

RESOLUTION #2010 - 2

TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS IN THE TOWN OF EDGEWATER 2009 BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 65.90 (5) (a) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, on an annual basis the Town Board must adopt a budget reflecting proposed revenues and expenditures for the forthcoming year; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget is based upon estimates of revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Town budgets through use of line item appropriations for its activities; and

WHEREAS, line item transfers are sometimes needed to provide funding the actual level of expenditures with some budget appropriations being too large and others too small; and

WHEREAS, Section 65.90 (5) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides for amending the budget through transfers among the various appropriations set forth in the budget by means of the adoption of a resolution for such purposes adopted by a two-third vote of the entire membership of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, there being adequate funds available within the 2009 budget and general fund balance to facilitate the proposed line item adjustments to provide appropriations for the expected level of expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EDGEWATER, that in accord with Section 65.90 (5) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the line item adjustments as detailed on Attachment A to this resolution are hereby authorized:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to make said transfers and to post a copy of this Resolution within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption hereof.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2010.



William Zimmer, Chairman

ATTEST:


Natalie Clemens, Clerk/Treasurer

Budget Adjustments

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
State Aid for Recycling	43545	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
State Grant for Voting	43547	100.00	
Severance Tax from State	43640		3,000.00
Power Line Impact Fees	44500	1,047.00	
Snow Plowing	46310	1,400.00	
Highway Services from Other Towns	47331	2,800.00	
Interest on Investments	48110		3,400.00
		<u>5,347.00</u>	<u>7,400.00</u>
Website	51109	1,000.00	
Legal	51300		1,000.00
Clerk/Treasurer Office Expense	51402	750.00	
Accounting and Auditing	51450	1,000.00	
Other General Government	51900		1,000.00
Property and Liability Insurance	51938		1,500.00
Fire Protection	52200	6,700.00	
Ambulance	52300		3,400.00
Storm Warning Sirens Operating Expe	52900	1,850.00	
Highway & Street Administration	53100		500.00
Highway Labor	53300		8,000.00
Crushed Gravel	53312	12,250.00	
Salt and Sand	53313	1,100.00	
Culverts	53314		10,000.00
Machine Hire	53317		2,700.00
Fuel and Supplies	53321		7,500.00
Garage Utilities	53321		1,400.00
Shop Supplies	53332	4,100.00	
Major Equipment Fund	53340	44,648.00	
Solid Waste/Recycling Salary	53630		1,000.00
Park Mowing	55200	100.00	
		<u>73,498.00</u>	<u>38,000.00</u>
Increases in Revenue Accounts		\$ 5,347.00	
Decrease in Revenue Accounts		(7,400.00)	
Decreases in Expenditure Accounts		38,000.00	
Increases in Expenditure Accounts		(73,498.00)	
Funded from General Fund Balance		<u>\$ (37,551.00)</u>	

Resolution #2010-1 to Oppose DOR County Assessment Proposal

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal assessment to county assessment of real and personal property;

Whereas, moving the assessment from the town, village, and city level to the county will take away local control and increase costs to the taxpayers;

Whereas, DOR acknowledges the costs of a county assessment system will be on average \$25 per parcel statewide, which will be a significant increase in property taxes from the county level at a time when increased property taxes are already a burden;

Whereas, property owners will lose the convenience of open book and board of review proceedings in their own municipality by having to travel to county sites for open book and board of review;

Whereas, the DOR proposal will provide little oversight over county assessment practices and no appeal rights of individual towns, villages, and cities of their municipal full value as determined by the county assessment;

Whereas, the DOR has expressed concern over some local assessment practices and other issues such as assessor certification and performance that can be addressed under the current municipal assessment system without mandating a county assessment system;

Whereas, the DOR proposal for "single value" assessment may reduce state costs for state equalization between municipal assessing districts, however there is no showing that "single value" assessment is required in Wisconsin, nor that the change to county assessment without state equalization will in fact bring more uniformity and equity to assessment practices;

Whereas, if valid concerns exist over current assessment practices of municipal assessment, these issues should be studied by the various interested stakeholders including local governments and assessors to determine if changes to municipal assessment practices could be implemented to improve the current system rather than blindly mandate county assessment;

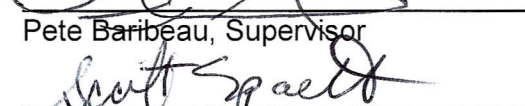
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of The Town of Edgewater in Sawyer County does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin, local governments and other stakeholders should study what changes, if any are found necessary, can be implemented to improve municipal assessment practices without necessarily eliminating the current system.


Adopted this 12th day of January, 2010 by the Town Board of The Town of Edgewater, Sawyer County.


Bill Zimmer, Town Chairman


Pete Baribeau, Supervisor


Scott Spaeth, Supervisor

ATTEST:


Natalie Clemens / Town Clerk ~ Treasurer