

RESOLUTION 04-06-22-2

Resolution in Support of Road Reversion Reform – SF 1949 (2021-2022)

Whereas, Townships are road authorities within their boundaries, with obligations and duties to maintain township roadways;

Whereas, county roads exist with Townships, over which the respective counties are the road authority;

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes section 163.11 provides that counties may require a township to become the road authority over a county road through a process of county road reversion;

Whereas, the township becomes responsible for the costs and labor required to maintain and operate the road after it reverts to the township;

Whereas, townships cannot reject or otherwise prevent the reversion of county roads to the township;

Whereas, in practice, townships cannot vacate or otherwise rid themselves of roads reverted to them by the county, creating a permanent obligation upon the township and its taxpayers;

Whereas, townships have limited financial resources to maintain roads;

Whereas, Townships are property tax dependent, placing the financial burden of any county road reversion onto the local township landowners;

Whereas, the Stearns County Township Association believes townships should be allowed to reject a county road reversion;

Whereas, Senate File 1949, of the 92nd Legislature (2021-2022), as authored by Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, seeks to provide townships the power to accept or reject a county road reversion at the discretion of the township board;

Be it Therefore Resolved that, the Stearns County Township Association supports the adoption of rules that would allow township boards to accept or reject county road reversions;

Be it Further Resolved that the Stearns County Township Association supports the passage of Senate File 1949 of the 92nd Legislature (2021-2022) and those bills that would provide similar rights to landowners.

Adopted by the Avon Township Board this 6th day, in the month of April in the year 2022.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor _____ Richard Bresnahan	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ LeRoy Gondringer	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ Rich Sanoski	___	___	___

Attest:

Stephen Saupe, Town Clerk

date