

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Town of St. Germain, Vilas County**

**Code of Ordinances**  
**Chapter 7: Fire Department Volunteer Funds**  
**(Amended March 28, 2024)**

- 7.01 TITLE AND PURPOSE:** The title of this chapter is Fire Department Volunteer Funds. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the town Fire Chief to hold volunteer funds in a Town “St. Germain Volunteer Fire Department” bank account.
- 7.02 AUTHORITY:** The town of Saint Germain has the general authority to enact this ordinance under its village powers under §60.22, Wis. Stats., and the specific authority under §66.0608, Wis. Stats.
- 7.03 DEFINITIONS:** The following words and phrases shall have the designated meaning unless a different meaning is expressly provided, or the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Department: St. Germain Volunteer Fire Department

Emergency Medical Responder: A person who is certified by the department as an emergency medical responder under § 256.15(8)(a), Wis. stats., or is exempt under § 256.15(2)(b) or (c), Wis. Stats. and who, as a condition of employment or as a member of an organization that provides emergency medical care before hospitalization, provides emergency medical care to a sick, disabled, or injured individuals.

Emergency Medical Responder Volunteer Funds: Funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the municipality's emergency medical responder department, by volunteers, or by donation to the emergency medical responder department, for the benefit of the municipality's emergency medical responder department.

Emergency medical services practitioner: An emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician — intermediate, or a paramedic.

Emergency medical services practitioner volunteer funds: Funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the municipality's emergency medical services practitioner department, by volunteers, or by donation to the emergency medical services practitioner department, for the benefit of the municipality's emergency medical services practitioner department.

Fire volunteer funds: Funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the municipality's fire department, by volunteers, or by donation to the fire department, for the benefit of the municipality's fire department.

Public Depository: 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 which receives or holds any public deposits or the local government pooled-investment fund.

Town: The Town of Saint Germain in Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Town Board: St. Germain Town Board of Supervisors

Volunteer funds: Emergency medical services practitioner volunteer funds, fire volunteer funds, or emergency medical responder volunteer funds.

Wis. Stats. means the Wisconsin Statutes, including successor provisions of cited statutes.

**7.04 ACCOUNTS:** The Town's Treasurer is authorized to deposit volunteer funds in the Town's St. Germain Fire Department Donation Account. The Chief shall have exclusive control over the utilization of volunteer funds, subject to §7.05 of this chapter. (Revised March 28, 2024)

**7.05 EXPENDITURE OF VOLUNTEER FUNDS:**

(A) Deposits: Funds deposited in the account shall be restricted to donations received by the St. Germain Fire Department

(B) Withdrawals:

(1) Withdrawals from the account shall be limited to uses that, by majority vote of the Fire Department members, improve the ability of the department to provide services for which it is organized.

(2) Expenditures from the account shall be accomplished by requests submitted by the Fire Chief to the Town Clerk for payment of expenses in accordance with the procedures used for payment of all town expenses

(C) Reporting and Auditing: (Revised March 28, 2024)

(1) The Town Treasurer shall provide the Town with quarterly statements of the volunteer funds within 30 days of the end of each March, June, September and December and shall include:


- (a) Source of all funds deposited
- (b) Identity of the payee for each disbursement
- (c) Balance on hand

(2) The account shall be included in the annual audit of town funds and shall be audited in the same manner as other town accounts.

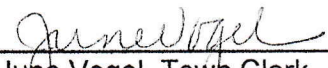
- 7.06 OWNERSHIP OF FUNDS:** Volunteer funds shall remain the property of the town until the funds are fully disbursed and the account is closed.
- 7.07 SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.
- 7.08 FORFEITURES:** Any person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of \$50 for the first offence, \$100 for the second offence, and \$200 for all subsequent offences, plus the applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues constitutes a separate offense under this chapter. In addition, the town board may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.
- 7.09 EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance is effective on publication or posting and rescinds and replaces the un-numbered and un-dated Town of St. Germain Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance. This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

  
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Tom Christensen, Town Charman

Attest:

  
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June Vogel, Town Clerk