

Ordinance 112.1

Ordinance authorizing the Cross Plains – Berry Fire Department and the Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service and the Mt. Horeb Area Joint Fire Department to hold volunteer funds.

(a) **Purpose and authority.**

This section is enacted pursuant to the authority of Wis. Stats. § 66.0608 for the purpose of authorizing volunteer funds to be held and controlled by the employees and volunteers of the Mt. Horeb Area Joint Fire Department, Cross Plains - Berry Fire Department and the Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service (EMS). This ordinance and its terms shall be interpreted in accordance with Wis. Stats. § 66.0608. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, all references to persons, offices, bodies or legal entities shall be presumed to relate to the Mt. Horeb Area Joint Fire Department, Cross Plains – Berry Fire Department and the Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service as established by intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Cross Plains, Village of Cross Plains, Town of Springfield and Town of Berry, ”) and the Village of Mount Horeb, Town of Cross Plains, Town of Blue Mounds, Village of Blue Mounds, Town of Vermont, Town of Perry, Town of Primrose, Town of Springdale (the “District municipalities”).

(b) **Authorization to deposit funds.**

The Town Board of the Town of Cross Plains hereby authorizes the Fire Chief, on behalf of the volunteers of the Cross Plains - Berry Fire Department, and the EMS Chief on behalf of the volunteers of the Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service and the Fire Chief on behalf of the volunteers of the Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department, to deposit volunteer funds in a separate account in the name of the respective department in any public depository designated by the District municipalities under Wis. Stats. § 34.01(5). Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0608(4), the volunteer funds shall be and remain the property of the District municipalities until such time as the funds are disbursed.

(c) **Control of funds.**

The Cross Plains - Berry Fire Department, through the Fire Chief, and the Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service, through the EMS Chief, and the Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department, through the Fire Chief shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of the volunteer funds. This authority is granted without limitation as to amount or type of funds but shall be subject to the limitations of subsection (d) below.

(d) **Limitations and requirements.**

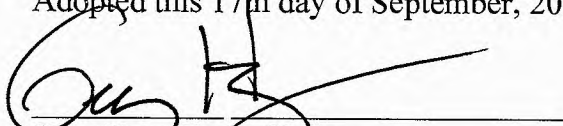
The following limitations and requirements shall apply to the handling and disbursement of all volunteer funds:

(1) Expenditures. Expenditures withdrawn from the accounts by the Fire Chief and the EMS Chief may be made only upon majority vote of the volunteers of the respective departments present at a meeting noticed in accordance with Wis. Stats. § 19.84. Such withdrawals and expenditures may be made for any purpose that promotes the ability of the Fire Department or Emergency Medical Service, respectively, to provide services for which it is organized.

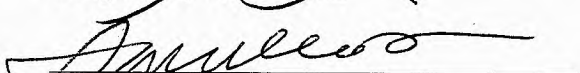
(2) Accounting. The Fire Chief and EMS Chief shall annually provide the applicable District with a financial statement. The statement shall be provided within thirty (30) days after the end of the District's fiscal year. The statement shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand at the end of the year. The statement shall further state the source of all funds and the identity of the payee and purpose for each disbursement. Funds raised under a general fundraising campaign or event may be identified as a lump sum with reference to the campaign or event. For donations provided on the condition that the donor not be publicly identified, or where the donor cannot be identified, the donor's name need not appear upon the financial statement.

(3) Audit. All accounts holding volunteer funds shall be included in any and all audits of the appropriate Fire or EMS District. In addition, the volunteers may appoint an internal audit committee from its membership after the close of each fiscal year to review all transactions to ensure compliance with this ordinance and any internal policies of the Fire Department, Fire District, EMS Department or EMS District. Any such audit committee shall issue a report of its findings to the membership of the Department and to the District.


Adopted this 17th day of September, 2020.



Greg Hyer, Town Chair




Patricia Mullins, Supervisor 1



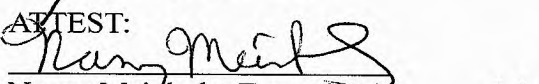
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