

Town of Montrose
Resolution Number 2010-05-04
To Urge State Legislators to Change State Shared Revenue Formulas

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes currently provide for the distribution of State Shared Revenues to every county and municipality in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the calculation used to distribute these funds results in extremely large disparities in per capita revenue between different municipalities, with some receiving well over 300 times as much per capita compared to others; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities that are advantaged by the current formula have no incentive to change their circumstance which would result in them receiving less revenue, and further would be likely to put political pressure on the legislature to keep the status quo at the expense of those municipalities that are disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, while it is lawful for the State to disburse these funds as it sees fit, it is unreasonable that some municipalities are getting 300 times more per capita than other municipalities (refer to attached document showing a sample of municipal disbursements); and

WHEREAS, while it may be reasonable for the State to disburse these funds in order to provide financial assistance to less fortunate municipalities in the state, it is unreasonable that that assistance be to the magnitude that it is;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montrose Town Board does hereby urge state legislators to pass legislation which would – in order of preference – either a) disburse state shared revenue on a per capita basis to every municipality, or b) disburse state shared revenue using a more equitable distribution calculation which would result in no municipality being financially advantaged, or disadvantaged, more than 50% from the state-wide per capita average.

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2010 by the Montrose Town Board at a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays).

Roger Hodel, Town Chair

Randy Francois, Town Supervisor

Dan Palmer, Town Supervisor

Attest: _____
Julie L. Bigler, Town Clerk