

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-660

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**A RESOLUTION FOR EXCEEDING THE STATE IMPOSED LEVY FOR THE  
TOWN OF DELAFIELD**

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**WHEREAS**, since 2005 the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2023 to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed; which for the Town of Delafield is 1.314% percent in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Delafield, Waukesha County believes it is in the Town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than the expected 1.314%.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Delafield actual tax levy in 2022 (collected in 2023) was \$2,382,082; and state law limits the increase based on net new construction plus debt service adjustment of \$511,582, for a total estimated allowable 2023 (collected in 2024) Town tax levy of \$2,469,375.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Delafield Town Board is significantly concerned about the Lake Country Fire and Rescue staffing levels, and response times for fire and EMS calls that are below the national requirements, and the quality of fire and EMS services declining, if the tax levy is not increased; and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the Town tax levy by \$470,000, Lake Country Fire and Rescue can retain 7 employees hired in 2023, and hire 7 additional staff in 2024 to decrease response times and transition from part time/paid on call, to full time staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Delafield, Waukesha County as follows:

The Town board hereby supports an increase in the Town tax levy for the 2024 fiscal year (levied in 2023) to exceed the state levy limit. The Town board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for the 2025 fiscal year as well, and ongoing thereafter. The purpose for the increased levy is to retain 7 full time firefighter/paramedics and to hire 7 additional full-time staff for the Lake Country Fire and Rescue fire consortium that services the Town.

The Town board directs that a referendum be held on April 4, 2023 on the question: "Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Delafield for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2024, is limited to 1.314%, which results in a levy of \$2,469,375. Shall the Town of Delafield be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2024, for the purpose of retaining 7 full-time firefighter/paramedics and to hire 7 additional full-time staff for the Lake Country Fire and Rescue fire consortium that services the Town, by a total of 19.033%, which results in a levy of \$2,939,375 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$470,000 for each fiscal year going forward?"

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Delafield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin this 10th day of January 2023.

TOWN OF DELAFIELD  
  
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Ron Troy, Town Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Dan Green, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer