

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-01

RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN UNFUNDED MANDATE REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO CONVERT PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DATA TO ELECTRONIC FORMAT BY JANUARY 2014

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates on local governments have increased significantly in Recent years; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates require villages, towns and cities to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare and safety of municipal citizens; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates too often impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures where less costly alternatives might be just as effective; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, the State has significantly reduced State Aid and imposed strict limitations on levy increases; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Stockholm currently does not maintain assessment data in electronic format; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has changed the Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual (WPAM) to require all municipalities to convert assessment data to electronic format for the 2013 assessment year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Stockholm strongly opposes the current attempt to substantially transform the property assessment process by regulatory dictate. This opposition includes, but is not limited to, the IPAS/PAD program, the USPAP requirement, and the unfunded mandate that all records be converted to electronic format by January 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that alterations this broad and expensive should be implemented only by the legislature, the duly elected representatives of the citizens, with the full involvement of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, copies shall be forwarded to Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Kathleen Vinehout and 91st District Assembly Representative Chris Danou.

NEGATIVE:

AFFIRMATIVE:

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolution passed by the Village Board of the Village of Stockholm on this 26th day of September, 2011.

Thomas R. Ahlstrom, Village President

Attest: Cindy Fayerweather, Village Clerk
Village of Stockholm, Wisconsin