

Resolution 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, 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;

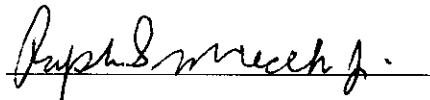
Whereas, the DOR proposal for "single value" assessment may reduce state costs for state equalization between municipal assessing districts, however there is no showing that "single value" assessment is required in Wisconsin, nor that the change to county assessment without state equalization will in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

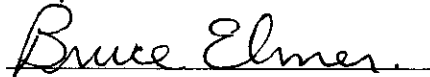
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Warner, Clark County does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin;

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.

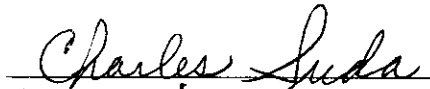
Adopted this 12th day of January, 2010 by the Town of Warner, Clark County.



Chairman



Supervisor



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Clerk

TOWN OF WARNER
MINUTES
January 12, 2010

Regular monthly meeting for the Town of Warner was called to order by Town Chairman Ralph Smrecek Jr. after budget and special meeting. at the Warner Town Hall.

Supervisors present: Charles Suda and Bruce Elmer
Others present: Roger Sonnentag, Jerome Krempasky

Open Forum: None

The minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report was approved as presented.

Motion by Charles Suda, seconded by Bruce Elmer to pay all of the monthly bills as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on parcel of property owned by Town of Warner parcel number 056.0434.000 legal description S 1 rd of E 40 rds of SW-NW Sec. 23 Twp 27 N R 2 W. Motion Ralph Smrecek Jr., seconded Bruce Elmer to deed land to Randy Kitzhaber. Randy will cover all costs.

Motion Bruce Elmer, seconded Ralph Smrecek Jr. to approve resolution to oppose county assessment proposal.

Motion Charles Suda, seconded Bruce Elmer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Jerome Krempasky, Clerk