



VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-041

A RESOLUTION TO FILE A WATER RATE INCREASE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN IN 2016

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston owns and operates water and sewer utility enterprises for the health and welfare of its citizens, known as Weston Municipal Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Weston Municipal Utilities is subject to regulation under rules set forth by various agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC); and

WHEREAS, the USEPA, WDNR, and PSC establish standards for providing drinking water designed to protect public health with adequate and reliable infrastructure and staffing; and

WHEREAS, in addition the PSC sets forth standards of service for all Wisconsin water utilities under Chapter PSC 185 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the costs of maintaining the required level and standards of service continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, Weston Municipal Utilities has not raised its water rates since March 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Weston Municipal Utilities has determined that its needs for operation and maintenance of the utility in 2016, including capital projects for future needs of the utility, would result in an estimated operating loss of \$238,000 for its 2016 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with PSC 185.21 (2) (a), the PSC expects utilities to establish rates for water service "...that reflect the cost of service for each class of customer and include a volume charge based on actual customer consumption;" and

WHEREAS, the PSC of Wisconsin is authorized under §196 Stats and specifically §196.37 Stats., to "...determine and order reasonable rates, tolls, charges, schedules ... to be imposed, observed and followed..." for Wisconsin water utilities; and

WHEREAS, the PSC has an established procedure and format for filing proposed increases to water utility service rates; and

WHEREAS, Village staff recommends the services of a financial consultant, Ehlers, to proceed with assembling the proper documents for the rate increase including a cost of service study to satisfy PSC requirements in accordance with §196.37 Stats. and advise the Village as to matters related to the proposed rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Weston hereby directs Village staff to execute a contract with financial consultant, Ehlers, to prepare the necessary documents for a water utility cost of service study and filing for a water utility rate increase with the PSC in 2016.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTON, at a regular meeting thereof, this 30 day of the month of NOV., 2015.

VILLAGE OF WESTON, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Wisconsin.

By: Barbara Ermeling
BARBARA ERMELING, Village President

ATTEST:
By: Sherry Weinkauff
SHERRY WEINKAUF, Village Clerk

Vote: 7-0