

2014

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE
WIS. STAT. § 82.03(2) HIGHWAY EXPENDITURE LIMIT

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute § 82.03(2) requires that the town board shall provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, § 82.03(2) also requires that the total sum spent under this subsection in any year for construction, maintenance, and repair of highways and bridges may not exceed the product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town unless authorization is gained to exceed that number by either town meeting of the electors or referendum approval;

WHEREAS, the current highway expenditure limit formula of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the town has existed unchanged since 2001 (last changed by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16);

WHEREAS, highway construction and maintenance costs have grown far in excess of inflation since the year 2001;

WHEREAS, towns are already under levy limit constraints per § 66.0602;

WHEREAS, there has been widespread increase in usage of town highways by vehicles of heavy weights from Wisconsin's agriculture, forestry, non-metallic mining (industrial or "frac" sand) and other commercial interests;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's town highways are under an increasing need of additional, regular investment of town resources;

THEREFORE, be it Resolved, By the [choose an option: Town Board of the Town of Oakland, Douglas County; or The _____ County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association), That we support an increase in the § 82.03(2) annual highway expenditure limit from \$5,000 per mile of town highway to \$10,000 per mile of town highway and/or for this figure to be indexed to sufficiently account for increases in both inflation and costs.

Signed: 

Attested: Laurie K. Dolsen

Date: 7/8/14

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