

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

RESOLUTION NO. 008, SERIES 2015

RESOLUTION OPPOSING COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL

WHEREAS, Governor Walker recommends in his 2015-2017 state budget proposal shifting from municipal assessment to county assessment of property values for property tax purposes by 2017; and

WHEREAS, moving assessment responsibilities from the town, village, and city level to the county, which has never been engaged in the assessment of property, will reduce local control and increase costs to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the costs of a county assessment system accomplishing 100 percent market valuations annually will be on average \$25 per parcel statewide, which is more than what many communities, including Grafton, currently spend on assessment services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Grafton has an assessing contract for 2014-2018 with Mass Appraisals LLC which is two year beyond the effective date of the proposed legislation; and

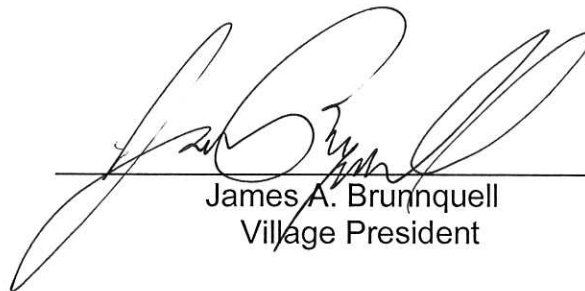
WHEREAS, property owners will lose the convenience of Board of Review proceedings in their own municipality by having to travel to county sites for board of review; and

WHEREAS, the state's concerns over current assessment practices are better addressed outside of the state budget process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Grafton opposes the provision in the 2015-2017 state budget bill shifting from municipal to county assessment and urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to remove the provision from the state budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin, local governments, assessors, and other stakeholders should study how the current assessment system can be improved and jointly recommend a set of changes, if any are found necessary, to improve municipal assessment practices without necessarily eliminating the current system.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2015.


James A. Brunquell
Village President

Attest:


Kelly A. Meyer, WCMC
Village Clerk