

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY TOWN BOARD OF:
RE: SUPPORT FOR RESTORING FUNDING TO RECYCLING RESPONSIBLE UNITS

WHEREAS, State law Wis. Stat. § 59.70(2) creates and defines a solid waste management board; and

WHEREAS, State law Wis. Stat. § 59.70(3) empowers the solid waste management board to “[e]stablish and require use of facilities for the recycling of solid waste and or for the recovery of resources from solid waste as provided under s. 287.13.”; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste reduction, recovery and recycling law was signed into law in 1990 and codified as Wis. Stat. §287; and,

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 287.09 establishes the designation of “Responsible Units of Recycling”, which are local units of government charged with the operating an “Effective Recycling Program”; and,

WHEREAS, an effective recycling program includes operating a recycling collection system for residents, conducting recycling education, developing methods of compliance and implementing all other facets of the law; and

WHEREAS, Town of Liberty is designated the Responsible Unit of Recycling through agreement entered into shortly after the law was enacted; and

WHEREAS, because the legislature recognized that implementing effective recycling programs would require financial assistance it approved the Basic Grants for Responsible Units of Recycling, the funding for which comes from a Recycling Fee placed on landfill disposal. Annually \$30- \$40 million is collected as the Recycling Fee; and

WHEREAS, while the Recycling Fee dollars collected by landfills has remained consistent or increased, the money available to Responsible Units of Recycling has diminished from \$29.5 million in 2009 to \$19 million in 2020; and

WHEREAS, to build on the recycling successes of the past 30 years, additional funding is needed to Responsible Units to support the growing expense of local programs.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no fiscal impact to the County Budget as a result of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Liberty Town Board hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to restore recycling funding to the Recycling Grant to its previous base funding of \$29.5 million.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Liberty Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, members of the Joint Committee of Finance, local members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF MAY 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

TOWN OF LIBERTY RESPONSIBLE UNIT OF RECYCLING

Date: May 10, 2021

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. [60.80](#), Wis. stats.

Adopted this 10 day of May, 2021.

Joel Aulik, Chairperson

Jim Krim, Supervisor

David Petersen, Supervisor

Attest: _____
Pam Petersen, Clerk