

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06

A Resolution Honoring Richard Van Dinter

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter joined the Cedarburg Fire Department on October 4, 1974, serving as Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant of the Engine Company from 1978 – 1982, Captain of the Engine Company from 1983 – 1987, Deputy Chief from 1988 – 1993 and Fire Chief from 1993 to 2014, a total of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-one years as Fire Chief, Richard Van Dinter has conscientiously and capably served the community and has demonstrated the highest principles of fire safety, emergency response, and fire safety education while exhibiting high moral and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter supported community outreach efforts such as the Explorer program, the Survive Alive program, CPR training, the “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” program, the annual Safety Day, and “Delivering Fire Safety” partnership with Safe Kids of Wisconsin; all of which are important to educating the public and fostering fire and safety awareness and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter prioritized training and certification of members to be ready for approximately 1,000 emergency calls annually; and

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter, as a member of the Cedarburg Fire Department, was influential in completion of the following projects: replacing eight vehicles in the fleet, adding three vehicles and a dive trailer to the fleet, repurchasing Truck 16 for the antique fleet, 911 transports, implementation of BERT and ERV for EMS, Training Tank a/k/a William Ritter Training Facility, donation of property north of the fire house from Washington Avenue to Jefferson Avenue back to the City and neighbors, building of Station No. 2, long driveway marking program, planning and constructing Memorial Park, MABAS program in Ozaukee County, L.O.S.A. program, Explorer program, thermal imaging cameras, donation of playground equipment at Cedar Creek Park, issuance of SCBA masks to every firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter is a highly regarded and respected leader in fire service in Ozaukee County and surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Richard Van Dinter was a driving influence in all aspects of the Cedarburg Fire Department in his 40 years of active service and had a major impact making the Cedarburg Fire Department what it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby joins the citizens of the City of Cedarburg, the Cedarburg Fire Department, and City Staff in publicly honoring, commending and expressing their sincere appreciation to Richard Van Dinter for his admirable service and many contributions to the Cedarburg Fire Department.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of April 2014.

Kip Kinzel, Mayor

Attest:

Constance K. McHugh, City Clerk