

RESOLUTION 2015-09

A resolution thanking the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor for keeping shared revenue to municipalities constant

Whereas, Wisconsin municipalities have taken significant cuts in shared revenue throughout many of the past budgets; and

Whereas, the cut to shared revenue was \$57.6 million in 2004 and \$23 million in 2010; and

Whereas, the cut to shared revenue funding alone was \$48 million in 2012; and

Whereas, the 2013-2015 state budget retained the same level of funding for the city, village and town shared revenue program as the previous state budget

Whereas, loss in shared revenue has resulted in service cuts within the Village of Allouez and slight tax and fee increases; and

Whereas, Gov. Walker and legislative leaders have made job creation and economic growth a top priority; and

Whereas, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest in services that businesses demand, like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, and snowplowing; and

Whereas, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest in infrastructure that businesses demand, like sewer pipes, water mains, roads, culverts, and bridges; and

Whereas, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest significant funds in a variety of development tools, such as development incentives and grants, business incubators, recruitment and retention efforts, community branding, public/private partnerships, economic development networks, and tax incremental financing districts; and

Whereas, a strong infrastructure for economic growth, which includes an efficient and effective transportation system to serve the workers and business community, is vital and necessary to the future of our state; and

Whereas, job creation and economic growth in our communities has generated additional sales and income taxes for the state; and

Whereas, the state should reinvest a portion of its revenue growth in local communities to spur further job creation and economic growth and put Wisconsin on the road to permanent financial stability;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Allouez thanks for holding shared revenue constant in the draft Executive Budget Proposal and urges the Governor and the Legislature maintain (or increase) current shared revenue funding levels

Passed and Approved by the Village Board of the Village of Allouez, this 21st day of April, 2015.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk