

Town of Forestville

Resolution 2015- 1

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON SPRAY IRRIGATION OF LIQUID ANIMAL MANURE USING CENTER PIVOT OR SPRAY GUN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Forestville have expressed concern that the potential implementation of spray irrigation of liquid manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation systems may present a health hazard to Town of Forestville residents: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Forestville has expressed a lack of knowledge regarding water quality within the town; and has agreed to participate in a well testing program with the Door County Environmental Council to be conducted in July 2015: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forestville is predominantly an agriculturally zoned area that supports a rich agricultural community: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Forestville has started to investigate the effect of traditional methods of supplying nutrients on crop lands whether by surface application, surface application with integration, or injection of liquid manure: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Forestville recognizes the need for further study to understand the ramifications of adopting an outright ban on the potential value of spray irrigation of liquid manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation system process: and

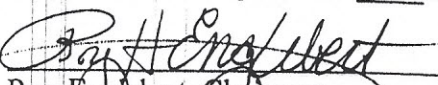
WHEREAS, studies are currently being coordinated by the University of Wisconsin – Extension representing a cross-section of interests concerned with the use of irrigation equipment to apply livestock manure or process wastewater by agricultural operations: and

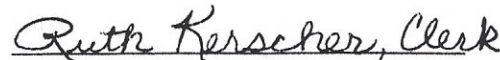
WHEREAS, the resulting report tentatively titled “Considerations for the Use of Manure Irrigation Practices” is scheduled to be released within the next few months.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Board of the Town of Forestville in DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN, that a moratorium on the spraying of liquid manure by use of a center pivot manure irrigation or spray gun system in the town of Forestville be established for a one(1) year period.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Forestville consider enacting an ordinance to ban spray irrigation of liquid animal manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation systems once adequate information becomes available that would clearly serve to protect both the health of the town’s groundwater, air quality, and agricultural interests of the Town of Forestville.

Approved and adopted this 18 day of March, 2015.


Roy Englebort, Chairman


Ruth Kerscher, Clerk


Jason Tlachac, Supervisor


Larry Huber, Supervisor