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Sec. 2-1-1 Village Government.

- (a) **Village Government Organization.** The Village of Sullivan is a body corporate and politic with the powers of a municipality at common law and governed by the provisions of Chapters 61 and 66, Wis. Stats., laws amending those chapters, other acts of the legislature and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.
- (b) **Division of Government.**
- (1) **Legislative Branch.** The Village Board is the legislative branch of the Village government. Its primary business is the passage of law in the form of ordinances or resolutions which shall prescribe what the law shall be, not only in relation to the particular facts existing at the time, but as to all future cases arising under it. The Village Board shall fix the salaries of all officers and employees of the Village, and be charged with the official management of the Village's financial affairs, its budget, its revenues and the raising of funds necessary for the operation of the Village.
 - (2) **Executive Branch.** The Village President shall be the chief executive officer. He/she shall take care that all Village ordinances and state laws are observed and enforced, and that all Village officers, boards and commissions discharge their duties. When present, he/she shall preside at the meetings of the Village Board. He/she shall from time to time give the Village Board such information and recommend such measures as he/she may deem advantageous to the Village.

State Law Reference: Wis. Const., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

Sec. 2-1-2 Candidates for Elective Office; Nomination Papers; Primary Elections.

- (a) **Candidates for Elective Office; Nomination Papers.**
 - (1) Nomination papers for elective offices shall be signed by not less than twenty (20) nor more than one hundred (100) electors of the Village.
 - (2) Nomination papers for elective offices shall be circulated not sooner than the 1st day of December preceding the election, and shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer not later than 5:00 p.m. the first Tuesday in January; or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday.
- (b) **Primary Elections.** Candidates for all elective Village offices shall be nominated by nonpartisan primary election conducted as directed by Ch. 8, Wis. Stats., so far as applicable and specifically in accordance with Sec. 8.05(4)(b), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-3 Election Hours; Voter Registration.

- (a) **Election Poll Hours.** The voting polls in the Village of Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin shall be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.
- (b) **Voter Registration.** All electors for all elections shall be required to be registered. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall receive applications for registration at his/her office during regular office hours throughout the year, except that registration may also be completed at Village polling places on election days upon presentation of proper identification and proof of residency.

Sec. 2-1-4 Election Officials.

- (a) Pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes, there is hereby established one (1) set of election officials to conduct all elections of the Village which shall consist of seven (7) election inspectors. However, pursuant to Sec. 7.32, Wis. Stats., the Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to reduce the number of election officials, provided that no such action may reduce the number of officials at a polling place to less than three (3). The Clerk-Treasurer shall determine in advance of each election whether the number of election officials for such election should be reduced from the number prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes, and if such a reduction is so determined, the Clerk-Treasurer shall further redistribute duties among the remaining officials. Pursuant to Sec. 7.32, Wis. Stats., the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to reduce the number of election officials for all elections to three (3) officials.
- (b) Because Ch. 7.30(1), Wis. Stats., allows for the creation of alternate or two (2) sets of election officials to work at different times on election day, the Village Board authorizes

the selection of alternate and/or two (2) sets of election officials to staff the polls on election day. The Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to schedule election officials in shifts on any said election day. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall redistribute the duties of such election officials.

State Law Reference: Secs. 7.30 and 7.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-5 Official Newspaper; Legal Posting.

- (a) **Publication.** When publication is used instead of legal posting, the official newspaper of the Village of Sullivan shall be the *Jefferson County Daily Union*.
- (b) **Legal Posting.** When legal posting is used instead of publication, the Village shall post notices in the following three (3) designated posting locations:
 - (1) Premier Bank.
 - (2) Gaugert Automotive, Inc.
 - (3) Sullivan Municipal Building (bulletin board outside).

State Law Reference: Sec. 985.06, Wis. Stats.

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Village Board

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Sec. 2-2-1 Village Board.

The Trustees of the Village of Sullivan shall constitute the Village Board. The Village Board shall be vested with all the powers of the Village not specifically given some other officer, as well as those powers set forth elsewhere throughout this Code of Ordinances.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 61.34, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-2 Trustees.

- (a) **Election, Term, Number.** The Village of Sullivan shall have four (4) Trustees in addition to the President, who is a Trustee by virtue of his/her office as President. The Village President and four (4) Trustees shall constitute the Village Board. Two (2) Trustees shall be elected at each annual spring election for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election.
- (b) **Appointment as President.** A Village Trustee shall be eligible for appointment as Village President to fill an unexpired term.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.20 and 61.325, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-3 Village President.

- (a) **Election.** The Village President shall be elected at the annual spring election in odd-numbered years for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of his/her election.
- (b) **Duties.** The Village President shall by virtue of his/her office be a Trustee and preside at all meetings of the Board, have a vote as Trustee, and sign all ordinances, rules, bylaws, regulations and commissions adopted or authorized by the Board and all orders drawn on the treasury. The Village President shall maintain peace and good order, see that the Village ordinances are faithfully obeyed, and in case of disturbance, riot or other apparent necessity appoint as many special marshals as he/she shall deem necessary, who for the time being shall possess all the powers and rights of constables.
- (c) **Participation in Debate.** The Village President shall vote on all matters in the same way that other Trustees vote. The President has the power to make motions, and to introduce ordinances, resolutions and the like as any other Trustee.
- (d) **Appointments.**
 - (1) Wherever in this Code of Ordinances the Village President is required to appoint citizens to committees, commissions and/or boards, in the event the Village Board rejects a Village President's appointment, the same name may not be submitted for the same job for a period of twelve (12) months after the refusal of such appointment.
 - (2) In the event a vacancy occurs in any committee, board or commission requiring the appointment of a citizen member and the Village President does not nominate a successor thereof for a period of sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, the Village Board may then nominate an appointee to such position, subject to the approval of the Village President.
 - (3) In the event the Village Board, by parliamentary practice, tables an appointment by the Village President, such tabling action shall be effective for that meeting, but at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, such appointment shall be on the meeting

agenda for further consideration, and the particular appointment involved may not be tabled a second (2nd) time.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.24, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-4 Standing Committees.

- (a) **Committee Appointments.** At the first special or the first regular Board meeting following the third (3rd) Tuesday in April, the Village President shall nominate Trustees to all committees, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Board. Three (3) Trustees shall make up each of the following standing committees:
- (1) Parks, Buildings, Grounds and Safety Committee.
 - (2) Streets, Sidewalks, Sewer and Utilities Committee.
 - (3) Personnel Committee.
 - (4) Budget, Finance and Legal Affairs Committee.
- (b) **Chairpersons.**
- (1) The Village President shall designate the chairperson of each standing committee.
 - (2) The Village President shall be an ex officio member of each standing committee, or may be appointed to serve as a member of a specific committee.
- (c) **Committees-of-the-Whole; Special Committees.**
- (1) The Village President may declare the entire Board a committee of the whole for informal discussion at any meeting or for any other purpose, and shall ex officio be chairperson of the same.
 - (2) The Village President may, from time to time, appoint such special committee or committees as he/she deems advisable or as provided for by motion or resolution by the Board stating the number of members and object thereof to perform such duties as may be assigned to them.
- (d) **Committee Reports.**
- (1) All committees are subunits of the Village Board and perform no executive or administrative Village function other than as specifically authorized by ordinance or policy adopted by the Village Board.
 - (2) Each committee shall give the full Board at the next regular Board meeting a verbal or written report on all matters referred to it. Such report shall recommend a definite action on each item and shall be approved by a majority of the committee. Each committee report shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting and the members attending. Each such committee report, verbal or written, is deemed to be the product of the entire committee, whether any item therein is approved unanimously or not. Each such report should provide all necessary historical background to familiarize the Board with the issue.

- (3) If a committee member in a particular committee disagrees with the position taken by the committee on an issue, such member may address the Board with the minority position. The Board shall permit one (1) committee member supporting the majority position equal time to address the Board on such issue.
- (e) **Ambiguity of Committee Authority.** In case of ambiguity or apparent conflict between the preceding definition of committee authority and a definition, in these ordinances, of the authority of a Village officer, employee, board, or association, the latter shall prevail.
- (f) **Cooperation of Village Officers.** All Village officers shall, upon request of the chairperson of any committee, confer with the committee and supply such information as the committee may request upon any pending matter. A committee shall not assume responsibility for the administration of any Village Department.

Sec. 2-2-5 General Powers of the Village Board.

- (a) **General.** The Village Board shall be vested with all the powers of the Village not specifically given some other officer. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Village Board shall have the management and control of the Village property, finances, highways, streets, navigable waters and the public service, and shall have the power to act for the government and good order of the Village, for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public, and may carry its powers into effect by license, regulation, suppression, borrowing, taxation, special assessment, appropriation, fine, imprisonment and other necessary or convenient means. The powers hereby conferred shall be in addition to all other grants and shall be limited only by express language.
- (b) **Acquisition and Disposal of Property.** The Village Board may acquire property, real or personal, within or without the Village, for parks, libraries, historic places, recreation, beautification, streets, waterworks, sewage or waste disposal, harbors, improvement of watercourses, public grounds, vehicle parking areas and for any other public purpose; may acquire real property within or contiguous to the Village, by means other than condemnation, for industrial sites; may improve and beautify the same; may construct, own, lease and maintain buildings on such property for instruction, recreation, amusement and other public purposes; and may sell and convey such property. Condemnation shall be as provided by the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (c) **Acquisition of Easements and Property Rights.** Confirming all powers granted to the Village Board and in furtherance thereof, the Board is expressly authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation under the Wisconsin Statutes, any and all property rights in lands or waters, including rights of access and use, negative or positive easements, restrictive covenants, covenants running with land, scenic easements and any rights for use of property of any nature whatsoever, however denominated, which may be lawfully acquired for the benefit of the public or for any public purpose, including the exercise of powers granted under Sections 61.35 and 62.23, Wis. Stats.; and may sell and convey such easements or property rights when no longer needed for public use or protection.

- (d) **Village Finances.** The Village board may levy and provide for the collection of taxes and special assessments; may refund any tax or special assessment paid, or any part thereof, when satisfied that the same was unjust or illegal; and generally may manage the Village finances. The Village Board may loan money to any school district located within the Village or within which the Village is wholly or partially located in such sums as are needed by such district to meet the immediate expenses of operating the schools thereof, and the Board of the district may borrow money from such Village accordingly and give its note therefor. No such loan shall be made to extend beyond August 30 next following the making thereof or in an amount exceeding one-half (1/2) of the estimated receipts for such district as certified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the local School Clerk. The rate of interest on any such loan shall be determined by the Village Board.
- (e) **Construction of Powers.** Consistent with the purpose of giving to villages the largest measure of self-government in accordance with the spirit of the home rule amendment to the Constitution, the grants of power to the Village Board in this Section and throughout this Code of Ordinances shall be liberally construed in favor of the rights, powers and privileges of villages to promote the general welfare, peace, good order and prosperity of the Village and its inhabitants.

State Law Reference: Art. XI, Sec. 3, Wis. Const.; Sec. 61.34, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-6 Cooperation with Other Municipalities.

The Village Board, on behalf of the Village, may join with other counties, villages, cities, towns or other governmental entities in a cooperative arrangement for executing any power or duty in order to attain greater economy or efficiency, including joint employment of appointive officers and employees.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.34(2) and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-7 Internal Powers of the Board.

The Village Board has the power to preserve order at its meetings. Members of the Village Board shall be residents of the Village at the time of their election and during their terms of office.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-8 Salaries.

- (a) The Village President and other Trustees who make up the Village Board, whether operating under general or special law, may by majority vote of all the members of the Village Board determine that a salary be paid the President, Trustees, and other Village officials. Salaries heretofore established shall so remain until changed by ordinance and shall not be increased or diminished during their terms of office.
- (b) Present salaries are Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) annually for the Village President and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for Village Trustees (One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) for third term Trustees).

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-9 Meetings.

- (a) **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Village Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month at 7:00 p.m. local time. Any regular meeting falling on a legal holiday shall be held at another date designated by the Village Board at the same time and place. When the Village Board designates a date and time for the regular Board Meeting, notice thereof shall be posted at the Municipal Building in the Village of Sullivan prior to such rescheduled meeting date. All meetings of the Board shall be held at the Village Hall, unless specified otherwise in the minutes of the preceding meeting or by written notice posted at the regular meeting place at least three (3) hours prior to any meeting. In any event, all Board meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the Village, unless specifically otherwise noticed. All five (5) Board members must consent to any change in the place of any meeting of the Village Board.
- (b) **Annual Organizational Meeting.** The Village Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting on the third Tuesday in April or on the first regular meeting in May following the spring election for the purpose of organization.
- (c) **Board Minutes.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of all Board proceedings and cause the proceedings to be published and/or posted.
- (d) **Attendance; Excused Absences.**
 - (1) **Absences.** Members of the Village Board may be excused from attending a Board meeting by contacting the Village President prior to the meeting and stating the reason for his/her inability to attend. If the member is unable to contact the Village President, the member shall contact the Clerk-Treasurer, who shall convey the message to the Village President. Following roll call, the Presiding Officer shall inform the Board of the member's excused absence. Board members who do not follow the above process will be considered unexcused and it shall be so noted in the minutes.

- (2) **Late Arrivals.** Members of the Village Board who anticipate a late arrival to a Board meeting should contact the Village President prior to the meeting and state the reason for the expected late arrival. If the member is unable to contact the Village President, the member shall contact the Clerk-Treasurer, who shall convey the message to the Village President. Board members who do not follow the above process and are not in attendance at the time of roll call will be considered as an unexcused tardy. Members who are not in attendance within one (1) hour of roll call, and have not followed the above process, will be considered as an unexcused absence. Arrival times of members will be noted in the minutes.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-10 Special Meetings.

- (a) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Village President, or by two (2) Trustees filing a request with the Village Clerk-Treasurer at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time specified for such meeting. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall select the day for the special meeting and immediately notify each Trustee of the time and purpose of such meeting. The notice shall be delivered or mailed to each Trustee personally or left at his/her usual place of abode a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time. However, an emergency meeting may be called with notice of a minimum of two (2) hours. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall cause a record of such notice to be filed in his/her office prior to the time fixed for such special meeting. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except for the purpose stated in the notice thereof. Notice to the public of special meetings shall conform to the open meeting requirements of Sec. 61.32 and Chapter 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall give notice immediately upon the call for such meeting being filed with him/her.
- (b) The request for any special meeting shall state the purpose for which the meeting is to be called and no business shall be transacted but that for which the meeting has been called.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 985.02(2)(a), Wis. Stats.; Ch. 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats.

Sec 2-2-11 Open Meetings; Adjournment of Meetings.

- (a) **Open Meeting Law Compliance.** All meetings of the Village Board and subunits thereof shall be open to the public as provided in Subchapter IV of Chapter 19, Secs. 19.81 through 19.89, Wis. Stats. Public notice of all such meetings shall be given as provided in Sec. 19.84, Wis. Stats.

- (b) **Adjournment of Meetings.** An adjournment to a closed session may be only for a permitted purpose as enumerated in Sec. 19.85, Wis. Stats., and must meet the other requirements of said Sec. 19.85, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Meetings to Be Open.** During the holding of any open session in the regular meeting room or in the substituted meeting room, said room and said meeting shall at all times be open and remain open to all citizens.
- (d) **Legally Permitted Closed Meetings.**
 - (1) **Pursuant to Statute.** The provisions of this Code of Ordinances do not prohibit the Board or any committee thereof from having a closed meeting ("executive meeting") which is legally convened and/or legally held in a room in said building other than the official meeting room or in some other building in the Village provided proper notice is given thereof pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
 - (2) **Confidentiality.**
 - a. Board members shall keep confidential all written materials and verbal information provided to them during executive sessions, to ensure that the Village's position is not compromised. Confidentiality also includes information provided to members outside of executive sessions when the information is considered to be exempt from disclosure under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
 - b. If the Village Board, after executive session, has provided direction or consensus to Village staff on proposed terms and conditions for any confidential or privileged issue, all contact with any other party shall be made by the designated Village representative handling the issue. Members should consult with the Village President and/or Village Attorney prior to discussing such information with anyone other than other Village Board members, the Village Attorney or designated Village staff. Any Village Board member or Village employee having any contact or discussion with any person other than those listed above on any such confidential or privileged issue shall make full disclosure to the Village Board in a timely manner.
- (e) **Photographs, Motion Pictures, Videotape—Permission Required for Artificial Illumination.** No photographs, motion pictures, or videotapes that require the use of flash bulbs, electronic flashes, flood lights, or similar artificial illumination shall be made at Village Board meetings without the consent of the Presiding Officer.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32 and Ch. 19, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-12 Quorum.

- (a) A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may adjourn or compel attendance of absent members if a majority is not present. The Village President shall be counted in computing a quorum.

- (b) When the presiding officer shall have called the members to order, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall record the attendance, noting who are present, and who are absent, and if, after having gone through with the call, it shall appear that a quorum is not present, the fact shall be entered in the minutes, and the members present may adjourn to a later date in the month; if they do not establish the next meeting date, the Village Board shall stand adjourned to the time appointed for the next regular meeting unless a special meeting is called sooner.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-13 Presiding Officers.

- (a) **The Village President Shall Preside.** Village President shall preside over meetings of the Village Board. In the absence of the Village President, the President Pro Tem shall preside over meetings of the Village Board. In case of absence of the Village President, and President Pro Tem, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall call the meeting to order and the Trustees present shall elect one of their number acting President.
- (b) **President Pro Tem.** At the annual organization meeting, the Village Board shall elect one of its members to serve as the President Pro Tem, who shall preside over meetings of the Village Board in the absence of the Village President.
- (c) **Duties.**
- (1) It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer generally to:
 - a. Call the meeting to order.
 - b. Keep the meeting to its order of business.
 - c. Control discussion in an orderly manner:
 1. Every Village Board member who wishes an opportunity to speak may be recognized by the presiding officer.
 2. Permit audience participation at the appropriate times permitted by the presiding officer.
 3. Require all speakers to state their name and address for the record, speak to the question, and observe the rules of order.
 - d. State each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon.
 - e. Put motions to a vote and announce the outcome.
 - (2) In the event of a dispute regarding Board procedures, the matter shall be decided in accordance with the parliamentary rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order*, unless otherwise provided by statute or by these rules. Any member shall have the right to appeal from a decision of the presiding officer. Such appeal is not debatable and must be sustained by a majority vote of the members present excluding the presiding officer.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.32, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-14 Meeting Agendas; Order of Business.

(a) **Agenda.**

- (1) The order of business at all regular or special meetings shall be according to the agenda prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer. All matters to be presented at a Board meeting shall be filed with the Clerk-Treasurer, or his/her deputy, no later than 8:00 a.m. on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled regular Board meeting to enable the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the agenda and all attachments and distribute the same to the Village Board. Matters filed after 8:00 a.m. on the Wednesday preceding the Board meeting will not be placed upon the agenda. The Village President may waive the filing deadline for emergency cause shown.
- (2) A submitting department shall include copies of all material necessary to consider the agenda item.
- (3) The Village President shall advise the Clerk-Treasurer whether to include an item on the agenda, except that the Trustees calling a special meeting shall decide which items shall be first considered at such special meeting.
- (4) The Clerk-Treasurer shall afford the Trustees maximum reasonable notice of agenda items as each situation allows.

(b) **Order of Business.** Generally, the following order shall be observed in the conduct of all regular Board meetings:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Roll call; pledge of allegiance.
- (3) Discussion, correction and approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.
- (4) Committee reports.
- (5) Unfinished business from previous meetings.
- (6) New business, including introduction of ordinances and resolutions.
- (7) Committee reports.
- (8) Communications.
- (9) Adjournment.

(c) **Order to Be Followed.** No business shall be taken up out of order unless authorized by the Village President or by majority consent of all Trustees and in the absence of any debate whatsoever.

(d) **Recognition of Visitors.** In order to maintain and hold meetings in an orderly fashion the following procedure will be followed regarding visitors unless having previously made a request to be placed on the agenda for a specific item:

- (1) No discussion allowed from visitors during the course of the meeting unless requested by the Board.
- (2) At the appropriate time, each visitor can be recognized and allowed to speak for no more than five (5) minutes.
- (3) If a speaker purports to speak for an organization, club or others so as to lead the Board to believe that a number of persons support a position, then such person shall state how that position was developed by the group.

(e) **Procedure at Public Hearings.**

- (1) After opening the public hearing, the presiding officer shall then call on those persons who wish to speak for the proposition. Each person wishing to speak for the proposition shall give his or her name and address.
- (2) Each person speaking on behalf of the proposition shall be limited in time to not more than five (5) minutes. The presiding officer may allow for additional time.
- (3) The presiding officer shall then call on those persons who wish to oppose the proposition.
- (4) Each such person wishing to speak in opposition to the proposition shall give his or her name and address and shall also be limited to five (5) minutes.
- (5) Any person wishing to speak in rebuttal to any statements made may, with the permission of the presiding officer, do so, provided, however, such rebuttal statement shall be limited to three (3) minutes by any one (1) individual.
- (6) If a speaker purports to speak for an organization, club or others so as to lead the Board to believe that a number of persons support a position, then such person shall state how that position was developed by the group.
- (7) When the presiding officer in his/her discretion is satisfied that the proposition has been heard, he/she shall announce the fact that the hearing is concluded.

- (f) **Submittal of Written Comments.** If comments are provided in writing, they may be submitted to the Village Board on matters which the Board is considering at its meeting. It is encouraged that such written comments be filed with the Clerk-Treasurer by noon of the Friday preceding the regular meeting. If written comments are given at the meeting, the presenter should provide copies for the Village Board and staff.

Sec. 2-2-15 Introduction of Business; Resolutions and Ordinances; Disposition of Communications.

(a) **Definitions—Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions.**

- (1) **Ordinance.** A legislative act prescribing general, uniform, and permanent rules of conduct relating to the corporate affairs of the municipality. Board action shall be taken by ordinance when required by law, or to prescribe permanent rules of conduct which continue in force until repealed, or where such conduct is enforced by penalty.
- (2) **Resolution.** An internal legislative act which is a formal statement of policy concerning matters of a special or temporary nature. Board action shall be taken by resolution where required by law and in those instances where an expression of policy more formal than a motion is desired.
- (3) **Motion.** A form of action taken by the Board to direct that a specific action be taken on behalf of the municipality. A motion, once approved and entered into the record, is the equivalent of a resolution in those instances where a resolution is not required by law.

- (b) **Ordinances.** All ordinances and resolutions shall be prepared as follows:
 - (1) Each ordinance or resolution shall include a note stating the purpose thereof. All ordinances submitted to the Board shall be in writing and shall include at the outset a descriptive or brief statement of the subject matter and a title.
 - (2) The sponsor of an ordinance or resolution may be the President, one (1) or more Trustees, a department head or a committee, board, or commission.
 - (3) No ordinance, resolution or by-law shall be considered unless presented in writing by a Trustee or by a committee. Unless requested by a Trustee before final vote is taken, no ordinance, resolution or by-law need be read in full.
 - (4) On ordinances or resolutions that require special handling, the Clerk-Treasurer shall assure that an editorial note is prepared showing compliance with such special handling.
 - (5) The Clerk-Treasurer may reject any ordinance or resolution from placement on the agenda which fails to comply with this Section.
 - (6) Resolutions shall be in writing at the request of one Trustee; such request shall be nondebatable. Resolutions may be referred to an appropriate standing committee for an advisory recommendation.
- (c) **Subject and Numbering of Ordinances.** Each ordinance shall be related to no more than one (1) subject. Amendment or repeal of ordinances shall only be accomplished if the amending or repealing ordinance contains the number and title of the ordinance to be amended or repealed, and title of amending and repealing ordinances shall reflect their purpose to amend or repeal.
- (d) **Notice.** The Village Board may take action on an ordinance only if it appears on the written agenda for the meeting at which action is requested.
- (e) **Effective Date.** Unless otherwise provided, all ordinances shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication and/or legal posting; and published copies thereof shall have appended the date of first publication and/or legal posting.
- (f) **Disposition of Petitions, Communication, Etc.** Every petition or other correspondence from citizens addressed to the Village Board or to the Village Clerk-Treasurer or other Village officer for reference to the Village Board, shall be delivered by such other Village officer to the Village President or to the presiding officer of the Board as soon as convenient after receipt of same, and in any event, prior to or at the opening of the next meeting of the Village Board following the receipt of same. Every such petition, or other writing, and every paper, communication or other proceeding which shall come before the Board for action, may be referred by the Village President or presiding officer to the appropriate committee or commission, unless objected to by some member of the Board.
- (g) **Reference and Reports.** The presiding officer may refer new business coming to the Board to an appropriate Board committee unless otherwise referred or acted upon by the Village Board. All referrals, unless otherwise provided for in the referral, shall be reported on at the next regular Board meeting. Village Board motions based upon committee or commission action is permissible only on items specifically on the agenda.

Sec. 2-2-16 Publication and Effect of Ordinances.

- (a) All ordinances adopted by the Village Board shall, at the discretion and direction of the Village Board, be published in the official newspaper for the Village of Sullivan as a Class 1 Notice under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., or posted in three (3) public places within the Village.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision herein, if any ordinance adopted by the Village Board for the Village of Sullivan contains any penalty or forfeiture said ordinance shall be published as a Class 1 Notice under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats.
- (c) If an ordinance resolution, motion or other action is legally posted under this Section, the Clerk-Treasurer shall sign an affidavit attesting that the item was posted as required by this Section and stating the date and place of posting. The affidavit shall be filed with other records under the jurisdiction of the Clerk-Treasurer.
- (d) All ordinances shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication/posting thereof, unless otherwise provided.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.32 and 61.50, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-2-17 Conduct of Deliberations.

- (a) **Attendance Roll Call.** When the Presiding Officer shall have called the members to order, the Clerk-Treasurer shall proceed to call the roll in rotating order, noting who are present, and who are absent. If, after having gone through the call, it shall appear that a quorum is not present, the fact shall be entered in the minutes, and the members present may adjourn to a later date in the month. If they do not, the Board shall stand adjourned to the time appointed for the next regular meeting unless a special meeting is called sooner.
- (b) **Roll Call Votes.** A roll call shall not be necessary on any questions or motions except as follows:
 - (1) When the ayes and noes are requested by any member.
 - (2) When required by the state statutes of Wisconsin.
- (c) **Record of Votes.** All aye and nay votes shall be recorded in the official minutes. The ayes and nays shall be ordered upon any question at the request of any member of the Village Board. Any Trustee may demand a vote on any matter. The Clerk-Treasurer shall call for the ayes and noes on roll call votes in continuous rotation, beginning each roll call one (1) name further down the roster of Trustees. The Clerk-Treasurer shall record the ayes and noes on each vote.
- (d) **Parliamentary Procedure.** Except as provided below, the presiding officer, in the event of a dispute regarding procedure, shall in all other respects determine the rules of its procedure, which shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (1984)*, which is hereby incorporated by reference, unless otherwise provided by ordinance or Statute.

- (e) **Motions Stated.** Prior to any debate on a matter, the members of the Village Board shall be entitled to a clear understanding of the motion before the Village Board. The person making the motion shall clearly state the motion. There shall be a second to any motion prior to any debate or discussion of the motion. The presiding officer may, if felt necessary, restate the motion prior to any debate and discussion. Any member of the Village Board, prior to a vote on the motion, may request that the motion and any amendments adopted to the motion be reduced to writing and submitted in writing to the members of the Village Board prior to the final vote on the matter.
- (f) **Change of Vote.** No member of the Village Board may change his or her vote on any action item, business item, motion or question after the final result has been announced.
- (g) **Motions With Preference.** During any meeting of the Village Board certain motions will have preference. In order of precedence they are;
 - (1) **Motion to Adjourn.** This motion can be made at any time and has first precedence. This is a non-debatable motion.
 - (2) **Motion to Lay on the Table.** This motion may be made when the subject matter appropriate for tabling is to be debated or discussed. This motion is a non-debatable motion.
 - (3) **Motion to Call Previous Question.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate or discussion commences related to an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. This motion is a non-debatable motion. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. The motion, if adopted, brings the Village Board to a direct vote with the first vote on any amendments, if any, and then to the main action item, business item, motion or question.
 - (4) **Motion to Postpone to a Date Certain.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion commences on an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. This motion must establish a date and time certain when the debate and discussion before the Village Board will continue. The date and time established must be on a date and time for a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Village Board.
 - (5) **Motion to a Committee.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion commences on an action item, business item, motion or question that is properly before the Village Board. The motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question. This motion, if adopted, forwards the action item, business item, motion or question to a committee for further review and discussion. The committee must be a committee of the Village Board.
 - (6) **Motion to Amend or Divide the Question.** This motion may be made at any time after debate and discussion commences on the action item, business item, motion or

- question properly before the Village Board. The motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, divides the main action item, main business item, main motion or main question pursuant to the method described and adopted in the motion to divide.
- (7) **Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.** This motion may be made at any time after debate and discussion commences on the action item, business item, motion or question properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, ends the debate and discussion at the meeting on the action item, business item, motion or question.
- (8) **Motion to Introduce a Matter Related to the Action Item, Business Item, Motion or Question.** This motion may be made at any time after the debate and discussion properly before the Village Board. This motion is debatable. This motion, if adopted, expands or adds to the debate and discussion new items related to the main action item, main business item, main motion or main question pursuant to the method described and approved in the motion to introduce a matter related.
- (h) **Public Directory Votes.** No member of the Village Board shall request, at a meeting of the Village Board, a vote from the general public unless the proposed vote of the general public is so noted by the presiding officer of the meeting as strictly an advisory vote to the Board. Any vote taken by the general public at a meeting of the Village Board shall be considered by the Board only as an advisory vote and shall not be considered as a directory vote.
- (i) **Compelling Votes; Abstentions.** No member may be compelled to vote. When a member abstains from voting, the effect is the same as if the member voted on the prevailing side. The "prevailing side" is defined as the votes accumulated which resulted in carrying or defeating a question. In case of a tie vote (not including the abstention), the abstaining vote is considered a "naye." In case of a vote requiring approval by more than a simple majority, an abstaining vote is considered an "aye." (See also Section 2-5-7 on conflicts of interest).
- (j) **Majority Vote.**
- (1) Unless a larger number is required by statute, ordinance or bylaw, a majority vote of those present at a legally constituted meeting is necessary to carry a question.
 - (2) In the case of a tie vote on any motion, the motion shall be considered lost.
- (k) **Staff Input.** During regular or special meetings of the Village Board, the presiding officer may call for a staff report on business items as the agenda is considered and before a motion is entertained by the presiding officer. Once a motion is pending, debate is limited to Village Board members; additional staff input will be limited to providing clarification on issues if requested by a Village Board member.

Sec. 2-2-18 Reconsideration of Questions.

Any member voting on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the vote on any question at that meeting or the next succeeding regular meeting, except those which cannot be

reconsidered pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*. A Trustee may not change his vote on any question after the result has been announced.

Sec. 2-2-19 Disturbances and Disorderly Conduct.

Whenever any disturbance or disorderly conduct shall occur in any of the meetings of the Board, the President may, following a warning, cause the room to be cleared by a law enforcement officer of all persons causing such disorderly conduct.

Sec. 2-2-20 Amendment of Rules.

The rules of Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 shall not be rescinded or amended unless the proposed amendment or motion to rescind has laid over from a regular meeting, and then it shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Board.

Sec. 2-2-21 Suspension of Rules.

- (a) The rules of Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the Board.
- (b) These rules of procedure in Sections 2-2-14 and 2-2-17 through 2-2-19 are adopted for the sole benefit of the members of the Village Board to assist in the orderly conduct of Village Board business. These rules of procedure do not grant rights or privileges to members of the public or third parties. Failure of the Village Board to adhere to these rules shall not result in any liability to the Village, its officers, agents, and employees, nor shall failure to adhere to these rules result in invalidation of any Board act.

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Municipal Officers and Employees

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Sec. 2-3-1 General Provisions.

- (a) **General Powers.** Officers shall have generally the powers and duties prescribed for like officers of towns and villages, except as otherwise provided, and such powers and duties as are prescribed by law and except as to the Village President, shall perform such duties as shall be required of him/her by the Village Board. Officers whose powers and duties are not enumerated in Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed by law for like officers or as are directed by the Village Board.
- (b) **Rules.** All officers and departments may make the necessary rules for the conduct of their duties and incidental proceedings, subject to prior approval by the Village Board.
- (c) **Applicability of Ethics Statutes.** The general laws for the punishment of bribery, misdemeanors and corruption in office shall apply to Village of Sullivan officers.
- (d) **Legal Representation.** Whenever a Village official in his/her official capacity is proceeded against or is obliged to proceed before any civil court, board or commission, to

defend or maintain his/her official position, or because of some act arising out of the performance of his/her official duties, and he/she has prevailed in such proceedings, or the Village Board has ordered the proceedings discontinued, the Board may provide for payment to such official such sum as it sees fit, to reimburse him/her for the expenses reasonably incurred for costs and attorney's fees.

Sec. 2-3-2 Appointed Officials.

- (a) The Village officials hereinafter set forth shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board or as otherwise prescribed, and one (1) or more of said offices may be held by the same person. Persons appointed to perform the duties of the following offices shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to removal as provided by Sec. 17.12(1)(c) and (d), Wis. Stats.:

Official	How Appointed	Term
Building Inspector	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	One Year
Attorney	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Engineer (Consulting)	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Weed Commissioner	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	One Year
Assessor	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By Contract
Director of Public Works	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board

Clerk-Treasurer	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Indefinite
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- (b) All confirmation votes by the Village Board shall be by simple majority vote, except that in the case of the offices of Clerk-Treasurer and Assessor, a confirmation vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members is required.
- (c) The Village President shall not vote on the confirmation of such appointments, except in case of a tie.

Sec. 2-3-3 Village Clerk-Treasurer.

- (a) **Consolidated Offices.** Pursuant to Sections 61.195, 61.197 and 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Sullivan hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of Sections 61.19, 61.25 and 61.26, Wis. Stats., which relate to the selection and tenure of the Clerk and Treasurer, and which are in conflict with this Section. The offices of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer are hereby consolidated and the duties of both offices shall be performed by the person appointed as Village Clerk-Treasurer by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board (Charter Ordinance, November 7, 1990).
- (b) **Term.** The appointed Village Clerk-Treasurer shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to removal as provided in Sec. 17.13, Wis. Stats. Appointments shall be made in odd-numbered years.
- (c) **Audits.** Annual audits may be made of the records of the Clerk-Treasurer with the audit to be made by a certified public accountant.
- (d) **Duties as Clerk.** In his/her capacity as Village Clerk, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
 - (1) Perform all election duties as required by Wisconsin Statute and keep and maintain all election records and all property used in conjunction with holding of elections;
 - (2) Publish all legal notices unless otherwise provided; file and preserve all contracts, bonds, oaths of office and other documents not required to be filed elsewhere;
 - (3) Issue all licenses required by ordinance or statute except as otherwise provided;
 - (4) Attend meetings, take minutes and maintain files for the Village Board, and such other official boards and commissions as may be directed;
 - (5) Maintain a file on all Village records, ordinances, resolutions and vouchers;
 - (6) Type and distribute reports for the Village Board and for federal and state agencies;
 - (7) Audit and obtain approval on claims charged against the Village;
 - (8) Assist the Assessor in maintaining property assessment records;
 - (9) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (10) Issue licenses to various vendors in the Village;
 - (11) Develop and implement improved internal control and financial reporting procedures as necessary or as requested;

- (12) File financial and other reports with various state agencies;
 - (13) File insurance claims on behalf of the Village;
 - (14) Locate suppliers of goods or services and obtain quotes;
 - (15) Advertise for bids, receive them and summarize the results;
 - (16) Identify and evaluate ideas to achieve more efficient and effective operation;
 - (17) Coordinate, supervise and conduct elections;
 - (18) Confer with Village President, department heads and Village Board committees about projects and problems;
 - (19) Maintain personnel files under the direction of the Village Board.
- (e) **Duties as Treasurer.** In his/her capacity as Village Treasurer, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
- (1) Prepare the tax roll and tax notices required by the State of Wisconsin;
 - (2) Prepare financial and bank statement;
 - (3) Maintain fiscal records for the Village;
 - (4) Make reports to the State on assessments;
 - (5) Prepare and send invoices for services provided by municipal utilities.
 - (6) Perform record keeping, billing, collections, banking, investments, accounting and financial reporting of all Village operations, including utilities;
 - (7) Collect all taxes for the Village and other taxing bodies;
 - (8) Invest idle funds for maximum interest earnings;
 - (9) Prepare monthly financial report;
 - (10) Maintain payroll records and prepare payroll checks from approved employee time sheets;
 - (11) Prepare check vouchers for payment of approved claims for signature;
- (f) **Duties Prescribed by Law.** The Clerk-Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by State Statutes, Village ordinances, and by order of the Village Board. The Clerk-Treasurer generally shall perform, under direction of the Village President or other presiding officer of the Board, all duties pertaining to his/her office Clerk-Treasurer, and shall be responsible for all the official acts of assistants.
- (g) **Bond.** The Clerk-Treasurer shall execute to the Village a surety company fidelity bond in an amount determined by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-4 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

The Clerk-Treasurer may appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer(s), subject to confirmation by a majority of all the members of the Village Board. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer(s) shall have an indefinite term of office. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurers shall act under the Village Clerk-Treasurer's direction and, during the temporary absence or disability of the Village Clerk-Treasurer or during a vacancy in such office, shall perform the duties of Village Clerk-Treasurer. The acts of the Deputy(s) shall be covered by official bond as the Village Board shall direct.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.261, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-5 Village Attorney.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Village Attorney is an appointed position. The Village Attorney shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2, except the Village Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- (b) **Duties.** The Village Attorney shall have the following duties:
 - (1) The Village Attorney shall conduct all of the legal business in which the Village is interested.
 - (2) He/she shall, when requested by Village officers, give written legal opinions, which shall be filed with the Village.
 - (3) He/she shall draft ordinances, bonds and other instruments as may be required by Village officers.
 - (4) He/she may appoint an assistant, who shall have power to perform his/her duties and for whose acts he/she shall be responsible to the Village. Such assistant shall receive no compensation from the Village, unless previously provided by ordinance.
 - (5) The Village Board may employ and compensate special counsel to assist in or take charge of any matter in which the Village is interested.
 - (6) The Village Attorney shall perform such other duties as provided by State law and as designated by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-6 Fire Chief; Fire Department Officers.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Fire Chief shall assume office pursuant to the bylaws of the Fire Department. He/she shall be the Village Fire Inspector by virtue of his/her office.
- (b) **Powers and Duties of Chief.**
 - (1) The Chief shall have general supervision of the Department, subject to this Chapter and the bylaws of the Department and shall be responsible for the personnel and general efficiency of the Department.
 - (2) He/she shall enforce all fire prevention ordinances of this Village and state laws and regulations pertaining to fire prevention and shall keep citizens informed on fire prevention methods and on the activities of the Department.

Cross-Reference: Title 5, Chapter 2.

Sec. 2-3-7 Weed Commissioner.

The Weed Commissioner shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to Village Board confirmation. The term of office of the Weed Commissioner shall commence on the first day of May following his/her appointment. The Weed Commissioner shall take the official oath,

which oath shall be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer and shall hold office for one year. The Weed Commissioner shall hold office pursuant to and fulfill the duties set out in state law.

State Law Reference: Secs. 66.0407 and 66.0517, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-8 Director of Public Works.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Director of Public Works shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2. Generally, the Village Board shall maintain, service, inspect and/or repair all Village public works equipment, and property including street equipment, streets and street right-of-way, Village parks, Village buildings and other items as determined by the Village Board.
- (b) **Duties and Powers.** The Director of Public Works shall have the following duties and powers:
- (1) **General Duties.**
 - a. He/she shall have general charge and supervision of certain public works in the Village, including Village sewer and water utilities.
 - b. He/she shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and construction of parks, streets, alleys, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, bridges, street signs, Village buildings and structures and all related machinery, equipment and property used in such activity.
 - c. He/she shall have charge of certain public services, including snow and ice removal, street cleaning, flushing, water services, and street maintenance.
 - d. He/she shall perform such other activities and duties, as are imposed upon him/her from time to time by the Village Board, his/her job description or employment contract.
 - (2) **Maintain, Clean and Repair Streets and Roads.** The Director of Public Works shall:
 - a. Plow and remove snow as needed.
 - b. Clean and sweep streets.
 - c. Repair streets and roads with proper materials as needed.
 - d. Mow grass as needed.
 - e. Assess street repair and replacement needs as directed by the Board.
 - (3) **Maintain Village Buildings and Equipment.** The Director of Public Works shall:
 - a. Clean, maintain, paint and service Village buildings as needed and as directed by the Board.
 - b. Keep buildings in safe condition to meet all state and local building and safety code requirements.
 - c. Maintain and service all Village vehicles and machinery as needed and as directed by the Board.

Sec. 2-3-9 Assessor.

- (a) Pursuant to Sections 61.195, 61.197 and 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Sullivan hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of Sections 61.19 and 61.23, Wis. Stats., which relate to the selection and tenure of the Village Assessor, and which are in conflict with this Section.
- (b) Instead of being elected, the Assessor or assessing firm, shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Village Board. Said person so appointed to perform the duties of such office shall have a one (1) year term and shall serve as determined by contract. A corporation or an independent contractor may be appointed as the Village Assessor. The corporation or independent contractor so appointed shall designate the person responsible for the assessment. The designee shall file the official oath under Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats., and sign the affidavit of the Assessor attached to the assessment roll under Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats. No person may be designated by any corporation or independent contractor unless he/she has been granted the appropriate certification under Sec. 73.09, Wis. Stats. For purposes of this Subsection, "independent contractor" means a person who either is under contract to furnish appraisal and assessment services or is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, business or profession in which the services are offered to the general public.

Cross-Reference: Section 3-3-6(e), Confidentiality of Assessor's Records.

State Law Reference: Public Official's oaths and bonds, Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats.; corporation as assessor, Sections 61.197 and 61.27, Wis. Stats.; affidavit of assessor, Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats.; assessor certification, Sec. 73.02, Wis. Stats.; assessors in cities, Sec. 70.05, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-10 Building Inspector; Plumbing Inspector; Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Inspector; Electrical Inspector.

- (a) **Appointment.**
 - (1) Inspectors shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2. The Village may select the services of an inspection firm or independent contractor.
 - (2) Each inspector shall:
 - a. Possess such executive ability as is requisite for the performance of his/her duties and shall have a thorough knowledge of the standard materials and methods used in the installation of equipment in his/her area of responsibility;
 - b. Be well versed in approved methods of construction for safety to persons and property, the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin relating to work in his/her area of responsibility, and any orders, rules and regulations issued by authority thereof;

- c. Have sufficient experience in the installation of equipment to enable him/her to understand and apply the appropriate codes adopted by the Village of Sullivan.
 - d. Be certified in his/her area of inspection responsibilities.
- (b) **Authority to Enter Premises; Appeals.**
- (1) In the discharge of their respective duties, each Inspector under this Section or his/her authorized agent may enter any building, upon presentation of the proper credentials, during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Inspector or his/her authorized agent while in the performance of his duties; and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this Section and subject to a penalty as provided by Section 1-1-6.
 - (2) If consent to entry to personal or real properties which are not public buildings or to portions of public buildings which are not open to the public for inspection purposes has been denied, the Inspector shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Any person feeling himself/herself aggrieved by any order or ruling of an Inspector may, within twenty (20) days thereafter, appeal from such order or ruling to the Board of Appeals, as established in the Zoning Code, such an appeal to be in writing.
- (c) **Duties and Authority.** The Building Inspector shall have such responsibilities as are prescribed in this Section and Title 15 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (d) **Stop Work Orders and Revocations.** The Building Inspector may order construction, installation, alteration or repair work stopped when such work is being done in violation of this Code of Ordinances. Work so stopped shall not be resumed, except with written permission of the Inspector, provided if the stop work order is an oral one it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.
- (e) **Conflict of Interest.** No Inspector shall inspect any construction work in the Village in which the Inspector has a personal or financial interest either direct or indirect.

Sec. 2-3-11 Eligibility for Office.

- (a) No person shall be elected by the people to a Village office, who is not at the time of his/her election, a citizen of the United States and of this State, and an elector of the Village, and in case of a ward office, of the ward, and actually residing therein.
- (b) An appointee by the Village President, requiring to be confirmed by the Village Board, who shall be rejected by the Board, shall be ineligible for appointment to the same office for one (1) year thereafter.

State Law Reference: Sec. 62.09(2), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-12 Oaths of Office.

- (a) **Oath of Office.** Every officer of the Village, including members of Village boards and commissions, shall, before entering upon his/her duties and within five (5) days of his/her election or appointment or notice thereof, take the oath of office prescribed by law and file such oath in the office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Any person reelected or reappointed to the same office shall take and file an official oath for each term of service.
- (b) **Form, Procedure.** The form, filing and general procedure for the taking of oaths shall be governed by Chapter 19, Subchapter I, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Chapter 19, Subch. I, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-13 Vacancies.

- (a) **How Occurring.** Except as provided in Subsection (c) below, vacancies in elective and appointive positions occur as provided in Sections 17.03 and 17.035, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **How Filled.** Vacancies in elective and appointive offices shall be filled as provided in Sec. 17.24, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Temporary Incapacitation.** If any officer be absent or temporarily incapacitated from any cause, the Board may appoint some person to discharge his/her duties until he/she returns or until such disability is removed.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.23, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-14 Removal from Office.

- (a) **Elected Officials.** Elected officials may be removed by the Village Board as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(a) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Appointed Officials.** Appointed officials may be removed as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(c) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.

Annotation: 62 Atty. Gen. Op. 97.

Sec. 2-3-15 Custody of Official Property.

Village officers must observe the standards of care imposed by Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats., with respect to the care and custody of official property.

State Law Reference: Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-16 Official Bonds; Officers Not to Be Sureties.

Every officer shall, if required by law or the Village Board, upon entering upon the duties of his/her office, give a bond in such amount as may be determined by the Village Board with such sureties as are approved by the Village President, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. Official bonds shall be filed with the office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Any person re-elected or re-appointed to the same office shall take and file an official bond for each term of service.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.22, Wis. Stats.

RESOLUTION No. 11012011A

**VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The Village Board of the Village of Sullivan, Wisconsin, does resolve as follows:

SECTION I. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 10 (Budget Repair Bill) contains a requirement that all local government units establish an employee grievance policy not later than October 1, 2011;

WHEREAS, the attached policy and procedure has been prepared to provide a system to be followed with respect to grievances by Village employees; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the employee grievance policy and procedure and has determined that it is fair and reasonable, and that such a policy and procedure should be adopted and implemented with respect to all employee grievance procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Sullivan hereby adopts the Employee Grievance Policy in the form attached hereto to be the official policy and procedure of the Village of Sullivan relating to such employee grievance matters.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Sullivan on the 1st day of November, 2011. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and supercedes any prior or conflicting Village personnel policies/procedures.

VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN, WISCONSIN

Village President

Attest: Clerk-Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN
EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE POLICY**

POLICY:

- (a) **Statutory Requirement.** This Employee Grievance Policy has been adopted to comply with Section 66.0509, Wis. Stats., and provides a grievance procedure for timely and orderly review of matters concerning workplace safety, discipline and termination.
- (b) **Employee Discipline In General.**
- (1) Disciplinary procedures may result when:
- a. An employee's actions or conduct do not conform with generally accepted standards of good behavior;
 - b. An employee violates a policy, procedure and/or rule;
 - c. An employee's conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Village of Sullivan ("Village"); and/or
 - d. An employee's performance is not acceptable.
- (2) Disciplinary action may result in any of the following steps being taken:
- a. Verbal warning or reprimand.
 - b. Written warning or reprimand.
 - c. Suspension, with or without pay.
 - d. Termination of employment.
- (3) Based upon the facts involved, there may be circumstances when one (1) or more of the disciplinary steps are bypassed. Certain types of employee problems or infractions may be of such a serious nature to justify either a suspension or termination of employment without proceeding through progressive discipline steps. The Village of Sullivan reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to impose disciplinary action as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances.
- (c) **Applicability.** This Policy shall be applicable to all Village employees covered under Section 66.0509, Wis. Stats., other than police and fire employees subject to Section 62.13(5), Wis. Stats. Specifically, but not limited to, this Policy applies to union and non-union employees, limited term employees, full- and part-time employees, at-will employees, and seasonal employees. A Village employee may appeal any level of employee discipline action under this grievance procedure.

DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- (a) **Days.** Means calendar days, excluding legal holidays as defined in Section 995.20, Wis. Stats. If the last day on which an event is to occur is a legal holiday, any time limit under this Policy is extended to the next day which is not a legal holiday.
- (b) **Employee Discipline.**
- (1) Any employment action that results in a:
 - a. Verbal reprimand.
 - b. Written reprimand.
 - c. Disciplinary suspension without pay.
 - d. Disciplinary suspension with pay.
 - e. Disciplinary reduction in pay or other benefits.
 - f. Disciplinary demotion.
 - g. Termination.
 - (2) The term "discipline" does not include:
 - a. Verbal notices or reminders.
 - b. Performance evaluations.
 - c. Documentation of employee acts and/or omissions in a personnel file.
 - d. Non-disciplinary demotions, transfers or changes in job assignment.
 - e. Non-disciplinary adjustments to compensation and/or benefits.
 - f. Actions taken to address job performance, including use of a job target plan or performance improvement plan.
 - g. Placement of an employee on paid leave pending an internal investigation.
 - h. Counseling (written or verbal) regarding job performance.
 - i. Other personnel actions taken by the employer that are not a form of progressive discipline and are taken for non-disciplinary reasons.
- (c) **Employee Termination.** Action(s) taken by the employer to terminate an individual's employment with the Village for misconduct or performance reasons but shall not include the following personnel actions:
- (1) Retirement.
 - (2) Death.
 - (3) Voluntary quit.
 - (4) Layoff or failure to be recalled at the expiration of the recall period.
 - (5) Completion of seasonal employment or temporary assignment.
 - (6) Completion of contract employment.

- (7) Action taken for failure to meet any position qualifications.
 - (8) Job abandonment ("no-call, no-show" or other failure to report to work)
 - (9) Any workforce reduction action.
 - (10) Job transfer.
 - (11) Action taken pursuant to an ordinance other than an ordinance specifically addressing employee discharge.
 - (12) Termination of employment due to medical condition, lack of qualification or necessary license, or other inability to perform job duties for non-disciplinary reasons.
- (d) **Grievance.** A dispute between the employer and an employee regarding actions of Village officials with regard to employee discipline, employee termination, or workplace safety.
- (e) **Hearing Officer.** The impartial hearing officer required pursuant to Sec. 66.0509(1m)(d)2, Wis. Stats. The hearing officer selected by the Village Board may be an attorney, a retired judge, a professional mediator/arbitrator, an outside human resources professional from another governmental entity, or other qualified individual currently on the list of arbitrators or mediators for the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC), Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or the American Arbitration Association. The hearing officer shall not be an employee of the Village nor someone with a direct interest in the matter, such as, for example, a member of the governing body or the governing body's personnel committee.
- (f) **Workplace Safety.** Conditions of employment affecting an employee's physical health or safety, safety of the physical work environment, the safe operation of workplace equipment and tools, personal protective equipment, workplace violence, and training related to the same. Included within this definition are any alleged violations of any standard established under state law or administrative rule or federal law or regulation relating to workplace safety.

PROCEDURES:

- (a) **Required Contents of all Written Grievances; General Considerations.**
- (1) Any written grievance filed by a Village employee under this Policy shall contain all of the following information:
 - a. The name and position of the filing employee.
 - b. A brief summary statement of the issue involved.
 - c. A statement of the remedy or action sought.
 - d. A detailed explanation of the facts supporting the grievance.

- e. The date(s) the incident(s) occurred or the date(s) the alleged workplace safety concern was discovered.
- f. The specific policy, procedure or rule that is being challenged. If applicable, the specific workplace safety rule alleged to have been violated.
- g. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance (either orally or in writing) with the employee's supervisor, the individuals involved in the attempted resolution, and the results of such discussion. When necessary, an explanation should be included as to why a grievance was not resolved at a prior step.
- h. The employee's signature and date.

(2) A grievance or request for an appeal is considered timely if received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer during normal business hours or if postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.

(3) An employee must process his/her grievance outside of normal work hours, unless the employee elects to use accrued paid time (vacation, compensatory time, etc.) in order to be paid for time spent processing his/her grievance through the various steps of the grievance procedure prescribed in this Policy.

(b) **Steps of the Grievance Process.**

(1) **Step 1 – Preliminary Grievance Steps.**

- a. Prior to filing a formal written grievance under this Policy, an employee shall discuss any complaint or problem with his/her immediate supervisor to determine if the grievance can be resolved.
- b. Every reasonable effort should be made by employees and supervisors to resolve any questions, misunderstandings, or problems that have arisen before an employee files a grievance.
- c. Such a preliminary meeting is not required in the case of termination.

(2) **Step 2 – Written Grievance Filed With Village Clerk-Treasurer; Review.**

- a. If the grievance cannot be resolved at Step 1, the employee must file a written grievance with the Village Clerk-Treasurer no later than ten (10) days from the date the employee first becomes aware of the termination, discipline, or workplace safety situation causing the grievance.
- b. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall inform the employee's immediate supervisor and the Village President about receipt of the written grievance as soon as practicable.
- c. The Village Clerk-Treasurer, or his/her designee, shall investigate the facts given rise to the grievance. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall respond to the grievance in writing, if possible, within ten (10) days of receipt of the written grievance.
- d. As part of the grievance investigation, the employee's supervisor may be requested to provide a written response, which must contain:

1. A statement of the date(s) the meeting between the employee and supervisor was held.
 2. A statement as to whether the grievance was sustained or denied, with summary facts.
 - e. If the grievance involves a decision directly affecting the Village Clerk-Treasurer, the process shall begin with a written grievance filed with the Village President who shall conduct the investigation as Step 2; appeal to a Hearing Officer as Step 3; and appeal to the Village Board as Step 4. The timelines established for each step shall apply.
- (3) **Step 3 – Impartial Hearing Officer.**
- a. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the employee may request in writing, within ten (10) days following receipt of the Village Clerk-Treasurer's written response, a request for written review by an impartial Hearing Officer.
 - b. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the employee's supervisor and the Village President of the filing of the request for an appeal to a Hearing Officer as soon as practicable.
 - c. The Village shall select the impartial Hearing Officer pursuant to Subsection (e). The Hearing Officer shall not be a Village employee.
 - d. On appeal, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall transmit all grievance materials, grievance responses, and a copy of this Policy to the Hearing Officer.
 - e. Depending on the issue involved, the impartial Hearing Officer will determine whether a hearing is necessary, or whether the case may be decided based on a submission of written documents. If the Hearing Officer decides a hearing is necessary, the Hearing Officer shall schedule a date/time for a hearing. The hearing shall be held at a mutually agreeable time in a public building and shall be open to the public unless the Hearing Officer otherwise directs.
 - f. The Hearing Officer shall determine whether the Village acted in an arbitrary or capricious manner. The Hearing Officer may only overrule a disciplinary action if the action was arbitrary or capricious. In all cases, the grievant shall have the burden of proof to support the grievance. The Hearing Officer shall either sustain or deny the decision of the employee's supervisor. The Hearing Officer does not have authority to modify or amend the decision made by the employee's supervisor. The Hearing Officer does not have authority to grant in whole or in part a specific request of a grievant to modify a disciplinary determination.
 - g. The Hearing Officer shall prepare a written decision affirming or reversing the action with the reasons therefore. The Hearing Officer shall submit his/her findings to the Village and the employee within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing (if a hearing is conducted) or the submission of the parties' written briefs, if any, whichever is later, or at a date mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- (4) **Step 4 – Review by Village Board.**
- a. Either the employee or the Village Clerk-Treasurer may file with the Village Board a written notice of appeal of the Hearing Officer's determination within ten

- (10) days of the postmark date that the Hearing Officer's determination is mailed. For Library employees (if a Village Library exists), the appeal shall be filed with the Library Board, which shall follow the procedures herein.
- b. Such appeals shall be on the written record, the preparation and associated costs of which shall be the responsibility of and at the expense of the party seeking the appeal. A copy of the written record shall be provided by the appealing party to the other party at no charge. The written record shall be filed with the Village Board within twenty-one (21) days of the notice of appeal.
 - c. No formal hearing shall be held on the appeal before the Village Board. The Village Board shall only determine whether the Hearing Officer reached an arbitrary or incorrect result based on a review of the record coming before the Hearing Officer. The Village Board shall not take new testimony or evidence on the matter, but the Village Board may request additional written submittals from the parties regarding clarification of matters raised before the Hearing Officer.
 - d. The appeal will be scheduled and noticed for the Village Board's next regular meeting. The Hearing Officer's determination may be affirmed, modified, or reversed by a majority vote of a quorum of the Village Board
 - e. The Village Board shall inform the employee in writing of its findings and decision within fifteen (15) days of the Village Board meeting, and shall also file its written decision with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A copy of the written decision of the Village Board shall be mailed to the last known address of the employee or the employee's representative.
 - f. The Village Board's decision shall be final and binding on the parties.

(c) Grievance Settlements.

- (1) A grievance shall be considered waived if not filed or appealed within the grievance timelines designated within this Policy. The time limits prescribed in the preceding steps may be extended by mutual written agreement between the parties.
- (2) A grievance shall be considered settled and dismissed at the completion of any step in this Policy if all parties are mutually satisfied or the grievance has not been timely processed to the next level.
- (3) Settlements shall be in writing and signed by the employee and the appropriate Village official(s) involved at the step level that the grievance was settled.

(d) Consolidation of Multiple Grievances.

- (1) If more than one (1) employee seeks to have a grievance reviewed that involves the same circumstance or issue, a single grievance review application may be used. A group grievance shall be signed by all grieving employees and must state that it is a group grievance at the first step in the grievance procedure.

- (2) The Village Clerk-Treasurer and/or the Hearing Officer may consolidate grievances where a reasonable basis for consolidation exists.

(e) **Selection of a Hearing Officer; Compensation.**

- (1) The Village may contract to engage the services of an impartial Hearing Officer to hear, review and determine appeals under Step 3. Any such Hearing Officer cannot be a Village employee or be receiving any compensation or benefits from the Village other than those set forth in this Subsection.
- (2) The Hearing Officer shall receive compensation at the Hearing Officer's standard rate for conducting the hearing, review of the case, travel time, and time spent preparing a written determination. Compensation for the Hearing Officer shall be equally divided between the parties.
- (3) While not mandatory, the Village Clerk-Treasurer may maintain a list of at least three (3) qualified individuals who are willing to serve as a Hearing Officer for purposes of this Policy. If such a list is maintained, the Hearing Officer selected to hear a grievance shall be selected by random drawing, with the parties to the grievance present when the drawing takes place, unless otherwise agreed upon. If such a list is not maintained, the Village shall select an impartial Hearing Officer.

(f) **Hearing Procedures.**

- (1) The Hearing Officer shall be responsible for the orderly and fair conduct of the hearing and the preservation of a record of the record. The Hearing Officer shall have the authority to administer oaths and issue subpoenas at the request of the parties. The party requesting a subpoena from the Hearing Officer is responsible for the fees associated with the subpoena.
- (2) This process does not involve a hearing before a court of law; thus, the rules of evidence shall not be applicable.
- (3) All testimony before the Hearing Officer shall be taken under oath.
- (4) If a court reporter is employed, all costs affiliated with the services of the court reporter and preparation of a transcript of the hearing shall be equally divided between the parties.

- (g) **Representation.** Both the employee and the Village may be assisted by a representative of their own choosing at any point during the grievance procedure.

(h) **Miscellaneous Costs.**

- (1) Each party (employer and employee) shall be responsible for its own costs for witnesses and all other out-of-pocket expenses not specifically addressed in this Policy, including possible attorney fees.
- (2) Any expense incurred by an employee in investigating, preparing, or presenting a grievance shall be the sole responsibility of the employee.

(i) **Policy Revisions.** This Policy may be revised or repealed by the Village Board at any time.

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Boards, Commissions and Committees

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Sec. 2-4-1 Board of Review.

(a) **Composition.**

- (1) **Membership.** The Board of Review shall be composed of the Village President, one (1) Trustee and three (3) citizens. The Village President shall annually make the appointments at the spring organization meeting, subject to confirmation by the Village Board. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall serve as Clerk of the Board of Review. The Assessor shall attend all meetings of the Board of Review, but shall not vote.
- (2) **Alternate Members.** Pursuant to Secs. 70.47(6m)(c) and 70.46(1), Wis. Stats., the Village Board hereby provides for the appointment of alternates to serve on the Board of Review in the event a standing board member of the Board of Review is removed pursuant to Sec. 70.47(a), Wis. Stats., or recused pursuant to Sec. 70.47(b), Wis. Stats. The Village Board shall establish and maintain a public list of names and persons eligible and appointed by the Village Board to serve as alternative members of the Board of Review. The list shall be arranged and maintained by the Clerk-Treasurer in a priority order of probable and likely service as an alternative. The Clerk-Treasurer shall notify any named member who has been lawfully removed under Sec. 60.47(6m)(a) or (b), Wis. Stats., and shall notify the alternate person of his/her appointment to replace a named member of the Board of Review. The alternate, once noticed, if he/she approves the appointment, and he/she would not violate Sec. 19.59, Wis. Stats., shall then take the oath of office and act as a member of the Board of Review under Sec. 60.47(6m)(c), Wis. Stats.
- (3) **Training Requirement.** No Board of Review may be constituted unless it includes at least one (1) voting member who, within two (2) years of the Board's first meeting,

has attended a training session under Sec. 73.03(55), Wis. Stats., and unless that member is the municipality's chief executive officer or that officer's designee. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall provide an affidavit to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue stating whether the requirement under this Section has been fulfilled.

- (b) **Compensation.** The members of the Board of Review shall receive compensation as determined by resolution of the Village Board, except members who are full-time employees/officials of the Village shall receive no additional compensation.
- (c) **Duties.** The duties and functions of the Board of Review shall be as prescribed in Sections 70.46 and 70.47, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Meetings.** In accordance with Sec. 70.47(3)b, Wis. Stats., the Village Board do hereby exercise their right to designate hours for the annual Board of Review proceedings other than those set forth in Sec. 70.47(3)a, and shall designate the hours of the annual Board of Review. The Board of Review may adjourn from day to day or from time to time, until such time as its business is completed, providing that adequate notice of each adjournment is so given.
- (e) **Objections to Valuations to be Written.** No person shall be permitted to appear and make objection before the Board of Review of the Village of Sullivan to the amount of valuation of any property unless objection thereto shall first have been made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Review.

State Law Reference: Sections 60.47(6m), 70.46 and 70.47, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-2 Zoning Board of Appeals.

- (a) **Establishment.** A Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed and governed by the State zoning enabling law as contained in Sec. 62.23, Wis. Stats., the Village Zoning Code and ordinances and this Section. The laws of the State or Village and local ordinances shall prevail in that order. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) citizen members and two (2) alternate members, appointed by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board, for a three (3) year term of office. The members shall be removable by the Village Board for cause upon written charges and upon public hearing. The Village President shall designate one of the members chairman.
- (b) **Powers.** The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:
 - (1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any Village Zoning Code or any ordinance adopted under Sections 62.23, 61.35 or 62.231 (wetlands), 87.30 or 144.26 (flood plains) or Chapter 91 (farmland preservation), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the Village zoning and floodplain zoning regulations upon which the Board of Appeals is required to pass.

- (3) To authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Village zoning regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement will result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit of the Zoning Code shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done; provided, however, that no such action shall have the effect of establishing in any district a use or uses not permitted in such district. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant use variances in floodplain or wetland and conservancy districts. In all other districts, no use variance shall be granted unless the applicant has first petitioned for a zoning amendment or a conditional use permit, if applicable, and upon a showing that no lawful and feasible use of the subject property can be made in the absence of such variance. Any use variance granted shall be limited to the specific use described in the Board's decision and shall not permit variances in yard, area or other requirements of the district in which located.
 - (4) To permit the erection and use of a building or premises in any location subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards in harmony with the general purposes of the Zoning Code, for such purposes which are reasonably necessary for public convenience and welfare.
 - (5) The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm wholly or in part or may modify any order, requirement, decision or determination as in its opinion ought to be made in the premises. The concurring vote of four (4) members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter on which it is required to pass, or to effect any variation in the requirements of the Zoning Code. The grounds of every such determination shall be stated and recorded. No order of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance shall be valid for a period longer than twelve (12) months from the date of such order unless the land use permit is obtained within such period and the erection or alteration of a building is started or the use is commenced within such period.
- (c) **Meeting and Rules.**
- (1) All meetings and hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be open to the public, except that the Board may go into closed session to deliberate after a hearing or an appeal. The final vote on an appeal shall be taken in open session by roll call vote, recorded and open for public inspection in the Board's office. Public notice of all regular and special meetings shall be given to the public and news media as required by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
 - (2) Special meetings may be scheduled by the Chairman or by the Secretary at the request of two (2) members. Notice of a special meeting shall be mailed to each member at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time set for the meeting, or announcement of the meeting shall be made at any meeting at which all members are present.

- (3) Hearings may be held at any regular or special meeting at the time set by the Chairman. Statutory notice requirements for hearings shall be followed.
 - (4) A quorum for any meeting or hearing shall consist of four (4) members, but a lesser number may meet and adjourn to a specified time.
 - (5) The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examination and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer and shall be public record. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure not in conflict with this Code of Ordinances or with the applicable Wisconsin Statutes.
 - (6) No Board member shall participate in the decision of or vote upon any case in which the member is financially interested, directly or indirectly, but the Chairman shall direct an alternate member to act instead. Disqualification of a member for interest shall not decrease the number of votes required for acting upon any matter, but such member may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present for the transaction of business.
- (d) **Offices.** The Village Board shall provide suitable offices for holding hearings and the presentation of records, documents, and accounts.

State Law Reference: Sec. 62.23(7)(e), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-3 Plan Commission.

- (a) **Composition.** The Village Plan Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, three (3) must be citizens who are not municipal officials. The Village Engineer shall serve in an ex officio capacity.
- (b) **Appointment; Terms.**
 - (1) **Appointment.** The Village Engineer and Plan Commission members shall be appointed by the Village President. The Village President may appoint himself/herself and other elected or appointed officials. Three (3) appointments must be citizens. (The Village President shall serve as presiding officer or may appoint the presiding officer.)
 - (2) **Terms.** All members are appointed for three (3) year terms, beginning and ending in April at the organizational meeting. Appointments may be made at any time to fill vacancies that occur during the middle of a Commissioner's term.
- (c) **Record.** The Plan Commission shall keep a written record of its proceedings to include all actions taken, a copy of which shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Four members shall constitute a quorum but all actions shall require the affirmative approval of a majority of all of the members of the Commission.

(d) **Duties.**

(1) ***The Master Plan.***

- a. The Plan Commission shall make, adopt and, as necessary, amend, extend or add to the master plan, subject to Village Board confirmation, for the physical development of the Village including areas outside of its boundaries which, in the Plan Commission's judgment, bear relation to the development of the Village. The master plan, with the accompanying maps, plats and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall show the Commission's recommendations for such physical development, and may include, among other things without limitation because of enumeration, the general location, character and extent of streets, highways, freeways, street grades, roadways, walks, parking areas, public places and areas, parks, parkways, playgrounds, sites for public buildings and structures, and the general location and extent of sewers, water conduits and other public utilities whether privately or publicly owned, the acceptance, widening, narrowing, extension, relocation, removal, vacation, abandonment or change of use of any of the foregoing public ways, grounds, places, spaces, buildings, properties, utilities, routes or terminals, the general location, character and extent of community centers and neighborhood units, and a comprehensive zoning plan.
- b. The Commission may adopt the master plan as a whole by a single resolution, or, as the work of making the whole master plan progresses, may from time to time by resolution adopt a part or parts thereof, any such part to correspond generally with one or more of the functional subdivisions of the subject matter of the plan. The adoption of the plan or any part, amendment or addition, shall be by resolution carried by the affirmative votes of not less than a majority of all the members of the Plan Commission, subject to confirmation by the Village Board. The resolution shall refer expressly to the maps, descriptive matter, and other matters intended by the Commission to form the whole or any part of the plan, and the action taken shall be recorded on the adopted plan or part thereof by the identifying signature of the secretary of the Commission, and a copy of the plan or part thereof shall be certified to the Village Board. The purpose and effect of the adoption and certifying of the master plan or part thereof shall be solely to aid the Plan Commission and the Village Board in the performance of their duties.

- (2) ***Matters Referred to Plan Commission.*** The Village Board or officer of the Village having final authority thereon, shall refer to the Plan Commission, for its consideration and report before final action is taken by the Board, public body or officer, the following matters: the location of any statue or other memorial; the location, acceptance, extension, alteration, vacation, abandonment, change of use, sale, acquisition of land for or lease of land for any street, alley or other public way, park, playground, airport, area for parking vehicles, or other memorial or public grounds;

the location, extension, abandonment or authorization for any public utility whether publicly or privately owned; all plats of lands in the Village or within the territory over which the Village is given platting jurisdiction by Chapter 236, Wis. Stats.; the location, character and extent or acquisition, leasing or sale of lands for public or semi-public housing, slum clearance, relief of congestion, or vacation camps for children; and the amendment or repeal of any land use ordinance.

- (3) **Miscellaneous Powers.** The Commission may make reports and recommendations relating to the plan and development of the Village to public officials and agencies, civic, educational, professional and other organizations and citizens. It may recommend to the Village Board, programs for public improvements and the financing thereof. All public officials shall, upon request, furnish to the Commission, within a reasonable time, such available information as it may require for its work. The Commission, its members and employees, in the performance of its functions, may enter upon any land, make examinations and surveys, and place and maintain necessary monuments and markers thereon. In general, the Commission shall have such powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote municipal planning in cooperation with the Village Board. The Commission shall oversee community development block grants. The Village Board may refer to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation any matter pertaining to planning and development of land within the Village and within one and one-half (1-1/2) miles of the limits of the Village. All plats or replats of any lands within the limits of the Village or any lands outside the Village and within one and one-half (1-1/2) miles of the limits of the Village shall be submitted to the Commission for its recommendation to the Village Board before the same are approved by the Village Board.
- (e) **Compensation; Oath.** Compensation may be established by the Village Board for service on the Commission. Citizen members shall take the official oath required by Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats., which shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- (f) **Organization.** As soon as all members of the first Commission shall have been appointed, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall give each member a written notice of the appointment and thereon shall fix the time and place of the first meeting which shall be not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days thereafter. Such Commission shall elect a vice-chairman and a secretary, and shall keep a written record of its proceedings to include all actions taken, a copy of which shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- (g) **Employees; Budget.** The Plan Commission shall have the power to employ experts and such staff as may be necessary, and to pay for their services and such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, within the limits of the budget established by the Village Board, or placed at its disposal through gift, and subject to any ordinance or resolution enacted by the Village Board. As far as possible, the Commission shall utilize the services of existing Village officials and employees.

- (h) **Rules of Procedure; Report.** The Plan Commission is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing its own proceedings. The Commission shall make a monthly report in writing to the Village Board of its transactions and expenditures, if any, for the preceding month, with such general recommendations as to matters covered by its prescribed duties and authority as seem proper.
- (i) **Special Meetings.** Individuals requesting a special meeting of the Plan Commission shall be required to pay a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1.

State Law Reference: Sections 61.35, 62.23, and Chapter 236, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-4 General Provisions Regarding Meetings and Public Notice.

- (a) **Regular Meetings; Public Notice.** Every Board, Committee and Commission created by or existing under the ordinances of the Village shall:
- (1) Schedule a date, time and place for its meetings;
 - (2) Post, or when necessary publish, notice in or notify the official Village newspaper in advance of each such regular meeting of the date, time, and place thereof, in compliance with state law, thereof; and/or
 - (3) Post an agenda of the matters to be taken up at such meeting.
- (b) **Form of Notice.** Such notice shall set forth the time, date, place and subject matter of the meeting, including that intended for consideration at any contemplated closed session which may be authorized by law, and may be in the following form:

NOTICE OF MEETING

VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN, WISCONSIN

(commission)

Please take notice that a meeting of the (commission) of the Village of Sullivan will be held on (date), 20__, at (time) p.m., at the Sullivan Municipal Building, in Room _____ to consider the following:

1. (Agenda items set forth).
2. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Dated: _____

_____ (Commission) _____

By: _____

The Sullivan Municipal Building is accessible to the physically disadvantaged. If special accommodations for visually or hearing impaired individuals are needed, please contact the Sullivan Clerk-Treasurer at (telephone). Members of the Sullivan Village Board may be in attendance.

- (c) **Notice to Members.** Every member of any board, commission or committee of the Village of Sullivan shall be notified by the secretary thereof that a meeting is to be held, and the time and place of such meeting and the subject to be considered thereat. No member shall be intentionally excluded from any meeting by a failure to give proper notice or a reasonable attempt to give proper notice to such member.
- (d) **Minutes to Be Kept.** Every board, commission and committee shall keep a record of the minutes of its proceedings and shall cause a signed copy thereof to be filed by its secretary with the Village Clerk-Treasurer within one (1) week of the meeting date. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall furnish a copy of all minutes filed with him to each member of the Village Board. All such minutes shall be public records.
- (e) **Special Meetings.** Nothing in Subsection (a) shall preclude the calling of a special meeting or dispensing with the publication of notice or such posting of the agenda, for good cause, but such special meetings shall nonetheless comply in all respects with the provisions of Sections 19.81 and 19.89, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-4-5 Residency Required for Service on Citizen Boards or Commissions; Attendance Standards.

- (a) **Residency.** No person not a resident of and not residing in the Village of Sullivan shall be appointed in a voting capacity to any citizen Village board, committee or commission listed in this Chapter. Any board or commission member who moves from the Village shall be removed from such board or commission, but may be appointed to serve in an ex officio capacity.
- (b) **Attendance Standard.** Members of board, committees and commissions are required to attend a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the meetings in each six (6) month period of their

respective bodies, unless excused by majority vote of the membership of their body. Failure to comply with this Subsection may result in the removal and replacement of the official found to be in noncompliance by majority vote of the Village Board.

Sec. 2-4-6 Committee and Commission Rules.

- (a) Except as provided herein, the provisions of Sections 2-2-17 through 2-2-21 of this Code of Ordinances relating to rules of procedure for the Village Board, together with *Robert's Rules of Order*, shall as far as applicable, also apply to committee board and commission meetings.
- (b) A simple majority of the members of a committee or commission shall constitute a quorum.

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Title 2 ► Chapter 5

Ethics Code and Employment

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Sec. 2-5-1 Statement of Purpose.

- (a) The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established in this Chapter a Code of Ethics for all Village of Sullivan officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, including members of boards, committees and commissions of the Village, as well as any individuals who are candidates for elective office as soon as such individuals file nomination papers with the Village.
- (b) The purpose of this Ethics Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officials and employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the Village of Sullivan and by directing disclosure by such officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the Village. The Village Board believes that a Code of Ethics for the guidance of elected and appointed officials and employees will help them avoid conflicts between their personal interests and their public responsibilities, will improve standards of public service and will promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the citizens of this Village in their

elected and appointed officials and employees. The Village Board hereby reaffirms that each elected and appointed Village official and employee holds his or her position as a public trust, and any intentional effort to realize substantial personal gain through official conduct is a violation of that trust. The provisions and purpose of this Ethics Code and such rules and regulations as may be established are hereby declared to be in the best interests of the Village of Sullivan.

Sec. 2-5-2 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Public Official.** Those persons serving in statutory elected or appointed offices provided for in Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., and all members appointed to boards, committees and commissions established or appointed by the Village President and/or Village Board pursuant to this Code of Ordinances, whether paid or unpaid.
- (b) **Public Employee.** Any person excluded from the definition of a public official who is employed by the Village.
- (c) **Anything of Value.** Any money or property, favor, service, payment, advance, forbearance, loan, or promise of future employment, but does not include compensation or expense reimbursement paid by the Village, honorariums, fees and expenses under the standards and reporting requirements set forth in Sec. 19.56, Wis. Stats., campaign contributions as regulated by Section 2-5-7(k) of this Chapter, or hospitality extended for a purpose unrelated to Village business by a person other than a firm, corporation, partnership, or joint venture.
- (d) **Business.** Any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual or any other legal entity which engages in profit-making activities.
- (e) **Personal Interest.** Any interest arising from blood or marriage relationships or from close business or political associations, whether or not any financial interest is involved.
- (f) **Significant Interest.** Owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) of the outstanding stock of any business.
- (g) **Financial Interest.** Any interest which shall yield, directly or indirectly, a monetary or other material benefit to the officer or employee or to any person employing or retaining the services of the officer or employee.

Sec. 2-5-3 Statutory Standards of Conduct.

There are certain provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes which should, while not set forth herein, be considered an integral part of any Code of Ethics. Accordingly, the provisions of the following sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, as from time to time amended, are made a part of this Code of Ethics and shall apply to public officials and employees whenever applicable, to wit:

- (a) **Sec. 19.42.** Code of Ethics – Definitions.
- (b) **Sec. 19.59.** Code of Ethics for Government Officials, Employees and Candidates.
- (c) **Sec. 946.10.** Bribery of Public Officers and Employees.
- (d) **Sec. 946.11.** Special Privileges from Public Utilities.
- (e) **Sec. 946.12.** Misconduct in Public Office.
- (f) **Sec. 946.13.** Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited.

Sec. 2-5-4 Responsibility of Public Office.

Public officials and employees are agents of public purpose and hold office for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state and municipality, to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that the public interest must be their prime concern.

Sec. 2-5-5 Dedicated Service.

- (a) Officials and employees should adhere to the rules of work and performance established as the standard for their positions by the appropriate authority.
- (b) Officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or by officially recognized confidentiality of their work.
- (c) Members of the Village staff are expected to follow their appropriate professional code of ethics. Staff members shall file a copy of such professional ethics codes with the Village Administrator. The Village Board shall notify the appropriate professional ethics board of any ethics violations involving Village employees covered by such professional standards.

Sec. 2-5-6 Fair and Equal Treatment.

- (a) **Use of Public Property.** No official or employee shall use or permit the unauthorized use of Village-owned vehicles, equipment, materials or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as Village policy for the use of such official or employee in the conduct of official business, as authorized by the Village Board or authorized board, commission or committee.
- (b) **Obligations to Citizens.** No official or employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

No official or employee shall use or attempt to use his or her position with the Village to secure any advantage, preference or gain, over and above his/her rightful remuneration and benefits, for himself/herself or for a member of his or her immediate family.

- (c) **Political Contributions.** No official shall personally solicit from any Village employee, other than an elected official, a contribution to a political campaign committee for which the person subject to this Chapter is a candidate or treasurer.

Sec. 2-5-7 Conflict of Interest.

(a) **Financial and Personal Interest Prohibited.**

- (1) No official or employee of the Village, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall act in regard to financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties in the public interest contrary to the provisions of this Chapter or which would tend to impair independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties.
- (2) Any member of the Village Board who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislation before the Village Board shall disclose on the records of the Village Board the nature and extent of such interest; such official shall not participate in debate or vote for adoption or defeat of such legislation. If the matter before the Village Board involves a member's personal interest with persons involved, the member may participate in debate or discussion and vote on the matter following disclosure, unless an ordinance or contract is involved; if an ordinance or contract is involved, such official shall not participate in debate or discussion and vote on the matter.
- (3) Any non-elected official, other than a Village employee, who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the official has any influence or input or of which the official is a member that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest. Such official shall not participate in debate or discussion or vote for adoption or defeat of such legislation.
- (4) Any Village employee who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the employee has any influence or input, or of which the employee is a member, that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest.

- (b) **Disclosure of Confidential Information.** No official or employee shall, without proper legal authorization, disclose confidential information concerning the property, government or affairs of the Village, nor shall such information be used to advance the financial or other private interests of the official or employee or others.
- (c) **Incompatible Employment.** No official or employee shall engage in or accept private employment or render service, for private interest, when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties or would tend to impair such official or employee's independence of judgment or action in the performance of his or her official duties, unless otherwise permitted by law and unless disclosure is made as hereinafter provided.
- (d) **Gifts and Favors.**
- (1) No official or employee shall accept or offer to accept anything of value from any person who, to his or her knowledge, is interested directly or indirectly, or is seeking an interest, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the Village, or from any person who conducts activities which are regulated by the Village, or from any person who has interests which may be substantially affected by actions of the Village.
 - (2) No official or employee shall accept or offer to accept anything of value that may tend to influence such official or employee in the discharge of his or her duties, or grant in the discharge of his or her duties any improper favor, service, or thing of value.
 - (3) Gifts received under unusual circumstances should be referred to the Village Board within ten (10) days for recommended disposition.
 - (4) An official or employee is not to accept hospitality if, after consideration of the surrounding circumstances, it could reasonably be concluded that such hospitality would not be extended were it not for the fact that the guest, or a member of the guest's immediate family, was a Village official or employee. Participation in celebrations, grand openings, open houses, informational meetings and similar events are excluded from this prohibition. This paragraph further shall not be construed to prevent candidates for elective office from accepting hospitality from citizens for the purpose of supporting the candidate's campaign.
- (e) **Representing Private Interests Before Village Agencies or Courts.**
- (1) Non-elected Village officials and employees shall not appear on behalf of any private person (other than him or herself, his or her spouse or minor children) before any Village agency, board, commission or the Village Board if the official or employee or any board, commission or committee of which the official or employee is a member has any jurisdiction, discretion or control over the matter which is the subject of such representation.
 - (2) Elected Village officials may appear before Village agencies on behalf of constituents in the course of their duties as representatives of the electorate or in the performance

of public or civic obligations. However, the disclosure requirements of Subsection (a) above shall be applicable to such appearances.

- (f) **Ad Hoc Committee Exceptions.** No violation of the conflict of interest restrictions of this Section shall exist, however, where an individual serves on a special ad hoc committee charged with the narrow responsibility of addressing a specific issue or topic in which that individual, or the employer or a client of that individual, has an interest so long as the individual discloses to the Village Board that such interest exists.
- (g) **Contracts with the Village.** No official or employee who, in his or her capacity as such officer or employee, participates in the making of a contract in which such officer or employee has a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, or performs in regard to that contract some function requiring the exercise of discretion on the part of such official or employee, shall enter into any contract with the Village unless:
 - (1) The contract is awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding;
 - (2) The contract or activity is exempt from or otherwise deemed appropriate by Sec. 946.13, Wis. Stats.;
 - (3) The Village Board waives this requirement after determining that it is in the best interest of the Village to do so.
- (h) **Disclosure of Interest in Legislation.**
 - (1) To the extent known, any member of the Village Board who has a financial or personal interest in any proposed legislation before the Board shall disclose on the record of the Board the nature of and extent of such interest.
 - (2) Any other official or employee who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislative action of the Village Board or any board, commission or committee upon which the official or employee has any influence or input or of which the official or employee is a member that is to make a recommendation or decision upon any item which is the subject of the proposed legislative action, shall disclose on the records of the Village Board or the appropriate board, commission or committee the nature and extent of such interest.

Sec. 2-5-8 Advisory Opinions.

Any questions as to the interpretation of any provisions of this Code of Ethics shall be referred to the Village Board, which, if it deems necessary or appropriate, may request an advisory opinion from the Village Attorney.

Sec. 2-5-9 Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements.

In the event an employee, covered under a collective bargaining agreement, is allegedly involved in an Ethics Code violation, the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable collective

bargaining agreement shall prevail in the administration and interpretation of Sections 2-5-1 through 2-5-11.

Sec. 2-5-10 Outside Employment.

No full-time officer or full-time employee of the Village shall engage in any other significant, on-going remunerative employment within or without the Village; provided the Village Board may approve such outside employment or activity if it finds that it does not interfere or conflict with such officer's ability to perform his/her duties in an efficient and unbiased manner. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for removal from office of any such officer/employee. Employees shall bring such matters to the Village Board prior to the start of employment.

Sec. 2-5-11 Sanctions.

A determination that an employee's actions constitute improper conduct under the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a cause of suspension, removal from office or employment or other disciplinary action. Sanctions, including any disciplinary action, that may affect employees covered under a labor agreement will be consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable labor agreement.

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Title 2 ► Chapter 6

Municipal Court

2-6-1 Lake Country Municipal Court

Sec. 2-6-1 Lake Country Municipal Court.

- (a) **Creation.** There is hereby created and established a Municipal Court ("Lake Country Municipal Court") under the provisions of Chapter 755, Wis. Stats., to be designated as "Municipal Court for the City of Oconomowoc, and the Town of Oconomowoc, and the Town of Merton, and the Town of Summit, and the Town of Delafield, and the Town of Erin, and the Town of Ixonia, and the Town of Lisbon, and the Village of Hartland, and the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, and the Village of Chenequa, and the Village of Dousman, and the Village of Lac La Belle, and the Village of Merton, and the Village of Nashotah, and the Village of Sussex, and the Village of Sullivan," or so many of those municipalities which enact an ordinance identical to this Section pursuant to Section 755.01(4), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Municipal Judge.**
- (1) Such Municipal Court shall be under the jurisdiction of and presided over by a Municipal Judge, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and who shall reside in one of the following municipalities:
 - a. City of Oconomowoc;
 - b. Town of Oconomowoc;
 - c. Town of Merton;
 - d. Town of Summit;
 - e. Town of Delafield;
 - f. Town of Erin;
 - g. Town of Ixonia;
 - h. Town of Lisbon;
 - i. Village of Hartland;
 - j. Village of Oconomowoc Lake;
 - k. Village of Chenequa;
 - l. Village of Dousman;
 - m. Village of Lac La Belle;

- n. Village of Merton;
 - o. Village of Nashotah;
 - p. Village of Sussex;
 - q. Village of Sullivan; or
 - r. Those municipalities which enact an ordinance identical to this Section and enter into an agreement pursuant to Section 66.0301, Wis. Stats., for the joint exercise of the power granted under Section 755.01, Wis. Stats.
- (2) Such Municipal Judge shall be elected at large in the spring election for a term of two (2) years commencing on May 1. The first Municipal Judge of this Court shall be elected for a term commencing May 1, 1988. All candidates for the position of Municipal Judge shall be nominated by nomination papers as provided in Section 8.10, Wis. Stats., and selection at a primary election if such is held as provided in Section 8.11, Wis. Stats. The Town Board of the Town of Summit shall provide for a primary election whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for such position of Municipal Judge as provided in Section 8.11(a), Wis. Stats., and such primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of February as provided in Section 5.02(22), Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Elections.** The Municipal Clerk of each municipality shall see to the compliance with Sections 5.58(1c), 5.60(1)(b), 5.60(2), 7.10(1)(a), 7.60(4)(a) and 8.10(6)(a), Wis. Stats., to provide for the election of a Municipal Judge under Section 755.01(4), Wis. Stats.
 - (d) **Oath and Bond.** The Municipal Judge shall, after his/her election or appointment to fill a vacancy, take and file the official oath as prescribed in Section 757.02(1), Wis. Stats., and at the same time execute and file an official bond in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The Municipal Judge shall not act until his/her oath and bond have been filed as required by Section 1.01(4)(e), Wis. Stats., and the requirements of Section 755.03(2), Wis. Stats., have been complied with.
 - (e) **Salary.** The salary of the Municipal Judge shall be fixed by the governing bodies of the municipalities that created and established this Municipal Court, which shall be in lieu of fees and costs. No salary shall be paid for any time during his/her term during which such Judge has not executed his/her official bond or official oath, as required by Section 755.03, Wis. Stats., and filed pursuant to Section 1.01(4)(c), Wis. Stats. The municipalities may, by separate ordinances, resolutions, or through the budget process, allocate funds for the administration of the Municipal Court pursuant to Section 66.0301, Wis. Stats.
 - (f) **Jurisdiction.** The Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court shall have such jurisdiction as provided by Sections 755.045 and 755.05, Wis. Stats., and as otherwise provided by state law. The Municipal Judge is authorized to issue inspection warrants under Section 66.0119, Wis. Stats.
 - (g) **Location and Hours.** The Municipal Court shall be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Oconomowoc City Hall at 174 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The Municipal Court shall be open at such times as determined by the Municipal Judge.
 - (h) **Fines and Forfeitures.** The Municipal Judge may impose punishment and sentences as provided by Section 800.09, Wis. Stats., and as provided in the ordinances of the following

municipalities: City of Oconomowoc, and the Town of Oconomowoc, and the Town of Merton, and the Town of Summit, and the Town of Delafield, and the Town of Erin, and the Town of Ixonia, and the Town of Lisbon, and the Villages of Hartland, and the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, and the Village of Chenequa, and the Village of Dousman, and the Village of Lac La Belle, and the Village of Merton, and the Village of Nashotah, and the Village of Sussex, and the Village of Sullivan. All forfeitures, fees, penalty assessments and costs shall be paid to the Treasurer of the municipality within which the case arose within seven (7) days after receipt of the money by the Municipal Judge or other Court personnel. At the time of the payment, the Municipal Judge shall report to the Treasurer the title of the action, the offense for which a forfeiture was imposed and the total amount of the forfeiture, fees, penalty assessment and costs, if any.

- (i) **Stipulations and Deposits in Municipal Court.** The Municipal Court herein established shall be operated pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 800, Wis. Stats., and, where applicable, other provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes, as referred to in Subsection (j) below. The Municipal Judge shall establish in accordance with Section 800.03(3), Wis. Stats., a schedule of deposits for violations of city, village and town ordinances, resolutions and bylaws, except traffic regulations which are and shall be governed by Chapter 345.27, Wis. Stats., and boating violations which are, and shall be, governed by Chapter 23.67, Wis. Stats. Such deposit schedule shall be approved by the respective governing bodies of the municipalities creating and establishing this Court and shall be posted in the office of the Municipal Court Clerk and the Police Departments of the respective communities.
- (j) **Procedure in Municipal Court.** The procedure in Municipal Court shall be as provided by this Chapter and state law including, but not excluding because of enumeration, Chapters 66, 345, 751, 755, 757 and 800, Wis. Stats.
- (k) **Contempt Procedures.**
 - (1) The Municipal Judge may impose a sanction authorized under Section 800.12(2), Wis. Stats., for contempt of court, as defined in Section 785.01(1), Wis. Stats., in accordance with the procedures under Section 785.03, Wis. Stats.
 - (2) The Municipal Judge may impose a forfeiture for contempt under Section 800.12(1), Wis. Stats., in an amount not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or, upon nonpayment of the forfeiture plus costs, fees and surcharges imposed under Chapter 814, Wis. Stats., a jail sentence not to exceed seven (7) days.
- (l) **Restriction on Abolishing Court.** The Municipal Court hereby established shall not be abolished while the Section 755.01(4), Wis. Stats., agreement is in effect.

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**VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 285
RELATING TO MUNICIPAL COURT FEES**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 814.65(1) currently provides that when a municipal court finds a person has violated an ordinance, the municipal court judge may, in most cases, collect a court fee of not less than \$15, nor more than \$28, from that person; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Country Municipal Court, which serves the Village of Sullivan and 16 other local communities, currently collects the maximum court fee of \$28, of which \$5 is forwarded to the Department of Administration, and \$23 is retained to offset municipal court operation costs; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 285 proposes to increase the amount municipal court judges may collect in a court fee from a maximum of \$28, to a maximum of \$38; and


WHEREAS, the additional revenue generated by an increase in court fees would allow the Lake Country Municipal Court to operate off its constituent communities' general fund tax levy and continue to be funded by the users of the municipal court system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sullivan Village Board supports Assembly Bill 285, as it would aid in shifting the costs of maintaining the municipal court system from the general fund tax levy payers to the users of the municipal court system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask the Wisconsin Legislature to support Assembly Bill 285; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our State Legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

Adopted this 4th day of January, 2012.



TERRISA LAURIN
Village of Sullivan President



Attest: DALE HORTON
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Sullivan

