

**TOWN OF ATHELSTANE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS
ORDINANCE #13**

SECTION 1 – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Athelstane 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 2 – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s.66.0608, Wis. Stats. to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION 3 – 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 4 – 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 members of the town’s fire department, by volunteers or by donation to the fire department for the benefit of the fire department.

SECTION 5 – ACCOUNTS

The secretary/treasurer for the fire department 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 department, through the secretary/treasurer for the fire department, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department, subject to Section VI.

SECTION 6 - LIMITATIONS ON ACCOUNTS

- A. 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 as determined by a majority vote of the members of the fire department.
- B. The fire department is subject to the following reporting and auditing requirements:
 - a. The secretary/treasurer for the fire department shall provide the town board with annual statements of the department’s volunteer funds as of the end of December of each calendar year. The statements shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures and the balance on hand at the end of the year. The source of all funds and the identity of each payee for each distribution shall be set forth.
 - b. 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 7 – SEVERABILITY

In the event that any section or sections herein shall be ruled unconstitutional by any competent court, such determination shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the others sections of this Ordinance and the remainder of said Ordinance shall remain in effect.

This ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Athelstane on this 9th day of February, 2016.

The Town Board of Athelstane

By: _____ Attest _____
John Dobratz - Chairman Janice DuChateau - Clerk

Harold Tesch Jr - Supervisor

David Jose - Supervisor