

2016 RES-112

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF MAZOMANIE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ON 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Mazomanie Volunteer Firefighter's Association was formed as an ordinance of the Town Board on July 13, 1866 by an action prompted following a near disastrous fire in 1865. The fire was extinguished by an emergent bucket brigade formed of a group of Union soldiers who happened to be passing through on the railroad as the fire started; and

WHEREAS, in 1874 the Mazomanie Hook and Ladder Company #1 was organized with 88 members. A hand pumped fire engine was purchased in 1877 for \$525.00. This was one of the first actions of the newly incorporated Village of Mazomanie. In 1885 the Village of Mazomanie officially appointed a fire department with 40 members. Fire hydrants were first installed in 1888; and

WHEREAS, the first motorized fire truck was purchased in 1927. The fire service has relied primarily on dedicated volunteers to provide 150 continuous years of property protection and lifesaving assistance to Mazomanie and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the fire service has grown from its humble beginnings to present time with a membership of 26 volunteer men and women who operate an engine, a "quint" ladder truck, and a squad. All of these fire trucks are at least 20 years old and with prudent purchases and excellent maintenance this fire department has consistently maximized the Village's "bang for their buck" with a most recent acquisition of Car 5; a 2015 Ford F-250. This is a first response and command vehicle equipped with the innovative Ultra High Pressure fire pump technology, manufactured right here in Dane County; and

WHEREAS, the fire service has also been an important contributor to the social fabric of the Mazomanie. In more recent years, the Mazomanie Fire Department has been at the forefront of firefighting technology. In the 1970's Mazomanie was one of the first departments in Dane County to use large diameter supply hose. In keeping with their forward thinking, Mazomanie was the first fire department in Dane County to approach the Sheriff's Department with the idea of central dispatching via radio pagers. This eventually became the 911 call center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Village of Mazomanie Fire Department on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and expresses its appreciation for the dedication of the volunteer firefighters in serving area communities over the past 150 years, and wishes them continued success for the next 150 years.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Village of Mazomanie Fire Department as a token of the esteem in which it is held by this Board.