

**TOWN OF BUCHANAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE  
CONSOLIDATION OF THE TOWN OF  
BUCHANAN FIRE & RESCUE AND  
VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS FIRE  
& RESCUE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Buchanan (“Town”) maintains Buchanan Fire & Rescue, a volunteer department which currently serves the Town of Buchanan as well as surrounding communities through mutual aid agreements;

WHEREAS, the Village of Combined Locks (“Village”) maintains Combined Locks Fire & Rescue, which is also a volunteer department that serves the Village of Combined locks as well as its surrounding communities through mutual aid agreements;

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town (collectively, “Parties”) respective departments are located approximately two miles apart and frequently respond to calls for service in the other department’s territory;

WHEREAS, RW Management was retained to perform a feasibility study to determine whether consolidation would provide benefits to the Parties’ and their respective departments;

WHEREAS, RW Management concluded that consolidation is likely to provide benefits to the Parties’ by ensuring a faster proper response to calls for service, increasing the number of firefighters and equipment to calls in both the Town and Village and, long-term, would likely lead to cost savings on capital purchases;

WHEREAS, the RW Management consolidation study has been presented to the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Combined Locks and the Town Board of Supervisors for the Town of Buchanan;

WHEREAS, the Parties, by their respective Boards, have determined that it is in their best interest to prioritize the consolidation of their respective fire departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Buchanan Board of Supervisors supports further efforts by its fire chief and administrator to negotiate in good faith and to work toward consolidation of the Parties’ fire and rescue departments pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0301(2), Wis Stat. sec. 60.553, and Wis. Stat. sec. 61.66.

Adopted this 22 day of June, 2022

**ATTEST:**

Cynthia Sieracki  
Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk

Karen Lawrence  
~~Greg Sprangers, Town Chairperson~~  
Karen Lawrence, Supervisor 1

Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-04 made by: *Knuppel / Kavanaugh*

Votes:

Title	Name	Aye	Nay	Other
Supervisor I	Lawrence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Supervisor II	Knuppel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Supervisor III	Kavanaugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Supervisor IV	Walsh			<i>Absent</i>
Chairperson	Sprangers			<i>Absent</i>

Posted: *July 14*, 2022