

## Resolution of Minocqua Town Board Exercising Referendum Option

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has placed levy limits on towns, villages, cities, and counties under s.66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes;

Whereas s.66.0602, Wis. Stat. limits the local levy to a percentage increase no more than the *greater* of either a) 0% of the local levy for the previous year *or* b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed, which for the Town of Minocqua is 1.265 percent;

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, believes it is in the town's interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 1.265 maintaining current levels of services and operating expenses for maintenance;

Whereas, the Town of Minocqua tax levy was \$4,210,119 for the year 2022 (collected in 2023); and further whereas the state law would limit the increase to \$53,258 for a total allowable 2023 (collected in 2024) Town tax levy of \$4,336,130, including adjustments;

Now, therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The town board hereby supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) that would exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit by \$400,000 for a total town tax levy of \$4,736,130. The increase is requested on an ongoing basis.

2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by 9.225 percent over the past year's levy be put to referendum at an election on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

3. The question shall be submitted to the electors as follows: "Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Minocqua for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2024, is limited to 1.265%, which results in a levy of \$4,336,130. Shall the Town of Minocqua be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2024, for the purpose of maintaining existing levels of service for police, fire, public works, and operating expenses for maintaining infrastructure, equipment, and facilities by a total of 9.225%, which results in a levy of \$4,736,130, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$400,000 for each fiscal year going forward?"

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

By: Minocqua Town Board

Attested by Town Clerk: Roben Haggart