

Resolution #9 – 2023
Town of Draper
Sawyer County Wisconsin

WHEREAS, a quorum of Town supervisors moved to end the contractual relationship with Draper-Loretta Fire Dept., Inc. on June 12, 2023 after expiration of a six month grace period in which they refused to negotiate an MOU after a history of noncompliance with state and federal standards of fire fighting, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 60.55(1)(a)1 states “the town board shall provide for fire protection for the town. Fire protection for the town, or any portion of the town, may be provided in any manner, including: establishing a town fire department” and

WHEREAS, the Town of Draper has consulted with DSPS and the municipal attorney on state law requirements for creating a municipal fire department, and is able to meet those requirements,

THEREFORE, the Town of Draper Board, Sawyer County, does hereby resolve and order as follows:

To establish “Draper Fire Department,” a municipal fire department serving the Town of Draper including Oxbo, Draper and Loretta;

To appoint a Fire Chief, who shall have full authority over the members and operations of the department. The Chief shall have the full powers vested to him by Wisconsin statutes and Administrative Code as the authority having jurisdiction over fire inspections and public safety within the Town of Draper;

To provide a building and equipment to be owned by the taxpayers of the Town of Draper for the sole purpose of fire protection in the Town of Draper and any areas covered under the Department’s Mutual Aid agreement;

To continue the fire protection provisions authorized under Resolution #7-2019 as follows:

Provide funding for operations at a minimum annual base sum of \$30,000 in 2020, plus 4% CPI per year in subsequent years, paid in 6 equal installments.

Provide insurance coverage for the building, vehicles, liability and Workmans’ Comp on its blanket policy.

The “Draper Fire” municipal department shall conform to SPS 330 standards and all Wisconsin statutes governing operations, meetings and record keeping accordingly. Members of the Department shall abide by the Department’s SOPs/SOGs.

The Department shall maintain the building and equipment in a state of operational readiness at all times and maintain a full inventory of taxpayer owned property. All accidents physical and mechanical to personnel, equipment or building shall be immediately reported to the Chief and the town board.


The Fire Chief shall provide for reports at the monthly meetings of the town board, submit an Annual Report to the town board for review by July 1 and present the information at the July board meeting including a summary of calls, training, department records, itemized expense report, budget for coming year and any other documentation requested by the town board for its files.


The Department will open and maintain a separate checking account and the town clerk will maintain a Quickbooks company account on behalf of the Department and reconcile the account monthly with the Department;

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2023, effective immediately.


Chairman Richard Burt


First Supervisor Timothy Kelley


Second Supervisor Steve Beining


Attested by Elizabeth Klein
Clerk, Town of Draper