

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM  
Town of Polk  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Polk, Washington County, State of Wisconsin for a Town Referendum on November 3, 2015 for the following proposed Referendum will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**RESOLUTION # 2015-08  
EXERCISING THE REFERENDUM OPTION IN THE TOWN OF POLK,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has placed levy limits on towns, villages, cities, and counties under Wis. Stats. § 66.0602; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Polk, Washington County, believes that for the 2015 tax levy (collected in 2016) it is in the Town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than the percent of net new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Polk 2015 payable in 2016 adjusted actual levy is \$0.638 and, further, state law would limit the increase to \$0 dollar plus the amount allowed for net new construction, for an allowable town tax levy of \$0.638 before adjustments, for 2015 (collected in 2016).

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Polk is designating the additional increase for road repair and construction within the Town of Polk; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POLK,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

The Town Board hereby supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2015 (collected in 2016) that would exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit by ~~\$0.638~~\* \$0.367 per \$1000. Further, the Town Board supports the above-referenced increase on an ongoing basis, as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4) (a).

The Town Board directs that the question of increasing the Town tax levy for 2015 (collected in 2016) ~~by fifty-five percent (55%)\*~~ by fifty-nine percent (59% for 2016) over the allowable levy limit and on an ongoing basis be put to Special Referendum on November 3, 2015.

A copy of the referendum question is attached and incorporated by reference. Adopted this 24th day of August, 2015. Posted as required by Wis Stat. § 60.80.

Marlyss K. Thiel, Town Clerk

\*Numbers changed per motion by the Town Board on August 24, 2015. See attached.

Referendum for Election – November 3, 2015 – Town of Polk

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2015 to be collected in 2016, is limited to 0.713% which results in a levy of \$0.621 per \$1,000 and a total tax levy of \$366,963 for 2016.

Shall the Town of Polk be allowed to exceed this statutory limit by increasing the tax rate an additional \$0.367 per \$1,000 on an ongoing basis (an increase of 59% for 2016) resulting in a levy of \$0.988 per \$1,000 for a total tax levy of \$583,469 for 2016?

Yes

No

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**Approved August 24, 2015 by the Town Board of the Town of Polk as follows:** Supervisor Roecker moved to approve Resolution #2015-08 Exercising the Referendum Option for the November 2015 Town of Polk Special Election, contingent on numbers being verified by the Town's attorney and the Department of Revenue; and for the corrections to be approved by the Town Chairman, and that the Town Clerk make changes to reflect those numbers, before going to the County Clerk for the Referendum Question. Supervisor Merten seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXPLANATION OF THE REFERENDUM QUESTION  
AND THE EFFECT OF BOTH A "YES" AND A "NO" VOTE:**

**"YES" Vote:**

**Approves the 2015 Levy Increase of \$ .367 per \$1,000 of assessed value of the TOWN'S PORTION of your property taxes, for the use in Road Repair/ Construction costs.**

**IE: If your 2014 Tax Bill Lists your Total Assessed Value as \$192,200 for property and land. The Tax break-down would read as follows:**

Town of Polk Share	\$ 116.55	TAX RATE: .0606375%
State Tax	30.69	
County Tax	532.70	
Slinger School District	1,349.43	
MPTC	122.00	
Lottery & Gaming Credit	<u>-58.15</u>	

**Total Tax bill \$2,093.22**

**Town of Polk Share with Resolution vote of "yes": \$189.90**

**TAX RATE: .0988%**

**OR:**

With this Referendum, an additional 35 cents would be assessed. For example, a \$300,000.00 property will be paying/investing a total of \$296.40 into our own community through their property taxes. This 35 cents will be added to the Public Works Department budget for the expenses incurred in the maintenance and construction of our roads.

**"NO" vote :**

**Means that the quality of roads can continue to deteriorate without addressing concerns.**

Attest: Marlyss K. Thiel, Town Clerk

**Type C Notice of Referendum**