

# RESOLUTION

No. 7-5-2016

## Support Improved Broadband Internet Access in Waupaca County

**WHEREAS**, improved high speed broadband Internet access is essential infrastructure to Waupaca County and its citizens in order to remain competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for economic and community development, business development, tourism development, job creation, communication, public safety, education, healthcare, entertainment, attracting new residents, other current and future uses; *and*

**WHEREAS**, according to WI Broadband Now, over 18,000 Waupaca County residents do not have access to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) minimum standard for download and upload speeds set in January of 2015 for broadband wired Internet service, and approximately 4,000 Waupaca County residents do not have access to any broadband wired Internet service; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Waupaca County could be eligible to apply for state and federal grant program funds for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas; *and*

**WHEREAS**, both public and private sector involvement in the development of a Waupaca County broadband Internet improvement plan is essential; *and*

**WHEREAS**, cooperation among county, city, village and town governments will be necessary for partnering with broadband Internet service providers to ensure that all Waupaca County citizens are able to access broadband Internet at speeds meeting or exceeding the standards set by the FCC; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the city, village and town governments located in Waupaca County believe that Waupaca County should function as the lead government agency for any cooperative effort at increasing access for broadband Internet service in Waupaca County; *and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the TOWN OF HELVETIA supports participating in a cooperative effort that encompasses the local and county governments of Waupaca County for the purpose of creating and funding a strategic plan that implements the deployment of broadband Internet access that meets or exceeds current FCC standards, and, which covers the entire geographic area of Waupaca County.

Adopted this 5th day of JULY, 2016.

Ayes 2 Noes 0 Absent 0

*Leonard Oppor*

Chair / Town Board

ATTEST:

*Douglas Hines*

Clerk, Town of Helvetia