

**Town of Wascott  
Douglas County, Wisconsin  
Resolution 2009-20**

**Approve Amendment to Town Financial Policies  
In Regard to Civic Appropriations**

WHEREAS, as the governing body of the Town of Wascott, the town board is responsible for setting fiscal and management policies, for making financial decisions, and for setting guidelines that govern the financial practices and procedures that the clerk, treasurer, and town officials and employees follow.

WHEREAS, the town board pursuant to resolution #2009-04 has adopted financial policies.

WHEREAS, the Community Resources Advisory Committee has reviewed the policy on civic appropriations and recommends amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Wascott hereby adopts the changes in the civic appropriation policy as shown on the policy attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any policies or practices in effect prior to the date of adoption of this resolution and in conflict herewith are declared void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any provision in these policies determined to be inconsistent with law shall be without effect, but the remaining provisions of these policies shall continue in effect.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

Town board:

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Janice Newsome, Town Chairperson

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Bob Beglinger, Town Supervisor

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Doug Bush, Town Supervisor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeannette Atkinson, Town Clerk

Vote required: majority vote.

Fiscal note: Not applicable.

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**Sec. 24-45. Civic appropriations.**

(a) *Authority.* The town meeting may authorize the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for civic and other functions, subject to Wis. Stats., §60.23 (3). Civic and other functions shall include:

- (1) Civic functions and agricultural societies.
- (2) Advertise the attractions, advantages and natural resources of the town.
- (3) Attract industry.
- ~~(4) Establish industrial complexes.~~
- (4) Establish, maintain and repair ecological areas.
- (5) Provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of a town museum ~~or a municipal band.~~
- ~~(6) Construct or otherwise acquire, equip, furnish, operate and maintain a county town auditorium.~~

(b) *Policy.* Subject to authorization by the town meeting, the town board shall consider funding requests received from community-based non-profit organizations during the regular budget process. The board will evaluate each proposal and, based upon available funds and the merits of each proposal, appropriate funds or other forms of assistance to those organizations which most effectively serve the needs of town residents.

(c) *Procedures.*

- (1) Written requests for civic appropriations shall be filed with the town clerk-treasurer by October 1 each year. The requesting organization shall submit a copy of its bylaws and, if a prior recipient of an appropriation, shall present a written statement on how the last appropriation was used.
- (2) The community services committee shall review the requests under (1), and recommend to the town meeting the amount of civic appropriations to be included in the next annual budget.
- (3) All civic donations are subject to authorization by the town meeting in November for appropriation by the town board in the next annual budget.
- (4) In-kind contributions by the town to support a civic organization shall be deemed funds donated by the town.