



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: May 13, 2013
Agenda Item: 5e

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Paul F. Evert, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: A Resolution Requesting Timely and Dependable State-Facilitated Data to Local Units of Government

ACTION REQUESTED: Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

POLICY ISSUE

Should the Village Board approve Resolution 2013-19, Requesting Timely and Dependable State-Facilitated Data to Local Units of Government?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

City and Village officials rely on critical financial information they receive from state government, such as equalized values, shared revenue estimates, and general transportation aid estimates, in order to prepare their annual budgets.

Many state agency reports important to municipal budgeting are typically published in the fall (the levy limit worksheet, the Wisconsin Retirement System contributions, general transportation aids, and manufacturing assessed values to name a few). Many municipalities, however, begin preparing their annual budgets in the summer. Last year, one state agency when contacted indicated they could not deliver the information earlier because of problems with a software change over. In other years, municipalities have been told the state was waiting to issue certain information because other municipalities were late reporting data. The Advance Municipal Issues Committee has discussed this issue with the League of Municipalities and has developed a standard resolution requesting the various state agencies provide critical information to Villages and Cities by August 1.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

This has not been discussed with the Board previously but has been vetted at the Advance Municipal Issues Committee for several months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

1. Is There A Fiscal Impact? No
2. Is it Currently Budgeted? No
3. If Budgeted, Which Line? NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends the Village Board approve the model resolution.

If the Village Board agreed with this action, the following motion could be used, "*Motion to approve Resolution 2013-19, Requesting Timely and Dependable State-Facilitated Data to Local Units of Government.*"

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following actions:

- Approve with revisions
- Deny the suggested motion
- Table the suggested motion and request additional information

ATTACHED INFORMATION

- I. Resolution 2013-19
- II. December 14, 2012 Memo from League of Wisconsin Municipalities to Wisconsin Legislature

VILLAGE OF HOWARD, WISCONSIN

Resolution 2013-19

**A Resolution Requesting Timely and Dependable State-Facilitated
Data to Local Units of Government**

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin and its political subdivisions of counties, towns, cities and villages cooperatively work towards and achieve mutual governance of Wisconsin citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin administers and facilitates data for various activities, programs, and funding mechanisms for local units of governments; and,

WHEREAS, timely receipt of state-facilitated data is imperative for local government planning, budgeting and service delivery; and,

WHEREAS, the communication of state-facilitated data has been inconsistent, delayed or incomplete from year-to-year; and,

WHEREAS, local units of government, for the sake of being fiscally responsible to and timely in its communication of fiscal planning, taxation and service delivery to its taxpayers requires advanced communication of state-facilitated data; and,

WHEREAS, local units of government are amenable to adjusting, within reason, administrative processes, timelines and procedures to ensure information required by state agencies is received in a timely manner to ensure new requested deadlines are achievable and not administratively burdensome; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of local governments signatory to this Resolution, and inherently all other local units of government in Wisconsin, that information related to equalized values and net new construction, Wisconsin Retirement System contributions, certification of CPI for purposes of determining the inflation factor under the expenditure restraint program and for the calculation of allowable base wage negotiations, shared revenue estimates including exempt computer values, general transportation aide calculations, manufacturing assessed values, and lottery credit and school aides, be received in a manner consistent with most local government budgetary timelines; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named, state-facilitated data be must be received **on or before August 1 of each calendar year.**

Dated in _____, Wisconsin this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

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To: Wisconsin State Legislators
From: Curt Witynski, Assistant Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities
Date: December 14, 2012
Re: **Background on League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Request that State Agencies Provide Critical Financial Information Earlier in the Year**

City and village officials rely on critical financial information they receive from state government, such as equalized values, shared revenue estimates, and general transportation aid estimates, in order to prepare their annual budgets.

Many state agency reports important to municipal budgeting are typically published in the fall (e.g., the date for certifying the CPI for purposes of determining the inflation factor under the expenditure restraint program is October 15; and the payment for municipal services estimates are released November 15). Many municipalities, however, begin preparing their annual budgets in the summer.

Municipalities need to receive agency reports, aid estimates, and other financial information earlier in the year. Specifically, the following statutory deadlines should be changed to July 1 or August 1.

- Equalized and net new construction values (the current statutory publication deadline is August 15). Wis. Stat. § 70.57
- Shared revenue estimate (the current statutory publication deadline is September 15). Wis. Stat. § 79.015.
- Exempt computer values (current release date is October 1). Wis. Stat. § 79.095(3).
- General transportation aids estimates (currently publicized October 1). Wis. Stat. § 85.31.
- Certification of CPI for purposes of determining the inflation factor under the expenditure restraint program (current law requires DOR to certify CPI for this purpose on November 1 annually). Wis. Stat. § 79.05(2m).
- Amounts to be paid under the payment for municipal services program (Under current law these estimates are released November 15). Wis. Stat. § 70.119(60(a)).