

**RESOLUTION 2021-007
TOWN OF LAWRENCE
BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A
NEW WATER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the creation and governance of metropolitan sewer districts is governed by Chapter 200.09; and

WHEREAS, the Green Bay Area Metropolitan Sewerage District, also known as "NEW Water" is governed by a 5-member commission appointed by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, NEW Water is a water resource utility serving Northeast Wisconsin including 15 municipal customers, serving 236,000 residents in a 285 square mile area; and

WHEREAS, NEW Water's bills are passed through to municipal residents who generally view the bill as a town, city or village charge; and

WHEREAS, NEW Water is facing tremendous costs and annual rate increases to municipal customers associated with stricter environmental standards, including phosphorous mitigation, which will be passed on to ratepayers in the form of higher rates; and

WHEREAS, local units of government have no direct representation on NEW Water's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Suamico has expressed an interest in changing the method of appointments to the NEW Water Board of Commissioners where the municipalities would have an ability to have direct input on the recommendation of one seat on NEW Water's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with other communities in the district the Village of Suamico has proposed the following change:

- Create a NEW Water Municipal Committee comprised of all interested municipal customers in Brown County.
- Each municipal customer's governing board would appoint 1 (one) individual to serve on the municipal committee until a new appointment is made. The individual shall be an elected official, staff member or resident of the municipality.
- Once established the members of the municipal committee will vote on a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the committee.
- The municipal committee shall be tasked with recruiting, vetting, and recommending one individual to the Brown County Executive for consideration to be nominated for one seat on NEW Water's Board of Commissioners.
- Should the recommended individual be confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors, the municipal committee shall reconvene whenever that seat is due for reappointment to either reaffirm the recommendation or recommend a new individual to the County Executive.

- Should the recommended individual not be confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors, the municipal committee shall reconvene the following year to repeat the recruiting, vetting and recommendation process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lawrence supports the creation of a "NEW Water Municipal Committee" tasked with recruiting, vetting, and recommending one individual to the Brown County Executive for consideration to be nominated for one seat on NEW Water's Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2021.

Dr. Lanny J. Tibaldo
Dr. Lanny J. Tibaldo, Town Chairperson

Attest: Cindy Kocken
Cindy Kocken, Clerk

Vote: Aye	<u>5</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>

