

TOWN OF GREENVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 9-15

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING ACTION TO
OVERTURN THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION

Whereas: Free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;

Whereas: The 2010 *Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission* case, which was decided by a split (5 to 4) decision, removed the legal limits on contributions and expenditures in elections which:

- (1) creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by individual persons, corporations, unions, and other artificial entities to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, and
- (2) forces elected officials to divert their attention from the concerns of We the People, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to raise campaign funds for their own re-election, and;

Whereas: Corporations and unions are legal entities chartered by the government, which, while they may be useful to the functioning of our economic system, are not human beings and thus should not have the same Constitutional rights as American citizens, and;

Whereas: Allowing for the unlimited contributions and spending of money on elections is contrary to the democratic principle of one person, one vote. It allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage and undue influence in a political system that was intended to ensure that all citizens have equal access to and influence in the political process. The great wealth of big unions and multinational or large corporations allows them to wield undue influence on this national electoral process, and;

Whereas: Millions of people, and Local, County, and State governments across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend Campaign and passing resolutions supporting an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to: (1) eliminate the extension of Constitutional rights – originally reserved for human beings – to corporate entities, and (2) abolish the doctrine that political contributions and expenditures are equivalent to free speech rights.

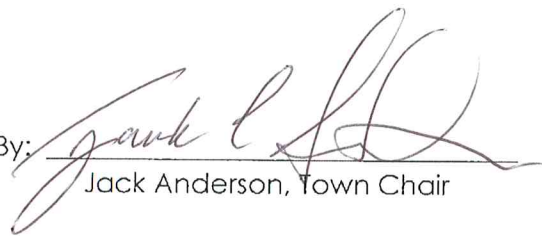
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Greenville Board of Supervisors seeks to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings – not corporations, unions, non-profit organizations, or similar associations – are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
3. Nothing in the resolution shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenville Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our state and federal representatives, directing them to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board Supervisors, of the Town Greenville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin at a regular meeting held on October 12, 2015.

Ayes, 3 Nays, 2, Abstaining, _____, Absent

By: 
Jack Anderson, Town Chair

Attest: 
Wendy Helgeson, Town Clerk



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October 16, 2015

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

RE: Move to Amend Resolution

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution approved by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville, Wisconsin at the meeting held October 12, 2015.

The Resolution resolves that the Town of Greenville Board of Supervisors “seeks to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

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3. Nothing in the resolution shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.”

Additionally, the Resolution hereby instructs “our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislations advancing this effort.”

Sincerely,

Wendy Helgeson
Town Clerk

Enclosure



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"...meeting community needs...enhancing quality of life."

November 17, 2014

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RE: Move to Amend Resolution

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution approved by the Electors of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin at the General Election held Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

The Resolution resolves that "We the People" of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, call for "reclaiming democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country supporting passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings - not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations - are endowed with constitutional rights; and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech."

Additionally, the Resolution "hereby instructs our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation advancing this effort."

This Resolution was published in the City of Appleton, Wisconsin's official newspaper, the Appleton Post Crescent on November 15, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dawn A. Collins
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Karen Bachhuber, Appleton Move to Amend

June 8, 2015

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03

Present: Jack Anderson, Andy Peters, Tom Becher, Mike Woods and Dean Culbertson

POSTING OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was properly posted. Andy Peters made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM

Kent Galloway from Lilac Lane representing Move to Amend. He is asking the Town to adopt a resolution to support.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and require one motion to approve all items listed. Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Supervisor and addressed immediately following the motion to approve the other items on the Consent Agenda.)

Approval of Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2015

Approval of Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2015

Approval of June 2015 Town Vouchers

Approval of 2015-2016 Alcohol Licensing per listing (applications on file in the clerk's office)

Development: Re-appoint Greg Roblee for a seven year term on the Park Commission

Approval of nomination for Ryan Paschke to serve on the Park Commission to fulfill term of Pat Jarvis

Dean Culbertson made a motion to approve. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Call Board of Review to order and adjourn to July 30, 2015 at 4:00 PM

The Board of Review was called to order. Andy Peters made a motion to adjourn the Board of Review. Dean Culbertson seconded the motion and it was carried.

REPORTS

Sheriff Department Liaison Officer

There were 281 calls for service.

Fire Department/First Responders

1st Responder calls are up this year.

Parks and Recreation

Looked at parking expansion for Community Park. Looking into what it would cost to make a better decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan Commission Recommendations:

Approve final plat of Towering Pines phase 2

Dean Culbertson made a motion to approve. Andy Peters seconded the motion and it was carried. There are conditions and a developer's agreement is still required.

Review process for dealing with requests for smaller recycling carts

Dean Schiller is looking on how to set this up. He feels a smaller cart should not be allowed unless there is a physical need. There needs to be a physical need and have no space to put it in their garage. There is a \$20 administrative fee. The Town has the option to add on a delivery charge. If none are available they will be put on a waiting list.

Control intersection signing policy

There have been a few fatalities at some intersections. Dean Schiller stated he always checks it out when there is an accident. A committee of 6 people came up with a policy. The policy lays out if there are numerous accidents they will look at increasing the size of the signs or blinker signs. There is an ability for residents to raise funds and it will be looked at for blinker lights. Blinker lights cost \$3,000 plus maintenance costs. Once blinker lights are up, you can't go back to non-blinking. They added cross traffic does not stop signs on some roads. At another intersection they size of the sign was increased.

Review and possible approval of contract extension with Pro Clean Janitorial Services

We have had a good experience with them. Dean Culbertson made a motion to extend the 2016 contract. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Constable dog ordinance

Move to Amend

Upcoming meetings.

Facilities Committee – June 9th at 6:30

CB trail ground breaking – June 10th at 2:30 at Jansport

Wolf River Bank groundbreaking. June 11th at 1:00

Citizen participation meeting at 6:30 on June 11th at Jennerjohn Realty for preliminary plats.

Town Board – June 11th at 6:45

Board of Appeals – June 15th at 5:00

Citizen Participation meeting for possible paint ball park – June 15th at 6:30

Joint Facilities Committee/Town Board – June 16th at 5:30

Planning Commission – June 22nd at 5:30

Park Commission – June 30th at Lions Park – 7:00

ADJOURNMENT

Andy Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried and adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Deborah Wagner,

Town Clerk

April 13, 2015

Town Board Meeting Agenda

Call Town Board meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Has the agenda been properly posted?

Present: Randy Leiker, Andy Peters, Tom Becher, and Mike Woods. Dean Culbertson was excused.

Approval of agenda.

Andy Peters made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sheriff's Department Liaison Officer.

There were 217 calls for service. Another Neighborhood Watch Community has been added. The radar board will be coming out again. The Department is working towards the National Night Out on August 4th.

Reports

Fire Department/First Responders reports – accept minutes

Feb 23rd – Andy Peters made a motion to accept. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

March 23rd – Mike Woods made a motion to accept. Andy Peters seconded the motion and it was carried.

1st Responders – Andy Peters made a motion to accept. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Park Commission - accept minutes

Andy Peters made a motion to accept. Randy Leiker seconded the motion and it was carried.

Constable Report – accept

Tom Becher made a motion to accept. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Planning Commission recommendation:

Approve – recommendation for variance to the Subdivision Ordinance (cul-de-sac length) for 2nd Addition to Waterlefe Subdivision preliminary plat.

Tom Becher made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Approve – recommendation for a minor revision to the 2nd Addition to Waterlefe preliminary plat.

Tom Becher made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible change to Board decision related to phased development of Waterlefe 2nd addition subdivision.

Randy Leiker made a motion to remove this from the agenda. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible acceptance of low bid for CB trail project submitted by MCC in the amount \$731,254.77 contingent on final DOT approval.

The bids came in under the estimate. We have a grant for this.

Andy Peters made a motion to accept the low bid from MCC. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible approval to send police liaison officer proposal to School District.

This is not an approval. It is in response to a letter received from the school. The school is looking for 11 hours. The Town budgeted \$52,000 for 2015 for Town services and we would be asking \$52,000 from the school.

Andy Peters made a motion to send this proposal to the school with a 50/50 split with the school district. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Presentation of information pertaining "Move to Amend" referendum.

A gentleman stated he is working with a grass roots committee to amend the US constitution. Corporation and unions are given the rights as people to spend as much as they want on campaigns. This amendment has been passed in 16 States. It would give the power back to the people and not the corporations. The group is looking for the Board to adopt this to have it put on a referendum. Money is corrupting the process. Politicians are spending too much time raising money. The Board will review and possibly make a decision at some other time.

Recess the Town meeting.

Mike Woods made a motion to recess the meeting. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried and recessed at 6:42 p.m.

Reconvene Town Board meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

Review and approve meeting minutes: March 9 – Andy Peters made a motion to approve. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

March 11 – Tom Becher made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and approve the April Town vouchers.

Mike Woods made a motion to approve. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Possible approval of beer license for Greenville Youth Sports.

Andy Peters made a motion to approve. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Possible approval of beer & wine license for FVTC at Training Center for receptions.

Mike Woods made a motion to approve. Randy Leiker seconded the motion and it was carried.

Appoint Town Board member to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mike Woods made a motion to approve Tom Becher for another year. Andy Peters seconded the motion and it was carried.

Re-appoint Ken Zilisch and Jim Cotter to a three year term on the Planning Commission.

Randy Leiker made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Public Works Supervisor report.

Review and possible approval of 2015 Crack Seal bid.

Precision Seal Coating was the low bidder. Andy Peters made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible approval of Black Slag Chip Seal bid.

Fahrner Asphalt was the low bidder. Randy Leiker made a motion to approve. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible approval of 2015 pulverize and pave bid for Julius Drive.

Northeast Asphalt was the low bidder and Dean Schiller would like to go with bid alternative number 1 which is the shouldering. Tom Becher made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible approval of 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan

Tom Becher made a motion to approve. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review and possible approval of Control Intersection Signing Policy.

Dean Schiller has been working on this with a group of citizens. They have set up a policy of what the steps are. It ultimately comes down to Town Board approval. Dean should get the cost sheets together. Cross traffic does not stop signs will be put up on some of the rural intersections to warn the vehicles who have to stop and let them know the other way does not.

April 30th at 6 there will be a public information meeting about the yard waste site to give the public input into possible new sites.

Recycling bins are in the process of being distributed. It will take about three weeks. Old containers can be dropped off at the yard waste site. This is for the containers only.

Town Administrator Report.

Upcoming meetings and project updates.

Land Stewardship Committee – April 14th at 5.

Facilities Committee – April 14th at 6:30

Town Board – April 16th at 4:30

Fire Department/Town Board quarterly - April 20th at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on emergency management.

April 21st Annual Meeting

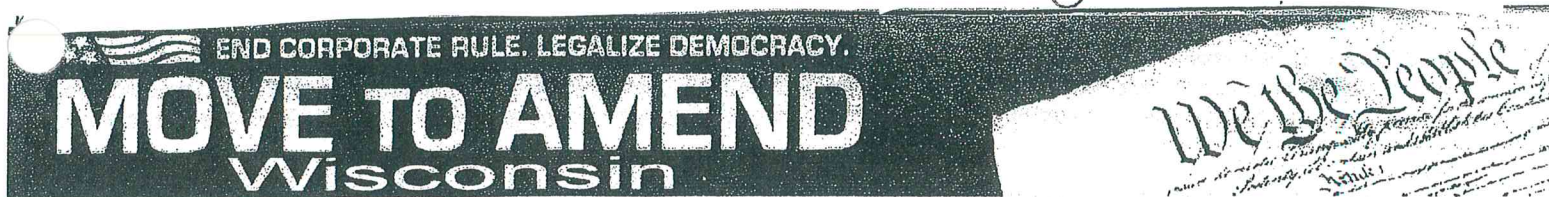
Planning Commission April 27th at 5:30

Park Commission April 28th at 7:00

Adjourn Town Board meeting.

Tom Becher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was 7:24 p.m.

Deborah Wagner,
Town Clerk



Why Support Amending the US Constitution to Overturn *Citizens United*?

Before *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* – U.S. law recognizes corporations as “artificial persons” for limited purposes to conduct business. Because people were wary of corporations seizing power after the American Revolution, they limited corporate power through their state legislatures to protect against abuses of big money in politics. As time passed, state legislatures, and then the courts, began to blur the distinction between real people and artificial persons. In 1886, almost 100 years after ratification of the Constitution, the concept of corporate personhood was first introduced through the U.S. Supreme Court. Although our founders never intended for corporations to have Constitutional rights, courts granted more human rights to corporations through case law.

After *Citizens United* - Armed with human rights and legal privileges, large corporations have amassed fantastic wealth and power, which has undermined our sovereign self-governance and created a democracy crisis. In *Citizens United v. FEC*, the Supreme Court sided with the wealthy elite against the interests of the American people. Corporations can now spend unlimited money to buy our elections. The Court legalized the bribery of our elected officials. As a result:

- Skyrocketing political donations and spending completely shuts out candidates who do not have access to large reservoirs of contributions, and mutes voices of candidates who try to serve the public interest. Increasingly, elected officials pass laws and adopt policies that serve the interests of corporations and the wealthy elite. For instance,
 - In 2012, corporate spending skyrocketed due to the *Citizens United* ruling, accounting for 78% of campaign spending
 - Over \$300 million was spent on political advertising by outside interest groups
 - 72% of money spent by groups would have been prohibited before this ruling
 - Political spending by undisclosed donors increased from 1% to 47% of donations
- A ‘pay-to-play’ culture in public policy-making that concentrates power in the hands of those with the most money and muffles the political voices of flesh-and-blood Americans; and
- Eliminates numerous other restrictions on federal, state, and local governments’ ability to protect the public interest when it conflicts with corporate interests.

Support for overturning *Citizens United* crosses the political spectrum

- Most voters in both political parties support reversing this decision, including 79% of registered voters nationally.
- Most small business owners (66%) support reversing this decision.
- Corporations who don’t want ‘pay to play’ support reversing this decision.
- Even though unions are corporations, major unions and most union members support reversing this decision.

A national strategy our community can support

- Amending the U.S. Constitution requires action by our legislators. However, because of the power of unlimited corporate campaign financing, our legislators will not adopt this amendment on their own; citizens must direct them to do it.
- Localities across America are adopting similar resolutions to pass a Constitutional amendment. The more jurisdictions (towns, villages, cities, counties) that do this, the more difficult it will be for legislators to ignore us.
- This resolution does not commit us to specific wording of the amendment; it simply makes clear our intent and desire.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are we trying to do?

Our goal is to reclaim our democracy by permitting limits on how much money can be contributed and spent in American political contests. To do this we must amend the U.S. Constitution to make it clear that only human beings - not corporations, unions, nonprofits, or other artificial entities - have Constitutional rights, and that money is not political speech under the First Amendment.

Why are people so concerned about corporate political contributions?

Corporate interests are limited to what is good for the corporation; therefore, corporations cannot share many legitimate interests of real people. Corporations don’t have families or children; they cannot be sent to war or to jail; they ‘reside’ in multiple jurisdictions and can feel no love for any particular country; they can accumulate more wealth than any individual (even entire nations) and they never die. On the other hand, our government must consider all legitimate interests, including those of communities where corporations operate.

What is wrong with corporations and wealthy individuals contributing enormous sums of money to political contests?

Because large corporations and wealthy individuals command resources vastly exceeding that of ordinary citizens, unregulated political contributions and spending becomes grossly unbalanced; thus, voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out, and their interests sacrificed.

What about unions?

Unions are a kind of a corporation and as such, limits on their political contributions were also thrown out by *Citizens United*. Unions' political contributions will also be subject to limitation again if we adopt a Constitutional amendment overturning *Citizens United*.

What is corporate personhood and why are people so worried about it?

People who work for, run, and own corporations are, of course, entitled to political and civil rights, but a corporation **is** a legal invention granted special privileges under the law. These privileges not only help companies earn profits, but are intended to serve the public interest. Because the Court interpreted the Constitution to include corporations as 'persons,' *Citizens United* extended First Amendment-protected speech to eliminate bans on corporate expenditures influencing elections.

If corporate personhood is so bad, how did it end up on the books?

Although the Constitution itself never mentions corporations, corporate attorneys have successfully pressed for corporate personhood for more than a century. In *Santa Clara County vs. Southern Pacific Railroad* (1886), a court reporter included a statement in the footnotes suggesting that corporations are 'persons' under the 14th Amendment. Even though the Court never actually ruled on this issue and footnotes have no legal standing, *Santa Clara* has been used as legal precedent in subsequent cases.

What about the idea that money is speech?

This is another Supreme Court creation - the Constitution says nothing about this. In *Buckley vs. Valeo* (1976), the Court ruled that spending money to influence elections is a form of political speech, and it may not be restricted based on the speaker's corporate identity.

Why do we need a Constitutional amendment?

The Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitution grants legal protections to corporations, including the protections of the Bill of Rights. *Citizens United* could be overturned by the Supreme Court, but this is unlikely to happen anytime soon because the current justices are young and they are appointed for life. However, even if the Court overturns corporate personhood, another Court could always reinstate it in the future. As for writing laws to fix this, any legislation passed by Congress challenging corporate personhood or money as speech would be overturned by the Supreme Court and found to be invalid. Therefore, a Constitutional amendment is necessary.

What is the process to amend the U.S. Constitution?

There are two ways to propose an amendment: 1) by a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of Congress, and 2) through a Constitutional Convention called by two-thirds of state legislatures. Either way, the proposed amendment must be approved by three-fourths of the states.

Why are you working to pass local resolutions?

Federal and state legislators are too beholden to their corporate and wealthy donors to take initiative to reverse *Citizens United*, and only state and federal office-holders can officially initiate the amendment process. We the People must take the lead in protecting our rights to regain control our own governments. Local resolutions are a powerful tool because they help to educate and mobilize citizens while sending a strong signal to lawmakers.

Which 59 Wisconsin communities already adopted similar resolutions?

- **Cities:** Appleton (74%), Delavan (76%), Edgerton (87%), Elkhorn (69%), Evansville (80%), Fond du Lac (73%), Fort Atkinson (77%), Green Bay (77%), Kenosha, Lake Mills (73%), Madison (84%), Mauston, Menasha (80%), Neenah (79%), Ripon (79%), Stoughton (82%), Waukesha (69%), Wausau (77%), Wauwatosa (64%), Watertown (69%), West Allis (70%), Whitewater (84%)
- **Villages:** Belleville (85%), DeForest (70%), Oregon (79%), Park Ridge (83%), Shorewood (76%), Waunakee (79%), Whitefish Bay (65%)
- **Towns:** Avon, Cross Plains, Dunn, Ellington, Exeter, Farmington, Janesville, Jefferson, Koshkonong, Lake Mills, Oakland, Porter, Plymouth, Newark, Reedsburg (63%), Richmond, Spring Valley, Sumner, Watertown, Waterloo (61%), Westport, Windsor (70%)
- **Counties:** Chippewa (68%), Dane (78%), Douglas, Dunn (72%), Eau Claire (71%), Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee (70%)

Which Wisconsin communities will have referenda on the April 2016 ballot?

- **Cities:** Beloit

Ellington 100%

For more information, please visit www.wimta.org or www.movetoamend.org

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Democracy!*

Wisconsin Ready To Amend

Completed Resolutions and Referendums in Wisconsin.


Display Map – use Ctrl+ and Ctrl- to zoom in/out (also: Ctrl Scroll Wheel)

1. City of Madison – ballot referendum passed April 5, 2011 with 84% approval.
2. Dane County – ballot referendum passed April 5, 2011 with 78% approval.
3. City of West Allis – ballot referendum passed April 3, 2012 with 70% approval.
4. Town of Westport – town board unanimously approved resolution May 7, 2012.
5. Dunn County – board of supervisors approved resolution July 25, 2012. Passed via referendum on November 4, 2014 with a 72% approval.
6. Eau Claire County – ballot referendum passed November 6, 2012 with a 71% approval.
7. Chippewa County – ballot referendum passed April 2, 2013 with a 68% approval.
8. City of Fort Atkinson – ballot referendum passed April 2, 2013 with a 77% approval.
9. City of Whitewater – ballot referendum passed April 2, 2013 with a 84% approval.
10. Douglas County – board of supervisors unanimously approved resolution June 20, 2013.
11. Town of Exeter – town board unanimously approved resolution July 8, 2013.
12. Jefferson County – board of supervisors voted 23-5 to approve resolution July 9, 2013.
13. Town of Koshkonong – town board passed resolution with an 80% approval, July 10, 2013.
14. Town of Oakland – town board unanimously approved resolution July 16, 2013.
15. City of Kenosha – city council voted 13-2 to approve resolution August 5, 2013.
16. Town of Sumner – town board unanimously approved resolution August 12, 2013.
17. Town of Watertown – town board unanimously approved resolution August 12, 2013.
18. Kenosha County – board voted 19-4 to approve resolution August 20, 2013.
19. Town of Jefferson – town board voted 4-1 to approve resolution September 5, 2013.
20. Town of Farmington – town board unanimously approved resolution September 5, 2013.
21. Town of Spring Valley – town board unanimously approved resolution September 9, 2013.
22. Town of Lake Mills – town board unanimously approved resolution September 10, 2013.
23. Town of Richmond – town board unanimously approved resolution September 17, 2013.
24. Town of Cross Plains – town board unanimously approved resolution November 11, 2013.
25. Town of Avon – town board unanimously approved resolution December 2, 2013.
26. Town of Porter – town board votes 2-0-1 to approve resolution December 16, 2013.
27. Town of Plymouth – town board unanimously approved resolution January 14, 2014.
28. Town of Newark – town board unanimously approved resolution February 10, 2014.
29. City of Waukesha – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 69% approval.
30. City of Wauwatosa – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 64% approval.
31. City of Edgerton – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 87% approval.
32. City of Elkhorn – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 69% approval.
33. City of Delavan – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 76% approval.
34. City of Lake Mills – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 73% approval.

35. Village of Belleville – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 85% approval.
36. Village of Shorewood – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 76% approval.
37. Village of Whitefish Bay – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 65% approval.
38. Village of Waunakee – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 79% approval.
39. Village of DeForest – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 70% approval.
40. Town of Windsor – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 71% approval.
41. Town of Waterloo – ballot referendum passed April 1, 2014 with a 61% approval.
42. Town of Janesville – town board votes 3-1 to approve resolution July 7, 2014.
43. Town of Dunn – town board unanimously approved resolution August 18, 2014.
44. Milwaukee County – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 70% approval.
45. City of Green Bay – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 77% approval.
46. City of Appleton – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 74% approval.
47. City of Fond du Lac – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 73% approval.
48. City of Neenah – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 79% approval.
49. City of Menasha – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 80% approval.
50. City of Ripon – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 79% approval.
51. City of Wausau – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 77% approval.
52. City of Stoughton – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 82% approval.
53. Village of Oregon – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 79% approval.
54. Village of Park Ridge – ballot referendum passed November 4, 2014 with a 83% approval.
55. City of Watertown – ballot referendum passed April 7, 2015 with a 69% approval.
56. City of Evansville – ballot referendum passed April 7, 2015 with a 80% approval.
57. Town of Reedsburg – ballot referendum passed April 7, 2015 with a 63% approval.
58. Town of Ellington – town board unanimously approved resolution April 21, 2015.
59. City of Mauston – city council unanimously approved resolution June 23, 2015.

In total, 2.4 million people (41% of Wisconsinites) live in jurisdictions that have called for the Move To Amend Amendment.

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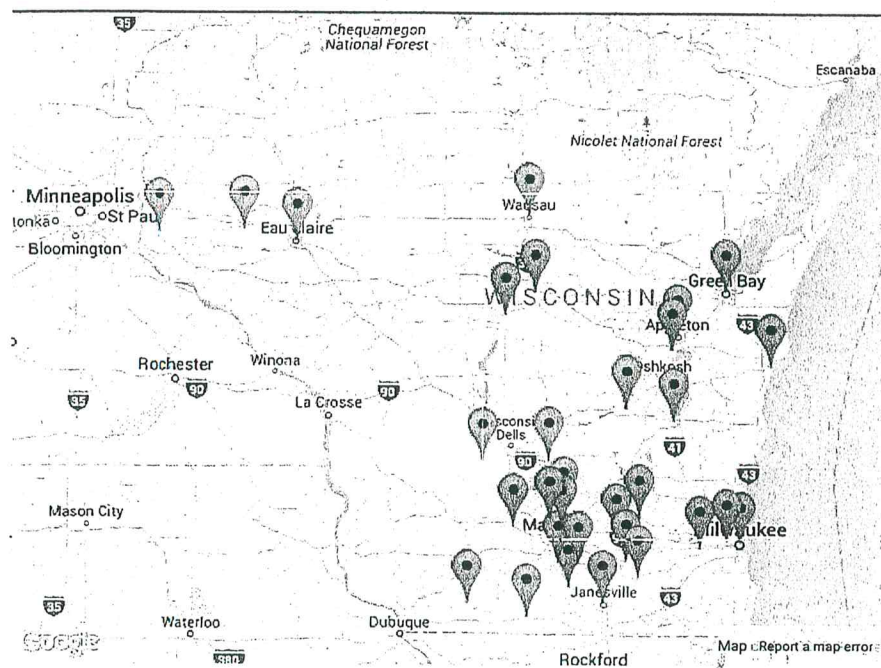
Overturn Citizens United and Restore Democracy!

Welcome to Wisconsin Move to Amend

The flood of money pouring into politics is drowning our democracy. We need to put an end to the notion that money is speech and corporations are people. A handful of billionaires and mega-millionaires should not be allowed to buy our elected officials. Wisconsin Move To Amend (WIMTA) is a state network of the national Move to Amend organization (MoveToAmend.org). We are a **non-partisan** citizens group organized to overturn Citizens United and reclaim the liberties and privileges guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution for real people.

Over 660 towns, cities and other organizations across the U.S. have already passed resolutions calling for a constitutional amendment, including fifty-nine governments in WI and sixteen state legislatures. Once enough states press Congress on this, they will be forced to act.

Let's work together to make Wisconsin the next state to call for an amendment! **Please find the Move To Amend group nearest you:**



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"The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of a private power to the point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in essence, is fascism."

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt



"[Judges] created corporations as persons, gave birth to corporations as persons. There could be an argument made that that was the court's error to start with... [imbuing] a creature of state law with human characteristics."

—Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

We the People Amendment

Section 1. [Only Natural Persons Have Constitutional Rights]

The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2. [Money is Not Free Speech]

Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of their money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

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We Move to Amend

We, the People of the United States of America, reject the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling, and move to amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.

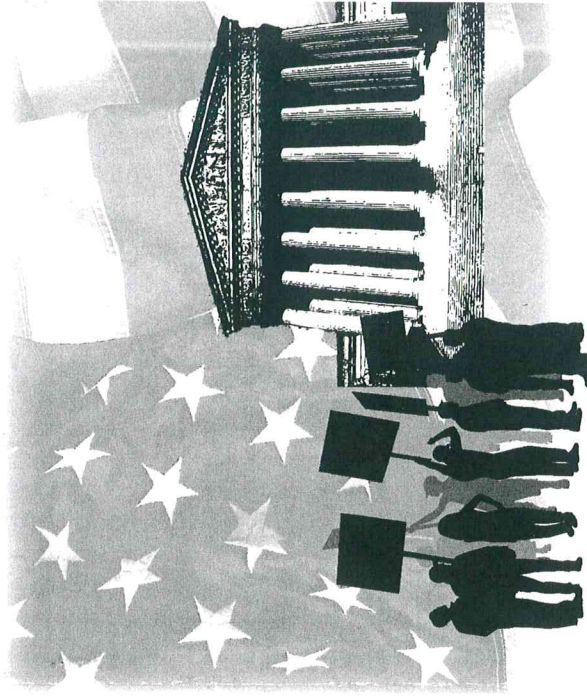
Join the movement to amend by signing the petition online!

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A CALL TO ACTION

ORGANIZING OUR COMMUNITIES TO

OVERRULE THE COURT



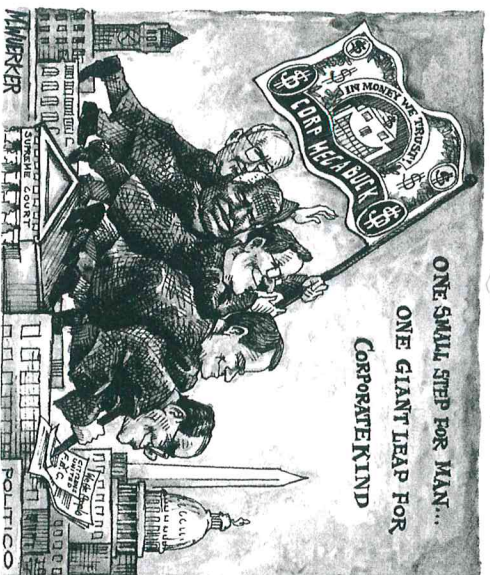
What is Corporate Personhood?

Corporate Personhood refers to court-created precedent that gives corporations constitutional rights intended solely for human beings. How did this happen?

U.S. law recognizes corporations as “artificial persons” for limited purposes to conduct business. After the American Revolution, people were wary of corporations seizing power. So people limited corporate power through their state legislatures. As time passed, state legislatures, then courts, began to blur the distinction between real people and artificial persons.

The concept of corporate personhood was first introduced in 1886 through the U.S. Supreme Court, almost 100 years after the Constitution was ratified. The Founders never intended corporations to be able to claim constitutional rights.

Since 1886, courts have handed out more human rights to corporations. Armed with human rights and legal privileges, large corporations have amassed fantastic wealth and power, which has undermined our sovereign self-governance and created a democracy crisis.



How does *Citizens United* affect democracy?

In *Citizens United v. FEC*, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the wealthy elite against the interests of the American people. Corporations can now spend unlimited money to buy our elections. The Court has legalized corporate bribery of our elected officials.

Once again, the Court relied on the illegitimate doctrine of Corporate Personhood in order to justify this profoundly undemocratic decision. If you were already disgusted by the fact that over \$5 billion dollars was spent in the 2008 election, watch out. The floodgates are now wide open!

Corporate Personhood is not an inconsequential legal technicality. Literally hundreds — perhaps thousands — of local, state and federal laws that attempt to protect our elections, safety and health, environment, and right to organize have been overturned as a result of this erroneous doctrine.

What can we do?

It's time to take ourselves seriously – about what is at stake and what it will require to assume and democratically exercise real power. We must address the reality that the courts have made real democracy illegal.

It's time to follow the lead of the American Revolutionaries, the Abolitionists, the Suffragists, the Trade Unionists, and the Civil Rights activists and to build a broad-based, multi-partisan democracy movement in the United States. *It's time to change the rules.*

Start by creating awareness:

- Form a study group.
- Organize a workshop or street theater event and invite a speaker from our campaign.
- Pass out brochures at public events.
- Write a letter to the editor or an op-ed in your local paper.
- Propose a local resolution or ordinance to eliminate Corporate Personhood.
- Ask elected officials and political candidates to take a public stand against Corporate Personhood.
- Sign the Move to Amend petition.

Move to Amend's Take Action Toolkit provides tools for you to get started at www.MoveToAmend.org/toolkit.



TOWN OF

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING ACTION TO
OVERTURN THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION

Whereas: Free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;

Whereas: The 2010 *Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission* case, which was decided by a split (5 to 4) decision, removed the legal limits on contributions and expenditures in elections which:

- (1) creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by individual persons, corporations, unions, and other artificial entities to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, and
- (2) forces elected officials to divert their attention from the concerns of We the People, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to raise campaign funds for their own re-election, and;

Whereas: Corporations and unions are legal entities chartered by the government, which, while they may be useful to the functioning of our economic system, are not human beings and thus should not have the same Constitutional rights as American citizens, and;

Whereas: Allowing for the unlimited contributions and spending of money on elections is contrary to the democratic principle of one person, one vote. It allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage and undue influence in a political system that was intended to ensure that all citizens have equal access to and influence in the political process. The great wealth of big unions and multinational or large corporations allows them to wield undue influence on this national electoral process, and;

Whereas: Millions of people, and Local, County, and State governments across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend Campaign and passing resolutions supporting an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to: (1) eliminate the extension of Constitutional rights — originally reserved for human beings — to corporate entities, and (2) abolish the doctrine that political contributions and expenditures are equivalent to free speech rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of _____ Board of Supervisors seeks to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings -- not corporations, unions, non-profit organizations, or similar associations -- are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
3. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of [REDACTED] Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our state and federal representatives, directing them to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of Supervisors, of the Town of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] County, Wisconsin, at a regular meeting held on [REDACTED] by a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] nays, [REDACTED] abstaining, [REDACTED] absent.

By:

[REDACTED], Town of [REDACTED] Board Chair

Attested by:

[REDACTED] Town of [REDACTED] Clerk