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5.01 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS. As authorized in §60.55, Wis. Stats., the Town has contracted with the Ashippun Fire Department for fire protection.

5.02 FIRE CHIEF, POWERS AND DUTIES. The Fire Chief shall direct the operation of the Fire Department at fires, subject to State law and administrative rules and the by-laws of the Department and shall issue and enforce such orders as in the Chief's judgment may be best calculated for the protection of property and the extinguishing of fires; and shall enforce all applicable ordinances and rules and regulations of the Town Board.

5.03 FIRE INSPECTOR. (1) **APPOINTMENT.** The Fire Chief and/or his designee shall be the Town Fire Inspector.

(2) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Fire Inspector shall make such inspections as may be necessary to ascertain the compliance of the owners or occupants of public or private premises with the provisions of the applicable State law and the administrative rules of the Department of Commerce, and this chapter, and he may enter any building or upon any premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of such inspection. Should the Inspector find a fire hazard within the Town, he may serve a notice in writing on the owner of the property, giving the owner a specific time period in which to remove the hazard. If the fire hazard is not removed within that time, it is deemed a nuisance and the Inspector may have the same removed by the Town and the cost of removal shall be recovered by the Town as a special charge pursuant to §66.0627, Wis. Stats.

(3) **INVESTIGATION AND RECORD OF FIRES.** The Fire Chief or his designated representative shall investigate the cause of all fires occurring within the Town as soon as possible after their occurrence and shall keep a record thereof, and of the evidence in each case, on file in their offices as public record. The Chief shall file a report annually with the Clerk-Treasurer of all property fires, including vehicle fires, occurring within the Town.

5.04 SAFETY REGULATIONS. The Fire Chief or his designated agent may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within the Town within which any persons shall not be permitted. He may cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire, or to prevent the spreading of fire, or to protect adjoining property. He may likewise cause the shut-off of electrical and natural or liquid propane gas services where the same creates a dangerous hazard or interferes with the work of the Fire Department during the progress of the fire.

5.05 DUTY OF BYSTANDERS. Every person who may be present at a fire shall be subject to orders of the Chief or other officers in command and every such person shall render assistance as may be ordered by the officer in charge. Any person who shall refuse to obey such order after the official status of the officer in charge shall be made known to him shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 5.15 of this chapter.

5.06 DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND INTERFERENCE. No person shall willfully hinder a firefighter in the discharge of his duties, nor shall any person willfully injure in any manner any hose, fire engine or other fire apparatus belonging to the Fire District.

5.07 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE PROHIBITED. No vehicle shall be driven over any fire hose unless otherwise directed by a Fire Chief.

5.08 COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS PROHIBITED. No person shall permit on premises he controls any empty boxes, waste paper, excelsior, rags or other combustible materials in such quantities or manner as to create a fire hazard.

5.09 CARELESS SMOKING PROHIBITED. (1) No person shall, by careless or willful smoking or use of lighters or matches in smoking, whether intentional or unintentional, set fire to personal property or any building.

(2) The Fire Chief may cause to be posted "No Smoking" signs on any premises or in any building or any section of such premises or building within the Town where, by the presence of highly combustible materials, in his opinion, the act of smoking presents a fire hazard.

5.10 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS. See ch. 9 of this Code.

5.11 OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS. See ch. 9 of this Code.

5.12 TOWN FIRE PROTECTION CODE; ADOPTION OF CODES. The chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Commerce, the Codes of the National Fire Prevention Association, including amendments thereto, on file in the office of the Fire Chief, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Code:

5.13 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FIRES. (1) Every person using, storing, handling or transporting flammable or combustible liquids, chemicals, gasses or other hazardous materials shall comply with the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code NR 605 and 620 as the same is now in force and may hereafter from time to time be amended.

(2) Every person using, storing, handling or transporting (whether by rail or on the highways) flammable or combustible liquids, chemicals, gasses or other hazardous materials shall be liable to the Town and each fire district for the actual cost of labor and materials associated with the use of any specialized extinguishing agent, chemical, neutralizer or similar materials or equipment employed to extinguish, confine, neutralize, contain or clean up any such hazardous material which is involved in any fire or accidental spill or in the threat of any fire or accidental spill.

5.14 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE. Emergency medical service shall be provided by the Volunteer Fire Department.

5.20 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any order, rule or regulation made hereunder, and any firefighter who shall neglect or refuse to perform any duty required hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as prescribed in sec. 20.04 of this Code.