

## ORDINANCE NO. 8001 D (11)

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ROUND LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN, TO CREATE THE TOWN OF ROUND LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### SECTION 1. OFFICERS

1. The Department shall consist of a Chief, one or more Assistance Chiefs, and other officers as the Chief and Assistant Chief(s) may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department

2. The Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake for an indefinite period of time, and his/her tenure of office shall depend upon his/her good conduct and efficiency. The Chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have the ability to command personnel and hold their respect and confidence. The Chief shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

3. The Chief shall be held accountable for the Fire Department only, and shall make written/verbal reports thereto as the Board of Supervisors may require. All other Department and Company Officers shall be accountable to the Chief only.

4. The Assistant Chief(s) shall be appointed by the Chief. Such officers shall be accountable only to the Chief, and subject to removal by the Chief.

#### SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE CHIEF

1. The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department and shall be responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the personnel, moral and general efficiency of the Department. The Chief will keep this set of rules and regulations updated.

2. The Chief shall determine the number and kind of Companies of which the Department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such Companies to 911 calls.

3. The Chief shall conduct at least once a month suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the Town of Round Lake, fire prevention, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good firefighting practices and safety of life and property from fire.

4. The Chief is hereby required to assist proper authorities in suppressing crimes of arson by investigating or causing to be investigated, the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires.

5. The Chief or any officer so appointed is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.

6. Any person so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.

7. The Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.

8. The Chief shall report monthly, if required by the Board of Supervisors, or whenever requested, the condition of the apparatus and equipment, the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and the date of same and loss occasioned thereby, the number of EMS runs, and the number and purpose of all other runs made.

The number of members reporting to each run and any changes in membership shall also be reported.

9. The Chief shall make a complete annual report to the Board of Supervisors after the close of the fiscal year at the Annual Town Meeting, such report to include information specified in Article 7 of this Section, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Department.

### SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of the Department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the Chief and shall be able-bodied citizens who have access to a phone. Determination of whether candidates for appointment are able-bodied shall be made by the Chief and other officers after a limited medical and physical examination has been made in a manner prescribed by the Chief and other officers and approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake.

2. Any member of the Department may be suspended or discharged from the Department by the Chief and other officers at any time they may deem such action necessary for the good of the Department upon due notice and opportunity to be heard.

### SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT

1. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required including but not limited to maintaining its efficiency, properly protect life and property from fire, natural disasters, and to assist in EMS and Search and Rescue calls.

2. Recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Chief, and after approval by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake, shall be purchased in such manner for the best interest of the Department.

3. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be recommended by the Department Officers and approved by the Round Lake Board of Supervisors. Such places shall be heated during the winter season.

4. Firefighters and First Responders will be supplied with appropriate communication devices to respond to calls from Sawyer County Dispatch as well as for use on the scene of an event.

5. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.

6. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the Department unless accompanied by an officer or authorized member of the Department or authorized representatives of the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary.

7. The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake is hereby authorized to enter into agreements or contracts with nearby incorporated communities or governing bodies or other organizations to provide the members of such communities or organizations with fire protection or to establish a mutual aid system.

8. No apparatus shall be hired out or permitted to leave the Town of Round Lake except in response to a call for aid from a neighboring community without the consent of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake. The officer in charge of the Department shall have the authority to assign equipment for response to calls for outside aid in accordance with Article 7 of this Section, and in other cases only when

the absence of such equipment will not jeopardize protection in the Town of Round Lake.

#### SECTION 5. GENERAL

1. Each member of the Department shall be issued a badge designating his rank after serving one year probation and receiving appropriate training.
2. All motor equipment and all personal cars of Department members shall have the right of way over all other traffic when responding to a call.
3. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose except upon specific orders from the Chief or other Officer in Charge where the hose is used.
4. No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within the WI. Statue limits of the entrance to any fire station or place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.
5. No authorized person with any vehicle shall follow within five hundred (500) feet of any apparatus belonging to the Department, nor park any vehicle within three hundred (300) feet of a fire.
6. No person shall intentionally:
  - a. Give a false alarm to any public officer or employee, whether by means of a fire alarm or otherwise; or
  - b. Interfere with the proper functioning of a fire alarm system; or
  - c. Interfere with the lawful efforts of firefighters to extinguish a fire; or
  - d. Interfere with, tamper with or remove, with authorization, any fire extinguisher, fire hose or any other firefighting equipment.

#### SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT

1. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit no less that Ten Dollars (\$10) or not more than One Thousand (\$1,000) together with the cost of prosecution, and in default of payment of the forfeiture and costs of prosecution, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs have been paid, but no exceeding ninety (90) days.
2. All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the enforcing of the provisions of this ordinance.
3. The Town of Round Lake, by adoption of this ordinance, hereby elects to use the citation method for enforcement of this ordinance.
4. All fire inspections are to be performed in accordance with standard procedures of the National Fire Protection Association, the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, and OSHA, in accordance with all applicable Wisconsin codes and Statutes.

#### SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of the ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Round Lake would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be deemed invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as proved by law.

Approved May 1, 1980  
Published June 11, 1980

s/Herbert R. Laier, Chairman  
s/Alice Pappas, Clerk

Amended and approved November 3, 1983  
Sec. 3.1 and 2  
Published November 30, 1983

s/Ernest Mensinga, Chairman  
s/Jean C. Laier, Supervisor  
s/Melvin Pederson, Supervisor  
s/Dorothy Pasko, Clerk

Amended and approved April 9, 1987  
Preface, Sec. 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.5, 2.8, 2.9,  
3.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 5.1, 6.3, 6.4, 7  
Published April 15, 1987

s/Lyle Swanson, Chairman  
s/Jean C. Laire, Supervisor  
s/Melvin Pederson, Supervisor  
s/Dorothy Pasko, Clerk

Amended and approved October 13, 1988  
Sec. 6.3  
Published October 19, 1988

s/Lyle Swanson, Chairman  
s/Jean C. Laire, Supervisor  
s/David Stark, Supervisor  
s/Dorothy Pasko, Clerk

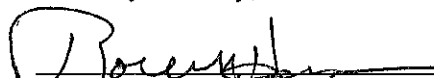
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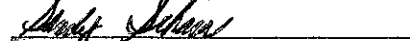
s/Lyle Swanson, Chairman  
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s/Robert McNutt, Supervisor  
s/Dorothy Pasko, Clerk


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Sec. 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 2.8, 3.1, 3.2,  
4.1,4.4, 4.6, 5.5 (now 5.4) 5.7.c(now 5.6.c),  
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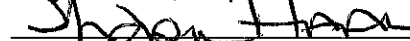
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s/Sandy Schara, Supervisor  
s/Kay Wilson, Supervisor  
s/Sharon Haak, Supervisor  
s/Marilyn Karns, Supervisor  
s/Kathy McCoy, Clerk

Amended and Approved July 9, 2020  
Sec. 4.6

  
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