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Sec. 2-1-1 Legal Statutes; General Town Powers.

- (a) The Town of Friendship, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin is a body corporate and politic, with those powers granted by law. The Town shall be designated in all actions and proceedings by its name, as the Town of Friendship.
- (b) The Town may:
 - (1) Sue and be sued.
 - (2) Acquire and hold real and personal property for public use and convey and dispose of the property.
 - (3) Enter into contracts necessary for the exercise of its corporate powers.

State Law Reference: Sec. 60.01, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-2 Village Powers.

The Town Meeting having, by resolution, adopted at the annual meeting on April 3, 1956, directed the Town Board to exercise all powers relating to villages and conferred on village boards by Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., the Town of Friendship shall have said powers through its Board. This is a continuing grant of powers.

State Law Reference: Secs. 60.10(2)(c), 60.22(3) and Ch. 61, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-3 Voter Registration.

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 6.27(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Friendship elects that registration shall be required for all primaries and elections in the Town of Friendship.
- (b) The Town Clerk of the Town of Friendship shall forthwith certify this action to the County Clerk and to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2-1-4 Polling Place.

The polling place serving all wards in the Town of Friendship shall be the Friendship Town Hall.

State Law Reference: Sec. 5.25(2), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-5 Election Poll Hours; Workers.

- (a) **Poll Hours.** The voting polls in the Town of Friendship, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.
- (b) **Number of Election Officials.**
 - (1) The Town Clerk shall be authorized to employ election officials (poll workers and tabulators) for each election sufficient to conduct said election effectively, the minimum number of election officials necessary at any one time for any one (1) election being three (3). It is further authorized that two (2) sets of election officials may be used at different times at any one (1) election with the total number of election officials working at one time to be an odd number.
 - (2) The Town Clerk shall have the power to limit or reduce the number of election officials. The Town Clerk shall determine in advance of each election whether the number of election officials for such election should be reduced from the number prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes, and if such a reduction is so determined, the Town Clerk shall further redistribute duties among the remaining officials.
- (c) **Tabulators.** The Town Clerk may deem necessary from time to time to select and employ tabulators for certain elections due to the high projected voter turnout. Tabulators shall assist and be under the direction of the election officials after the close of the polls. The Town Clerk shall select and employ tabulators, if needed, for any election.
- (d) **Wards.**
 - (1) Wards have been established in the Town of Friendship for election purposes. However, there are various elections where Town electors from more than one (1) ward vote for offices that are identical to those in other wards, and the Town Board has determined that tabulating vote totals by ward requires more time by election

officials and occasionally require more inspectors to work at elections. Thus, the Town Board has determined that there is no administrative advantage to having vote totals by ward when voting for common offices.

- (2) For the reasons stated above, the Town Board has determined that wards will be combined for vote reporting purposes for those wards voting for common office(s).

State Law Reference: Sec. 7.30(1) and (3), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-6 Official Newspaper.

The Town of Friendship shall use posting pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes as its means of giving notice. When publication is required by the Wisconsin Statutes or when directed by the Town Board as a substitute to posting, the official newspaper of the Town of Friendship shall be the *Fond du Lac Reporter*.