

**TOWN OF GARDNER
DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PRACTITIONER, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER GROUP TO HOLD
VOLUNTEER FUNDS Wis. Stats; §66.0608**

SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is titled the (Town of Gardner, BUGFD/EMR groups Volunteer Funds Ordinance). The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Brussels, Union, Gardner Fire Department or EMR groups to hold “volunteer funds” in the name of **BUGFD/EMRS**.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY

The Town Boards for the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner, Door County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under § 66.0608, Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board of Gardner, on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice given, authorizes the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner (BUGFD/EMR) Group to hold volunteer funds in the name of the Brussels – Union – Gardner Fire Department/EMRS 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 the state that receives or holds and public deposits or the local government pooled-investment fund.
- B. “Volunteer funds” means funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the towns volunteer BUGFD/EMR Group or by donations to the towns volunteer BUGFD/EMR Groups.

SECTION V - ACCOUNTS

The Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner, designated employee or official who is authorized to deposit funds, such as the towns Fire Department Chief or their designee, or EMR Captain (Service Director) or their designee is authorized to deposit volunteer funds of the BUGFD/EMR group in an account(s) in the name of the BUGFD or EMR Group in any public depository or the following public depository: Town of Gardner. The BUGFD/EMR Groups or officials previously designated, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of the volunteer funds of the BUGFD/EMR Groups.

SECTION VI – SEVERABILITY

If any provisions 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 provision of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective upon publication or posting. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 11 day of Sept. 2024.



/ Chairman

Supervisor #1 He Mike
Supervisor #2 Mike Miller
Supervisor #3 Ed Anderson
Supervisor #4 Glenn Dart

Certification:

I Amy SACOTTE, Clerk of the Town of Gardner hereby
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of
an ordinance that was adopted on the 11 day of Sept
 , 2024 by the Gardner Town Board of Supervisors.

Amy Sacotte
/ Town Clerk

*Note: Section 66.0608 (3), Wis. Stats., provides:

66.0608 (3) Limitations, requirements. An ordinance enacted under sub. (2) may include any of the following limitations or requirements:

- (a) A limit on the type and amount of funds that may be deposited into the account described under sub. (2) (a).
- (b) A limit on the number of withdrawals from the account described under sub. (2) (a) that may be made, and a limit on the purpose for which such withdrawals may be made.
- (c) Reporting and audit requirements that relate to the account described under sub. (2) (a).

Town of Gardner
Door County, Wisconsin
RESOLUTION No. 2024-05

Resolution to Participate in the
Wisconsin Service Award Program

WHEREAS, the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner jointly operates the Brussels, Union, Gardner Fire Department and authorizes volunteer emergency medical responders (BUGFD/EMRS) to provide emergency medical services within the boundaries of Brussels, Union, and Gardner towns, and thus utilizes the services of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responder's; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner, recognize that volunteers are becoming scarcer. On September 11, 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 the new BUGFD/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 having merged the Brussels-Union EMR Group, and the Gardner EMR Group into one Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department/EMR Group, will sponsor the BUGFD/EMRs as a single EMR group for the Wisconsin Service Award Program and therefore the Service Award Program accounts will be combined, understanding only one community can act as the Wisconsin Service Award Program Sponsor, the **Town of Brussels** has agreed to act as the Sponsor for the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner on behalf of the BUGFD/Firefighters and BUGFD/EMRS.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has designed a service award program, which allows private vendors to offer plans that provide benefits to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders that render firefighting and emergency medical services to a municipality that participates in the program; and

WHEREAS, the State will match the annual contributions, made by a municipality choosing to participate in the Program on behalf of its volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders, up to a statutory maximum per individual, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardner, wishes to participate in the Program for the benefit of its volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical responders, and agrees to abide by all pertinent state and federal statutes, regulations, rules and procedures pertaining to the Program, as well as any requirements of the private vendor chosen by the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardner, agrees to develop standards for determining the service required of its volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical responders in order to qualify for an annual contribution; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall supersede all previous Resolutions and Ordinances by the Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner regarding the Wisconsin Service Award Program and shall become effective January 1, 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Town Board of Gardner, passed the following Resolution: and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Gardner, hereby declares that it shall participate in the State of Wisconsin Service Award Program and shall abide by all pertinent statutes, rules, regulations, procedures and other requirements of the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all funds necessary to provide for annual contributions now and in the future under the Program be appropriated and be included in the Brussels-Union-Gardner Fire Department and EMR Group annual budgets, in an amount to be approved by the participating Towns of Brussels, Union, and Gardner.

Introduced and adopted this 11 day of September 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 accurate copy of a resolution
that was adopted on February 9th, 2024 by the Gardner Town Board of Supervisors.

Amy Sacotte
Amy Sacotte /Town Clerk