

TOWN OF GARDNER  
Door County, Wisconsin

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

Resolution for Approving the Merger  
of the

Town of Gardner EMRs with the Town of Brussels, and Union EMRs  
to form a **Single EMR Group** and to be **placed within** the  
Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department Organizational Structure

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gardner has statutory authority to provide Public Safety care for the citizens and residents for the Town of Gardner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gardner recognizes that the County of Door provides Paramedic Ambulance Service to all of Door County and further recognizes the need for an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program to enhance the initial response to an emergency call. EMRs are an essential part of providing needed medical assistance by being the first medically trained personnel who comes in contact with a patient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner, recognize that volunteers are becoming scarcer. On August 14 , 2024 the Town of Gardner after having discussions in open public town meetings, recognized the need to simplify the current EMR structure between the three towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner, and having decided, it is in the best interest of the three towns in order to maintain and fund an Emergency Medical Response Program, to merge the two individual EMR Groups (Brussels-Union EMRS and Gardner EMRS) to form one EMR Group to be known as the **(BUGFD/EMRS)**, and place this EMR group under the Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department Organizational Structure; and

**WHEREAS**, this merger will provide for multiple operational efficiencies, financial savings, consolidated training, resulting in less meetings and combining our groups of dedicated EMRs with main goals of providing excellent patient care in a timely response in all three towns under one department through working together; and

**WHEREAS**, The Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner currently authorized a maximum membership of (40 members) to serve as a **BUGFD/EMR**. These members shall comply with all State and Local requirements to be a Certified Emergency Medical Responder in the State of Wisconsin, County of Door, and Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner.

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution authorizes any of the BUGFD/EMRs to operate within the boundaries of the three Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner as well as complying with any mutual aid MABAS agreements currently in place.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board for the Town of Gardner having voted with a majority of votes approving and adopting the Merger of the Brussels-Union EMRs and the

Gardner EMRs to form One EMR Group (BUGFD/EMRS) and place them under the Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department Organizational Structure.

The Town Board for the Town of Gardner having voted with a majority of votes in favor, have adopted the above-described merger and placement within the Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department Organizational Structure.

All Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department EMRs shall comply with B.U.G. Fire Department policies and standard operating guidelines, BUGFD/EMR policies and standard operating guidelines, Door County EMS policies and standard operating guidelines and all State of Wisconsin Statutes governing licensing, job descriptions, including any policies and procedures that apply for EMR groups.

Adopted this 14th day of August 2024

Carl R. Waterstreet

Carl Waterstreet/Chairman

I Amy Sacotte, Clerk of the Town of Gardner hereby  
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that  
was adopted on this 14 day of Aug. 2024 by the  
4/0 Town Board of Supervisors.

Amy Sacotte  
Town Clerk