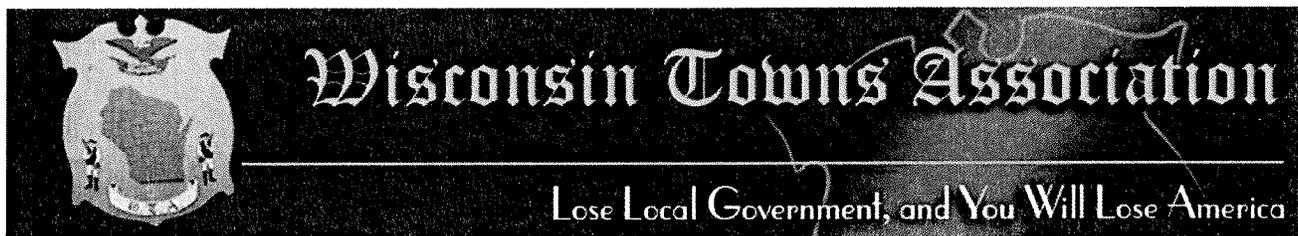

Town Board Transportation Resolution

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Town Clerks & Chairs:

If you've received and read the July magazine, you've noted I talked about two important upcoming announcements that are intended to positively adjust the future of Wisconsin. This is the first one.

We have partnered with the counties, cities, and villages to develop a resolution that we are asking ALL town boards to adopt in July or August. We plan to combine all 1200+ of our town resolutions and deliver a big packet of almost 2,000 resolutions to the Governor this fall. If you've been watching the news in recent weeks, the Governor has indicated 3 times in 3 weeks that there will be no new funding for roads without a tax decrease somewhere else. The Assembly leadership has objected, while the Senate has been silent. Given Medicaid and school funding, that means there will almost certainly be no more money for roads if the Governor's opinion prevails. This resolution is another strategy in our lobbying effort. It is attached in Word and PDF.

If you haven't signed up for the previous strategy – the Just Fix It campaign – previous magazine articles detail how to do that. Please do so if you haven't. During the meeting in which you pass this resolution, you can also ask any citizens attending to sign up for the campaign.

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Please send your completed resolutions to Chris Loesl (chris.loesl@wisctowns.com) via email or hard copy no later than September 1st.

Thanks in advance for your prompt attendance to this matter.

Create a great day!

Mike

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Town of Berry Resolution # 2016-5

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and,

WHEREAS, towns are responsible for over 50% of the road miles in the state; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads, as well as urban streets and transit systems across the state; and,

WHEREAS, according to "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin," commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and,

WHEREAS, according the same research municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012, which is less than it was in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades, which has adversely affected local transportation finances; and,

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs; and,

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin, and unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that all of the interstate, state, and local road systems play a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin and must be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and,

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Berry Town Board to urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a solution that includes a responsible

level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Adopted: July 18, 2016

Attest: _____
Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

Anthony Varda, Chair

Posted: _____

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Duane Haag, Supervisor