

Resolution No. 2021-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONSOLIDATED PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION THROUGH THE BROWN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021 Brown County Treasurer Paul Zeller notified town, village and city Clerks the Brown County Treasurer's Office will no longer be collecting the first installment or payment in full property tax payments for 2021 taxes payable in 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301, Brown County has entered into Intergovernmental Agreements with other Wisconsin Municipalities to collect property tax payments throughout Brown County; and

WHEREAS, Brown County has collected property tax payments on behalf of the Village of Allouez since 1995 to provide operational efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Allouez residents have become accustomed to paying their first installment or payment in full through the Brown County Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, collecting tax payments through one centralized agency is more efficient than having multiple agencies doing the same activity; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Treasurer notified municipalities of this change after their respective annual operating budgets were adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Allouez did not include funding in its 2021 operating budget to accommodate the mandated change; and

WHEREAS, placing the responsibility of property tax collection to each individual town, village, or city will inevitably cost taxpayers more; and

WHEREAS, a greater length of notice is necessary to properly budget and plan for this mandate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the Village Board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and orders as follows:

1. Opposes the Brown County Treasurer's efforts to mandate local towns, villages and cities collect the first installment or payment in full property tax payments for 2021 taxes payable in 2022.
2. Requests the Brown County Board enter into intergovernmental services agreements with interested towns, villages, and cities to consolidate first installment or payment in full property tax payments with Brown County for 2021 taxes payable in 2022, as had been done for the past 25 years.
3. Request the Brown County Treasurer work with local units of government to identify a multi-year plan to improve upon tax collection efficiency and effectiveness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Board on the 2nd day of March, 2021.

By: _____
James F. Rafter, Village President

ATTEST:

Carrie Zittlow, Clerk-Treasurer