

MEMORANDUM

Business Item A

From: Administrator/Staff

To: Town Board

Re: Town Board review & consideration of Resolution 2023-008 Supporting the NEWSC in Opposition of WI State Senate Bill 455 & Assembly Bill 457 further regulating municipal stormwater utilities.

Please find included in your packet copies of both the Senate & Assembly bills. The Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC) of which the Town is a member, has asked for the support of the member municipalities in opposing these bills.

In summary of the NEWSC position, they feel that:

- Adding this new level of regulation will increase stormwater rates and reduce the services that can be provided by municipal utilities.
- Adding a new level of regulation, construction approval, and review will delay projects significantly
- Proposed changes will cause redundant reporting and requirements to the Public Service Commission (PSC) and will increase costs.
- Local, elected officials already have oversight over the budget, services, and rates of the stormwater utilities.
- Stormwater utilities are already subject to the PSC when/if a complaint is filed

Currently, municipalities are authorized to construct & operate stormwater systems, and establish service charges to meet the costs of construction, reconstruction, operating, maintaining, etc. the system. The current law generally does not subject municipal stormwater utilities to PSC jurisdiction, except when complaints are filed.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

*Motion **AND ROLL CALL** to approve Resolution 2023-008 and direct Staff to submit the signed Resolution to NEWSC.*

If you have any questions about this information, please call or e-mail me.

Respectfully Submitted
Kelsey