

RESOLUTION 2014-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM FOR THE VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT ALLOWING THE VILLAGE TO EXCEED THE STATE IMPOSED LEVY LIMIT BEGINNING IN 2014 AND CONTINUING ON AN ONGOING BASIS

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 2014 Village property tax levy increase to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of the previous 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 Village is \$4,616, or .17 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the Village's actual levy in 2013 (collected in 2014) was \$2,715,424 and the levy limit law would therefore limit the Village's 2014 increase to \$4,616, for a total allowable 2014 (collected in 2015) Village tax levy of \$2,720,040; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Village believes it is in the Village's best interest to exceed the allowable levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than the allowed .17 percent for the purpose of funding Village park-related expenses, including the Village's annual July 3rd fireworks display.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Sturtevant, Racine County, Wisconsin, does hereby support an increase in the Village tax levy for 2014 (to be collected in 2015), and thereafter on an ongoing basis, to exceed the state levy limit, and the Village Board further directs as follows:

1. That the Village Board intends that the levy increase be applied in 2014, and thereafter on an ongoing basis, by including such increase in the base used to calculate the levy limit for 2014 and subsequent years; and,
2. That the Village Board does hereby direct that the question of increasing the Village tax levy for 2014 (to be collected in 2015), and thereafter on an ongoing basis, by 1.8 percent, which would increase the Village 2014 levy by \$48,877 over the 2013 levy, for a total Village 2014 tax levy of \$2,764,301 shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum question at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014. The referendum question to be placed on said ballot shall read as follows:

“Referendum Question

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Sturtevant for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year (2015) is limited to .17 percent, which results in a levy of \$2,720,040. Shall the Village of

Sturtevant be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year (2015), and on an ongoing basis, by a total of 1.8 percent, which results in a 2015 levy of \$2,764,301.

Explanatory Statement and Effect of Vote

A “yes” vote allows the Village Board to exceed the state imposed levy limits to provide additional funding Village park-related expenses, including the Village’s annual July 3rd fireworks display.

A “no” vote does not allow the Village Board to exceed the state imposed levy limits to provide additional funding for Village park-related expenses, including the Village’s annual July 3rd fireworks display.”

The results of the referendum shall be binding upon the Village of Sturtevant and certified to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, as required by Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0602(4)(d); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall provide the Racine County Clerk with a certified copy of this Resolution, no later than August 26, 2014, so as to ensure that the referendum question can be placed on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot for all wards within the Village of Sturtevant.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Sturtevant, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 19th day of August, 2014.

VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT

By: _____
Steven Jansen, President

Attest: _____
Mary Cole, Village Clerk