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Resolution 2014-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON TO EXCEED THE STATE IMPOSED LEVY LIMIT BEGINNING IN 2015 AND ON AN ONGOING BASIS

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2014 and beyond under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2014 to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the Town of Grafton is \$11,562 or .85 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County believes it is in the Town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a percentage greater than .85; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County believes that it is in the Town's best interest to plan for systematic Town highway maintenance and repair by increasing the Highway Budget to meet public safety needs and address the rising costs of repairing and maintaining Town highways; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grafton actual levy in 2013 (collected in 2014) was \$1,462,322; and further whereas the state limit would limit the increase to \$11,033 for a total allowable 2014 (collected in 2015) Town tax levy of \$1,473,355.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County does hereby support an increase in the Town tax levy for 2014 (to be collected in 2015) to exceed the state levy limit and orders as follows:

1. That the Town Board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2015, and subsequent years.
2. That the Town Board does hereby order that the question of increasing the Town tax levy for 2014 (to be collected in 2015) by 9.30 percent, which would increase the Town levy by \$136,033 over the past year's levy, for a Town tax levy of \$1,598,355, shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum question at a General Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

The question to be placed on said ballot shall read as follows:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Grafton for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year (2015) is limited to \$11,033 or .75 percent, which results in a new levy amount of \$1,473,355.

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of Grafton be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year (2015) and on an ongoing basis, by \$125,000, an additional 8.55 percent increase, for a total levy increase of 9.30 percent, which results in a levy of \$1,598,355, for the increase in the Highway Budget?

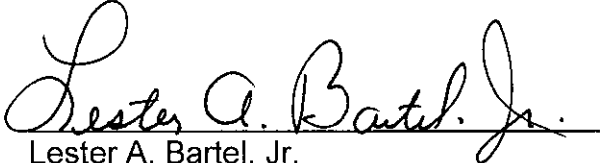
A "yes" vote allows the Town Board to exceed the state imposed levy limits to provide for the increase in the Highway Budget.

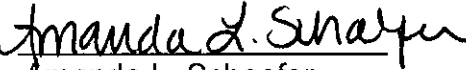
A "no" vote does not allow the Town Board to exceed the state imposed levy limits to provide for the increase in the Highway Budget.

The results of the Referendum shall be binding upon the Town of Grafton and certified to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, as required by Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602(4)(d).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall provide the Ozaukee County Clerk with a certified copy of this Resolution, no later than August 27, 2014, to ensure that the Referendum question can be placed on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot for all wards within the Town of Grafton.

Adopted by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grafton this 13th day of August, 2014.


Lester A. Bartel, Jr.
Town Chairman

Attest: 
Amanda L. Schaefer
Town Clerk

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