

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM**

### **VOTE ON APRIL 6**

Did you know that the Town of Geneva works with both Lake Geneva and Elkhorn for fire and EMS services? They work together and cover our entire town as needed. Although there are service agreements, both departments do cover the entire town when needed and provide mutual aid to each other. The proximity of these two Departments also holds down the cost of everyone's homeowners and property insurance in our Town.

Recently the City of Elkhorn became a full-time Fire and Rescue Department. Their ability to provide quality service to our entire town will only improve with this change. This has increased the cost to the Town of Geneva for these services. The referendum that will be voted on April 6, 2021 will ask for an increase of approximately \$29.40 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would see an annual increase of about \$58.80, far less than the cost of forming our own Fire and Rescue Department.

The Town of Geneva will have to pay for this increase regardless of referendum results. If the referendum fails, services will have to be cut in other areas.

This referendum is a very affordable way to continue the quality Fire and EMS services we all depend on. Our choices are limited as we do not have our own Fire Department and the cost to start our own is a difficult and almost impossible option.

It is for this reason that your vote on this referendum is critically important. We need fire and ambulance service to protect our homes, property, businesses and families. A change in our fire rating may have a negative impact on everyone's homeowner's insurance likely far more expensive than the dollars the referendum is asking for.

**Please VOTE April 6, 2021 on the PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM.**

