

Attachment to 2008-06

Town of Wascott Civic Donation Policy

The town meeting may authorize the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for civic and other functions, subject to §60.23 (3). The statutes identify civic and other functions to include:

- Civic functions and agricultural societies.
- Advertise the attractions, advantages and natural resources of the town.
- Attract industry.
- Establish industrial complexes.
- Establish, maintain and repair ecological areas.
- Provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of a town museum or a municipal band
- Construct or otherwise acquire, equip, furnish, operate and maintain a county-town auditorium.

Policy statement. As authorized by the town meeting, the town board will consider requests for funding received from community-based non-profit organizations during the regular budget process. Due to limited resources, not all requests may be funded. Therefore, it is the board's intention to evaluate each proposal and, based upon available funds and the merits of each proposal, provide money or other forms of assistance to those organizations which most effectively serve the needs and improve the well being of Wascott residents.

Procedures.

1. All civic donations are subject to authorization by the town meeting in November for appropriation by the town board in the next annual budget.
2. In-kind contributions by the town to support a civic organization shall be considered funds donated by the town.
3. No grants shall be made to any organization engaging in political or religious activities.

Procedure 4 and 5 shall become effective in 2009:

4. Any organization requesting a civic donation from the Town of Wascott shall submit a written request to the Town Clerk by October 1 each year. The organization shall submit a copy of its bylaws and, if a prior recipient of a donation, shall present a written statement on how the last donation was expended.
5. A 3-member citizen committee appointed by the town board shall review the requests and recommend to the town meeting the amount of civic donations to be appropriated in the next annual budget. Members of the committee may not be members of or represent any organization that submits a request for donation. Meetings of the committee shall be publicly noticed.

[History: 5/2/2000 town meeting]
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RESOLUTION IS VOID AS WRITTEN, PER WTA OPINION 12/09/08

**Town Meeting Resolution #2008-06
Authorize Town Board to Appropriate Funds For Civic Functions
Pursuant to §60.10 (3)(b), Wis. Stats.**

Whereas, the town meeting may authorize the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for specific purposes, subject to §60.10 (3)(b), Wis. Stats.

Therefore, be it resolved, the special town meeting of the Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the town, as defined under ch. 6 Wis. Stats., duly assembled and voting, resolves and authorizes as follows:

Be it resolved, the town board is authorized to appropriate funds for civic and other functions which qualify under §60.23 (3), Wis. Stats., and limited to the "Civic Donation Policy" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and subject to the amounts specified herein.

Be it resolved, the town meeting hereby authorizes the town board to appropriate up to \$ 10,000 in the 2009 budget for civic and other qualifying functions including, but not limited to:

- (1) Advertising the attractions, advantages and natural resources of the town,
- (2) Supporting community youth programs or events,
- (3) A holiday party for children,
- (4) The Gordon-Wascott historical society.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2008 at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors authorized to vote: 92
Resolution passed by a voice vote, with two nays.

Bernard Bergman, Town Meeting Chairperson

Val Bremanis, Town Meeting Clerk