

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN

Resolution 2015-01

**Resolution Opposing Implementation of
County Assessment in Wisconsin and
Asking for the Proposal to be Removed from the Budget**

The Town Board of the Town of New Haven, Dunn County, Wisconsin does adopt and resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal assessment to county assessment that requires 100% assessment of every property every year; and,

WHEREAS, this proposal will cause an unfathomable waste of taxpayer dollars through extraordinary cost increases; and,

WHEREAS, citizens will only be able to access a few Board of Review proceedings throughout an entire county, which significantly decreases the ability of local knowledge to create accuracy in the assessment process; and,

WHEREAS, towns, cities, and villages are no longer in control of their own costs because the county will just send them a bill; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal is an unprecedented intrusion into local government by requiring the state to suggest a salary range for their assessment director and work with the county to set a county budget and number of employees; and,

WHEREAS, the DOR has cited assessor problems as part of their rationale, but has never revoked an assessor license despite having the authority; and,

WHEREAS, over the last five years the DOR has already required additional work and detailed information from assessors to improve the process; and,

WHEREAS, this proposals kills private sector jobs and grows public sector jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the DOR cites that Wisconsin is one of few states that has municipal assessment, but forgets to note the strong leadership of Wisconsin citizens, our state's dedication to local input, and the simple lack of town government in many states;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of New Haven, Dunn County, does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin and asks for the proposal to be removed from the budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Towns are, and have always been willing, to work with the State of Wisconsin, fellow local government groups, and other stakeholders to continually improve the assessment process.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2015, by the Town Board of New Haven, Dunn County.

/S/ Marv Prestrud
Marv Prestrud, Chairperson

/S/ Don Cormican
Don Cormican, Supervisor

Attest:

Absent
Jill Huber, Supervisor

/S/ Diane Duerst
Diane Duerst, Clerk