

**TOWN OF EAGLE POINT
CHIPPEWA COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE 2015-3**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAGLE POINT
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD VOLUNTEER FUNDS.**

The Town Board of the Town of Eagle Point, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Eagle Point Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town fire department to hold "volunteer funds" in the name of the fire department.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Eagle Point, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under Wis. Stat. § 66.0608 to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, authorizes the Town fire department to hold volunteer funds in the name of the fire department as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance:

A. "Public depository" means a federal or state credit union, federal or state savings and loan association, state bank, savings and trust company, federal or state savings bank, or national bank in this state that receives or holds any public deposits or the local government pooled-investment fund.

B. "Volunteer funds" means funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the Town's fire department, by volunteers, by donation to the fire department, or inheritance by the fire department for the benefit of the fire department.

SECTION V – ACCOUNTS

The fire chief is authorized to deposit volunteer funds of the department in an account in the name of the fire department in any public depository. The fire chief shall obtain a separate Employer Identification Number ("EIN") for the fire department to open the account for deposit of volunteer funds. The fire department, through the fire chief, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department, subject to Section VI.

SECTION VI - LIMITATIONS ON ACCOUNTS

A. Expenditures. Expenditures withdrawn from the account may be made only upon a majority vote of the fire department members present at a properly noticed meeting of the fire department. Expenditures withdrawn from the account may be made only for purchases of equipment, vehicles, maintenance, improvements, or other expenses for the benefit of the fire department, which must be used in the fire station, or to fulfill the duties of the fire department as outlined in the fire department constitution and bylaws dated September 18, 1995. No blank checks shall be issued by the fire department. Except as limited above, 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, except that Town Board approval is required as follows:

1. An expenditure that requires Town matching funds or any guarantee in the name of the Town.
2. Any expenditure which financially obligates the fire department over twelve (12) months.
3. Any expenditure which requires the construction, expansion, modification or alteration of any public building, structure, or vehicles.
4. All purchases shall have pre-approval by the Town Board.

B. Accounting. The fire department shall provide the Town Board with quarterly statements of the department's volunteer funds as of the end of March, June, September, and December of each calendar year. The statements shall be provided within 30 calendar 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. Any check received, which is made payable to the Town shall require endorsement by the Town Treasurer.

C. Audit. The fire department accounts shall be included in the annual audit of Town funds and shall be audited in the same manner as other Town funds.

SECTION VII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and posting as provided by Law.

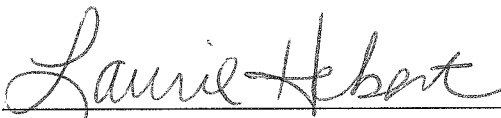
Passed by the Town Board, Town of Eagle Point, Chippewa County, Wisconsin this 15 day of June, 2015.

TOWN OF EAGLE POINT

BY: 
Dennis Ferstenou, Town Chairman

BY: 
Frank Braswell, Town Supervisor

BY: 
Randy Woodruff, Town Supervisor

Attest: 
Laurie Hebert, Town Clerk

Adoption 6-15-15

Publication 6-18-15

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The undersigned, Town Clerk of the Town of Eagle Point, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Amendment was adopted by the Town Board, Town of Eagle Point, on 6-15-15, and that a copy thereof was posting in three public places in the Town of Eagle Point on 6-18-15, and that the ordinance is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 15 day of June, 2015.


Laurie Hebert, Town Clerk