

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE CLAIMS PROCEDURE TOWN OF GULL LAKE, WASHBURN COUNTY ORDINANCE #107A

SECTION 1 – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Gull Lake Alternative Claims Procedure Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize an alternative procedure for approving financial claims against the town that are in the nature of bills and vouchers.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Gull Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 60.44 (2), Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, establishes an alternative procedure for approving financial claims against the town that are in the nature of bills and vouchers as provided in this ordinance. This ordinance expands on Ordinance #107 adopted on October 12, 2008 relating to procedures for refunds of tax payments in excess of tax bill amounts.

SECTION IV – APPLICABILITY

Payments of claims against the town may be made from the town treasury under the procedure established in Section V for authorized bills or vouchers that have not been timely presented (i.e. by the regularly scheduled town meeting) but require payment prior to the following town meeting. These bills or vouchers may include, but are not limited to, payroll, utility charges, contractor payments, or tax settlements.

SECTION V – PROCEDURE

- A. Subject to the restrictions under Section IV, the payment of a claim against the town may be made from the town treasury if the town clerk approves in writing the claim as a proper charge against the town treasury. A claim against the town is a proper charge against the town treasury if the clerk determines that all of the following conditions have been met:
 - 1. Funds are available under the town budget to pay the bill or voucher.
 - 2. The item or service covered by the bill or voucher has been authorized by the town board or an authorized town official, agent, or employee.
 - 3. The item or service covered by the bill or voucher has been supplied or rendered in conformity with the authorization.
 - 4. The claim appears to be a valid claim against the town.
- B. The town clerk may require submission of proof to determine compliance with the conditions under subsection A prior to approval. (For example, the clerk may require verification of quantity, quality, etc., by another town official or employee.)

- C. After determining that the conditions under subsection A have been met, the clerk shall indicate approval of the claim by placing his or her signature on the bill or voucher. Upon approval of a bill or voucher under this procedure, the clerk shall prepare and sign a check and have it countersigned by the town treasurer and the town chairperson, pursuant to s. 66.0607, Wis. Stats. The treasurer shall then mail or deliver the completed checks to the appropriate parties.
- D. At least monthly, the town clerk shall file with the town board a written list of claims approved pursuant to this ordinance. The list shall include the date paid, name of claimant, purpose, and amount.

SECTION VI – SEVERABILITY

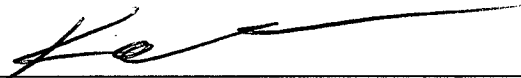
If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision of application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VII – EFFECTIVE DATE

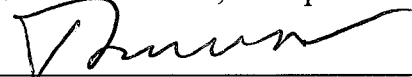
This Ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

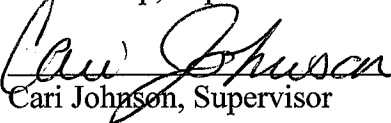
Adopted this 10th day of March, 2015.



Katherine Berndt, Chairperson

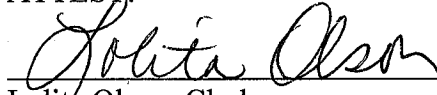


Tom Thorp, Supervisor



Cari Johnson, Supervisor

ATTEST:



Lolita Olson, Clerk

March 11, 2015

Posting Date