Subsection (1) of this section shall be available for inspection as soon as practicable upon request to the Town Fire Department.

#### § 17-2 Emergency Medical Services Reseue Squad.

##### A.

~~Reseue Squad~~Emergency Medical Services recognized. The ~~Town of Linn Reseue Squad~~City of Lake Geneva Fire Department is officially recognized as the emergency medical service provider for the Town of Linn, and the duties of emergency medical service in the Town are delegated to such department.

##### B.

Appropriations. The Town Board shall appropriate funds for emergency medical service operations and for such apparatus and equipment ~~for the use of the Reseue Squad~~ as the Town Board may deem expedient and necessary to maintain efficiency and properly protect life.

##### C.

~~Compensation. The officers and members of the Reseue Squad shall receive such compensation from the Town as may from time to time be fixed by the Town Board.~~

##### D.

~~Presiding officer. The Chief of the Reseue Squad shall be the presiding officer of the Squad. He or she shall preside at all meetings, call special meetings, preserve order and decide all points of order that may arise. He or she shall be present at all Reseue Squad calls and have complete command and entire responsibility for all emergency medical service operations, plan the operations, direct action of the Reseue Squad when it arrives at a call and see that the emergency medical service apparatus and equipment are kept in proper condition at all times. In the absence of the Chief, the next ranking officer of the Reseue Squad assumes command. The Chief shall perform such other duties as are usually incumbent on the commanding officer of a reseue squad.~~

##### E.

~~Organization of Reseue Squad. The organization and internal regulation of the Reseue Squad shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter and by such bylaws adopted by the Reseue Squad as are approved by the Town Board. The Reseue Squad shall adopt bylaws for its control, management and government and for regulating the business and proceedings of the Reseue~~

~~Squad, which such bylaws, after adoption by the members of the Rescue Squad, shall not become effective until approved by the Town Board.~~

~~F.~~

~~Selection of officers. The establishment and election of all officers shall be done in accordance with the duly adopted bylaws of the Rescue Squad. All officers shall be approved by the Town Board each year. All officers shall hold office during the subsequent year during good behavior, subject to suspension or removal by the Town Board for cause.~~

**§ 17-3 Donated funds.**

**A.**

Definition. "Donated funds" is hereby defined as private donations from individuals, corporations, and other entities or from the fund-raising efforts ~~of the members of~~ volunteers for the benefit of firefighting, fire safety, fire prevention, and fire/ems emergency services in and for the Town of Linn.

**B.**

Separate funds. The Town Board of the Town of Linn, pursuant to § 66.0608, Wis. Stats., authorizes both the ~~Town of Linn Fire Department and the Town of Linn Rescue Squad~~ Administrator-Treasurer or designee to maintain donated funds as defined above in separate accounts in the name of the respective departments. The Town Board shall have and gives the respective departments exclusive control over the funds except as further set forth herein.

**C.**

Authority. The ~~respective Chiefs and~~ Town Administrator-Treasurer or designee s of each of the ~~departments~~ shall have the authority to deposit donated funds in their respective accounts. ~~The Chief and Treasurer of each respective department are authorized to make withdrawals of said funds, provided that the purpose of said withdrawal has the approval of the majority of the members of their respective departments.~~ Any withdrawal ~~that exceeds \$500~~ must be approved by the Town Board prior to withdrawal. All check payments must be signed by the Chairman, Administrator-Treasurer, and Clerk.

**D.**

Ownership of funds. All donated funds as defined above shall remain the property of the Town of Linn until said funds are disbursed.

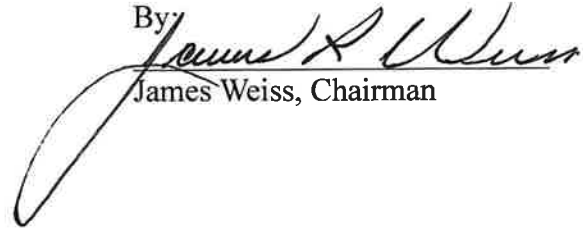
**E.**

Audit. The respective departments shall have an annual audit and report the purpose of the withdrawals and all other information relating to or regarding said separate accounts for each department.

Dated at the Town of Linn this 24 day of March, 2025.


TOWN OF LINN

By

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Weiss", written over a horizontal line.

James Weiss, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Alyson Morris, Clerk