



RESOLUTION 2020-06

A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE VILLAGE LEVY

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has placed levy limits on towns, villages, cities and counties under section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes 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 Village of Maple Bluff is 1.542% for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Maple Bluff is a mature, built-out community and experiences minimal new construction restricting the village's ability to meet the very basic economic increases; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Maple Bluff, Dane County believes it is necessary for the village to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 1.542% for the purpose of reinstatement of one police officer and one fire officer, adding one police officer, establishing competitive wage rates for administration, fire and public works personnel, recuperating loss of transportation aid and adequately funding health, education and retirement liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Maple Bluff tax levy was \$2,645,096 for the year 2019 (collected in 2020); and

WHEREAS, the state limit would limit the increase to \$22,723 for a total allowable village tax levy of \$2,501,424 for year 2020 (collected in 2021), after levy limit adjustments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Maple Bluff, Dane County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. Rescind Resolution 2020-05 A Resolution to Hold a Public Referendum to Increase the Village Levy.
2. The village board hereby supports an increase in the village tax levy for 2020 (to be collected in 2021) to exceed the state levy limit. The village board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2021 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is reinstatement of one police officer and one fire officer, adding one police officer, establishing competitive wage rates for administration, fire and public works personnel, recuperating loss of transportation aid and adequately funding health, education and retirement liabilities.

3. In accordance with section 66.0602 of Wisconsin State Statutes, the Village Board directs that the below referendum shall be submitted to the electors on the November 3, 2020 ballot.
4. The referendum question shall be as follows:
Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Maple Bluff for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2021, is limited to 1.542%, which results in a levy of \$2,501,424. Shall the Village of Maple Bluff be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2021, for the purpose of reinstatement of one police officer and one fire officer, adding one police officer, establishing competitive wage rates for administration, fire and public works personnel, recuperating loss of transportation aid and adequately funding health, education and retirement liabilities, by a total of 34.477%, which results in a levy of \$3,363,833, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$862,409 for each fiscal year going forward?

Resolution adopted this 26 day of August, 2020, by a vote of 6 in favor 0 opposed.



Timothy R O'Brien, Village President

Attested by:



Sarah R Danz, Deputy Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer