

RESOLUTION #2011-08-13-02

CONSOLIDATED KOSHKONONG SANITARY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 182

WHEREAS, the CONSOLIDATED KOSHKONONG SANITARY DISTRICT has been a sewer utility for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, the CONSOLIDATED KOSHKONONG DISTRICT has consistently provided low-cost reliable service to our residents, businesses and industries on a not-for-profit basis, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 182 would prohibit CONSOLIDATED KOSHKONONG SANITARY DISTRICT from collection unpaid municipal sewer bills using the property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, since a municipal utility is owned by the residents and businesses of the community, any costs not absorbed through traditional ratemaking and payments for service, must be directly borne by the utility customers and unlike an investor-owned utility, a municipal utility does not have the ability to simply "write-off" any unpaid utility bills, and

WHEREAS, we fully support current statutory authority (66.0809) that allows for the placement of unpaid municipal utility bills on the property tax roll and believe that the existing authority is reasonable to all parties involved; currently being the result of a 15 year old compromise between the landlords and the municipal utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CONSOLIDATED KOSHKONONG SANITARY DISTRICT opposes Assembly Bill 182 since it would shift property owner costs to other sewer utility customers, increasing their sewer utility bills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose ASSEMBLY BILL 182 and instead support the current statutory authority in this regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to continue working with our community to improve collection methods and communications with them, with the objective being to continue our ability to offer low-cost municipal sewer utility services to all of our customers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to our State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker, and the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin.

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2011 by the Town Board of Sumner

This resolution is effective on publication or posting. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80 Wis Stats.

John Dohner, Jr Chairman

Randall Burdick Supervisor I

Frank Micale, Supervisor II

Attest

Barbara McGann, Clerk