

**WINDSOR TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION 2015-02**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
TOWN GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor has conducted public meetings with its residents to review governance structure options and seek public input, and has sought advice from its consultants regarding the implications of various government structures; and,

WHEREAS, over the past year, the Town Chairperson has reached out to all neighboring communities with respect to possible changes being considered by the Town regarding its governance structure; and,

WHEREAS, over the past year or so, joint meetings between the Town and Village of DeForest have included discussions regarding consolidation of the Town and Village as a single government entity, incorporation of the Town as a separate village, and possible consolidation of the two communities in the future after both are structured as villages; and,

WHEREAS, at this juncture, the Town Board wishes to set forth its initial conclusions related to town governance structure and proceed with its due diligence, all as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Windsor as follows:

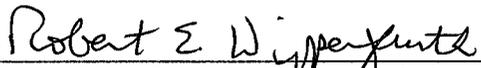
1. The Town Board does not wish to pursue merger or consolidation with the Village of DeForest at this time, but does wish to reserve the option to consider merger or consolidation in the future.
2. The Town Board is satisfied with the financial analysis prepared by the municipal financial advisors at Ehlers & Associates, and the conclusions set forth in the Ehlers & Associates report. The Town Board does not wish to expend further tax dollars on a more detailed financial analysis at this time.
3. The Town Board stands by the intergovernmental agreements it has with neighboring communities.
4. Because of the plain language of the agreements and general legal principles, the Town Board is of the opinion that, if the Town as a whole is incorporated, the intergovernmental agreements will continue to bind the municipal entity that is the successor to the Town. The Town Attorney is directed to work with the Village Attorney in DeForest and the City Attorney in Sun Prairie to reach a collaborative approach that achieves this desired result. The purpose of this collaborative effort is to assure that the Windsor-DeForest and Windsor-Sun Prairie cooperative boundary

agreements and other intergovernmental agreements remain binding on the parties and any successor to the Town of Windsor.

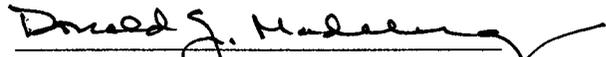
5. Under the direction of the Town Attorney and the Town Finance Director, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP shall be retained as special counsel to assist with the objectives set forth in this Resolution. The terms of the representation agreement shall be substantially the same as the Town's previous agreement with Stafford; however, select services will be provided at special counsel rates.
6. The Town Board will proceed with continued due diligence to incorporate the Town, but only if the entire Town is able to incorporate as a village.
7. The Town will continue to meet and confer with neighboring communities regarding common interests and concerns, and will ask neighboring communities to support the Town's effort to incorporate the entire Town as a village.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Windsor on January 15, 2015, by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN OF WINDSOR



Robert E. Wipperfurth, Town Chairman



Donald G. Madelung, Town Supervisor



Bruce Stravinski, Town Supervisor



Alan Buchner, Town Supervisor



Monica M. Smith, Town Supervisor

Attest:


Christine Capstran, Town Clerk