

**Town of Wascott
Douglas County, Wisconsin**

**Resolution 2009-23
Resolution to Fix Nominal Payments for
Volunteer Fire Fighters**

WHEREAS, the Town of Wascott operates a volunteer fire department and utilizes the services of volunteer fire fighters; and

WHEREAS, “volunteer fire fighter” means a person that renders fire fighting or rescue services to the town and does not receive compensation under a contract of employment as a fire fighter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted the Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program for volunteer fire fighters and pursuant to this resolution elects to provide additional nominal payments to volunteer fire fighters, but not to exceed an amount that would result in the loss of exempt status as a volunteer under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wascott Town Board approves the following nominal payments to volunteer fire fighters who do not receive compensation under a contract of employment as a fire fighter:

- 1) Volunteer fire fighters shall be paid a nominal per call fee of \$15.00 for emergency medical response calls, and \$20.00 for fire and rescue calls, up to a maximum of \$360.00 per year.
- 2) The town shall pay or reimburse volunteers for authorized expenses incurred by volunteers incidental to providing firefighter services, which may include the following: substantiated mileage claims, uniforms and related equipment, tuition and related costs for firefighter training. Mileage claims shall be paid at the standard mileage rate as fixed by the town board.
- 3) The fire chief shall sign and submit claims for payment of nominal fees to the town clerk on a quarterly basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2009.

Janice Newsome, Town Chairperson

Bob Beglinger, Town Supervisor

Doug Bush, Town Supervisor

Attest: _____
Jeannette Atkinson, Town Clerk

Fiscal note: The 2009 budget includes an appropriation for the payments authorized under this resolution. Estimated costs: mileage \$4,500 and per call \$2,500. Compensation for the fire chief and fire department clerk will be authorized by a separate resolution, and are not covered under this resolution.