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Monthly Fire Department Report

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To Alex Smith <clerk@townoflapointewi.gov>; Max Imholte <administrator@townoflapointewi.gov>

Dear Members of the Town Board,

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to provide you with an update on fire department activities and developments over the past month.

This month, our department will be focusing heavily on wildfire protection training. We are coordinating with the DNR, who will be joining us for hands-on training sessions. These will include extensive work with our wildfire equipment, pumping operations, and the utilization of community resources such as town equipment and local contractors. We are also placing a strong emphasis on planning and coordination for potential large-scale wildfire events to ensure we are fully prepared.

I am pleased to report that we have received our new tanker. While it arrived with a few minor issues, including a missing wiper blade and a handful of small items, all concerns are being addressed within the existing purchasing budget. The truck has undergone a thorough inspection in Ashland by our contracted mechanic and is expected to be placed into service next week. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Town Board and the community for their continued support in securing this critical piece of equipment for our department.

Additionally, Sarah, Thom, and I recently met to discuss the ESB building and its upcoming capital improvement projects. Sarah will be taking the lead as project manager, with Thom and myself assisting as needed to support the progress of these initiatives.

We have also seen very encouraging results from the recent Gazette article regarding the Auxiliary Emergency Services Committee. Committee President Michal Childers has reported a strong level of community interest and early commitments. We are optimistic about the positive impact this program will have, both in terms of fundraising and providing additional support during emergency situations.

As winter comes to an end, our ice rescue season has officially concluded. We are now transitioning into preparation for the summer season and the unique rescue challenges it brings. Our new personal watercraft is ready for service, and our team is prepared to respond.

Thank you again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Stay safe,

Chief Jay Wiltz

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