

Chapter 5

Creating Town Fire Department

Section1: Authority. The town Board is authorized to establish a Town Fire Department under Section 60.55(1) Wis. Stats., in order to provide fire protection for the Town. The Town Board is authorized under Section 60.55(2) Wis. Stats., to provide funding for the Town Fire Department. This Ordinance is established under the foregoing authority for the purpose of establishing a Town Fire Department.

Section2: Town Fire Department.

A. Creation. The Town Fire Department, to be known as the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department, is hereby established for the Town of Tilden.

B. Dissolution. The Fire Department can only be dissolved by a referendum vote of the people.

C. Constitution and Bylaws. The constitution for the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department shall be this ordinance and all ordinances hereinafter adopted which regulate, control, or empower the Department. The bylaws for the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department shall be established and approved by the Town Board. The Town Board may, from time to time, by resolution, approve changes to the bylaws. A copy of the constitution and bylaws shall be kept on file with the Town Clerk.

D. Appointment of Chief. The Town Board, by majority vote, shall appoint a chief of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department who shall also be the administrative officer of the Department. Thereafter, whenever a vacancy exists in the office of the chief, the Town Board by a majority vote, shall appoint a person to fill such office. The Chief may resign only by submitting a written resignation to the Town Clerk. The chief shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board. The Chief shall enjoy all rights and privileges granted to Fire Chiefs by the State of Wisconsin, and shall be subject to all duties imposed by the State, the Town, or other lawful authority. As directed by the Town Board, but not less than annually, the Chief shall render to the Town Board a complete report of the Activities of the Department for the preceding year.

E. Officers and All Other Members of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department. All other officers and members shall be appointed in accordance with the bylaws.

F. Compensation. The Town Board shall, from time to time, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Town Board, establish any salary, compensation or other benefits of all members of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department, including all administrative positions.

G. Policy Review. The Town Board shall conduct at least once each year a policy review of all aspects of the operation of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department. The Town Board may prescribe general policies and standards for the Fire Department. Volunteer Fire Department, including but not limited to books and records, required for the review under this section.

H. Rules. The Town Board may prescribe rules for the government of the members of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department. The Chief may also prescribe rules for the government of the members of the Town of Tilden Volunteer Fire Department. All rules established by the chief must be approved by a majority vote of the town Board before such rules go into effect.