

# The Village of Howard, Wisconsin

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, WISCONSIN

## RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

“Village Board Meeting Audio Recording Policy”

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Howard strives to maintain transparency in its operations; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of recording devices help document the proceedings of Village Board meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** written minutes provide actions taken by the Village Board, but not detailed records of dialogue regarding Village Board agenda items; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village of Howard desires greater detail and understanding of past discussions relating to past decisions and recurring issues; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village of Howard seeks the ability to share public meetings with the public at large; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.21 (7), the Village shall maintain any digital audio recordings on its server for perpetuity and could only destroy these records with written notice to the public and the Historical Society 60 days prior to destruction;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin, hereby adopts the Village Board Meeting Audio Recording Policy and will commence recording public Village Board meetings at its April 26, 2010 meeting and shall maintain the recordings as a public record at Village Hall thereafter.

**IN THE TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal for the Village of Howard, Wisconsin to be affixed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

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Joshua Smith, Village Administrator/Clerk