



# TOWN OF WASCOTT

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## ORDINANCE 2008-02

### AUTHORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD VOLUNTEER FUNDS

The Town Board of the Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.** This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority of Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0608 for the purpose of authorizing "volunteer funds" to be held in the name of the fire department. This ordinance is to be interpreted in conformance with that section as it may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION.** The Town Board of the Town of Wascott does hereby authorize the Town Fire Chief to deposit volunteer funds of the department in an account in the name of the fire department in any public depository in which other town funds are being held by the Town Treasurer.

**SECTION 3. CONTROL OF FUNDS.** The fire department, through its Fire Chief, is granted exclusive control over the expenditure of funds of the department.

**SECTION 4. LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.** The following limitations and requirements shall apply to the handling and disbursement of funds from the account:

- (a) **Expenditures.** Expenditures withdrawn from the account may be made only upon majority vote of fire department members present at a duly noticed meeting of the department. Such withdrawals and expenditures may be made for any purpose that promotes the ability of the fire department to provide services for which it is organized.
- (b) **Accountings.** The Fire Chief shall provide the Town Board with quarterly statements at the end of March, June, September and December of each calendar year. The statements shall be provided within thirty days of the end of the calendar quarter. The statements shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand at the end of the quarter. The source of all funds and the identity of the payee for each disbursement shall be set forth.

(c) **Audit.** Fire department accounts shall be included in the annual audit of town funds. They shall be audited in the same manner as other town funds.

**SECTION 5. OWNERSHIP OF FUNDS.** Volunteer funds shall remain the property of the Town until the funds are disbursed.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

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

Adopted this 6th day of November 2008.

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Bernard Bergman, Town Chairman

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Steve Balcsik, Town Supervisor

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Chuck McCann, Town Supervisor

Attest:

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Val Bremanis, Town Clerk