

STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF WATERFORD

RACINE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 1-9-2023

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE LEVY BEYOND THE AMOUNT THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER THE LOCAL LEVY LIMIT STATUTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND SCHEDULING AN ELECTION FOR A REFERENDUM TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES

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

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2023 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 Waterford is (estimated) to be 1.303% percent; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Waterford believes it is in the Town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 1.303% for the purpose of creating and filling one (1) new police officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford actual levy in 2022 (collected in 2023) was \$1,990,889; and state law would limit the increase to \$196,309 for a total allowable 2023 (collected in 2024) Town tax levy of \$2,187,198.

WHEREAS, creating the filling one (1) new police officer position will enhance the Town of Waterford Police Department's ability to better fulfill the department's growing response and preventative responsibilities. Raising the statutory levy limit will allow the Town to enhance these services, which are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Waterford.

NOW, THEREFORE the Town Board of the Town of Waterford does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The Town Board hereby supports an increase in the Town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) to exceed the state levy limit. 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 2024 as well. The purpose for which the increase levy will be used is to create and fill one (1) new police officer position.

The Town Board directs that the question of increasing the Town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by 6.858 percent, which would increase the Town tax levy by \$150,000 over the past year's levy, for a Town tax levy of \$2,337,198, the increase to be used for creating and

filling one (1) new police officer position shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum to be held on April 4, 2023.

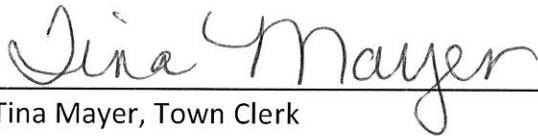
Passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Waterford this 9th day of January, 2023.

APPROVED:



Tom Hincz, Town Chairman

ATTEST:



Tina Mayer, Town Clerk