



RESOLUTION 2026-11

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO HAVE THE WATER UTILITY OF THE VILLAGE DIRECT BILL A PORTION OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS PER STATE STATUTE

BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, WISCONSIN:

WHEREAS, the Village of Hobart, Brown County, Wisconsin, has included the annual fire protection charge due each year to the Water Utility on the Village's property tax; and Wisconsin Statute § 66.0811(2) provides that the income of a municipal public utility is to be used to make payments to meet operation, maintenance, depreciation, interest, and debt service fund requirements, local and school tax equivalents, additions and improvements, and other necessary disbursements or indebtedness; and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Hobart provides public fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety, and well-being of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village has historically paid \$240,877 for the water utility public fire protection charge through the general property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the water utility public fire protection charge will increase to \$429,093 and to provide greater equality the Village Board desires to place 50% or \$214,457.00 as a direct charge for all users and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to use the equivalent meter method of calculating the direct charge.

WHEREAS, the non-customer parcels may be billed a charge on the same cycle as water utility customers, per Wis. Stats. Sec. 193.03(3)(b)2 .; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hobart, Brown County, Wisconsin, does hereby request Public Service Commission (PSC) approval to place fifty (50) percent of the public fire protection fee charge as a direct charge on the utility bill to all property owners using the equivalent meter method; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village staff are authorized to work with the PSC staff on implementing this request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village staff be directed to seek approval from the PSC in 2029 to place seventy-five (75) percent of the public fire protection fee charge as a direct charge on the utility bill to all property owners using the equivalent meter method commencing in 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village staff be directed to seek approval from the PSC in 2032 to place one hundred (100) percent of the public fire protection fee charge as a direct charge on the utility bill to all property owners using the equivalent meter method commencing in 2033.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2026,



Richard Heidel, Village Board President

Attest:



Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Clerk of the Board of the Village of Hobart, certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Board of the Village of Hobart at a duly called meeting of the Board on October 6, 2026.



Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Village Clerk