****NOTICE****

There may be an advisory question on the November 8 ballot reading as follows:

The U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions in Citizens United and related cases allow unlimited spending to influence local, state, and federal elections. To allow all Americans to have an equal say in our democracy, shall Wisconsin’s congressional delegation support, and the Wisconsin legislature ratify, an amendment to the U.S. Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings — not corporations, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations — are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to restricting political speech.

A Yes vote to this advisory question asks our Congressional delegation to support an amendment to the constitution.

The Town Board agreed to put the following question on the Town of West Point’s November 8, 2016 ballot (though the final wording may differ slightly):

Do you agree that... Only human beings have constitutional rights, and that we the people should be able to regulate political spending?

TOWN OF WEST POINT MOVE TO AMEND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERENDUM

Shall the Town of West Point adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the People of the Town of West Point, Wisconsin, call for reclaiming democracy from the expansion of the rights of artificial legal entities and the corrupting influence of unregulated political spending. We stand with communities across the country and Move to Amend supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings — not corporations, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations — are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to restricting political speech.
___ YES    ___ NO

For more information regarding the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision, the push for a 23rd amendment and information on the many towns, villages, cities and counties in Wisconsin that have already adopted resolutions or passed referenda, see:

https://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_Amendment_to_Overtm_Citizens_United_Ruling_Question_(2016)

https://movetoamend.org/

https://www.oyez.org/cases/2008/08-205