

Chapter 11

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE

EFFECTIVE: December 16, 1998

Pursuant 60.55 WI stats. The Town of Dewy hereby adopts the following ordinance in regard to fire protection.

11.1 Meetings

(A) General. Dewey Fire Department, here on known in the chapter as the Department, meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The first meeting will be a business meeting and the second will be a training meeting.

(B) Order. The meeting will be brought to order by the Chief. The Chief will chair the meetings. In the absence of the Chief, the highest ranking officer will chair the meeting. Minutes will be read by the secretary and acted on. The Chairperson will announce subjects for discussion. All members will be allowed to provide their opinion on all subjects. A second opportunity to voice opinions will be given only after all members have been given an opportunity to voice their opinion once. If the issue is not resolved in a reasonable amount of time, the issued will be tabled until the following meeting. After discussion, the present members will vote. Majority vote will rule. If there is no more business, a motion will be acted on to adjourn the meeting.

11.2 Membership

(A) Any person living in the Town, or reasonable distance from the Town, which holds a valid drivers license, and has not been convicted of a felony, and is eighteen (18) years of age, will be eligible to join the Department. Entry level firefighter courses are required to be completed as soon as they become available. Firefighters will be put on a one (1) year probation period. After the one (1) year, an evaluation will be conducted by the chief, Assistant Chief and officers of the Department to determine if the individual has met the criteria of the Department. If criteria has been met the individual will be instated as a firefighter.

(B) Trained firefighters wishing to transfer into the Department must live within reasonable distance from the Town, may not have a felony conviction, complete a one (1) year probation period, be evaluated by the Chief, Assistant Chief and Officers to determine if the individual meets the criteria of the Department and must be approved by the Chief, Assistant Chief and Officers with a background check.

(C) The maximum firefighters on the Department will be twenty five (25). Additional interested people will be put on a waiting list.

(D) Three unexcused absences will be cause for dismissal from the Department. Absence due to work on their primary job is excused. Firefighters are to notify the Chief or Assistant Chief when they will be absent.

(E) Firefighters must attend six (6) training sessions each year.

(F) Firefighters will receive one point for attending meetings, fires, maintenance days, ect. Firefighters will be paid for each point at the end of the calendar year.

(G) Firefighters must be present and active for at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of each meeting to earn a point

(H) If firefighter drivers license is revoked, they will be unable to drive apparatus, or respond in their own vehicle unless approved by the State of Wisconsin. Notification of revocation of license must be reported to the Chief or Assistant Chief immediately. The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services Inc. guidelines will be followed as closely as possible

(I) Any misconduct of a firefighter will be reviewed by the Chief, Assistant Chief, Officers and Personnel Committee with possible suspension from the Department. Firefighters charged with a felony will be suspended from the Department. Convicted felons will be permanently suspended.

(J) A personnel committee may be created. The personnel committee chairperson will be appointed by the personnel committee. Officers will act as the personnel committee if a committee is not created.

11.3 Officers

(A) The Fire Chief and Assistant Chief are appointed by the Town Board.

(B) All Officers, other than Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, will be appointed by the Fire Chief and the Assistant Chief. Firefighters wishing to fill position vacancies can present their qualifications to the Chief or Assistant Chief and will be considered for that vacancy. All members of the Department will be notified of vacancies before the position appointment is made.

11.4 Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespectively of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be effected.