

**RESOLUTION 2016-3: AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIPS TO CHARGE THE OWNER OF  
PROPERTY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED TO SUCH PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 366.011 currently authorizes a Township to charge the recipient of emergency services for the cost of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 366.011 provides for collection of unpaid service charges from delinquent recipients of services who are owners of taxable real property in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the law is silent on whether the owner of property to which such services are provided may also be held responsible for the cost of such services when the recipient is a tenant of the owner; and

**WHEREAS**, many Townships in the state are charged by the emergency service provider (such as neighboring city) for the cost of emergency services which are provided to tenants renting properties within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Townships currently have no practical avenue to collect service charges billed to tenant recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the landlord is in the best position to recoup emergency service charges from tenants via the terms of the lease pertaining to the property upon which emergency services were provided;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Watab Township Board requests the Minnesota Association of Townships to seek an amendment to Minn. Stat. § 366.011 or such other statutes as may be deemed appropriate which would authorize a Township to collect the cost of emergency services provided upon a particular parcel of property from the owner of that property pursuant to the means permitted in Minn. Stat. § 366.011 and § 366.012.

Adopted this second day of March 2016 by the Watab Township Board.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Chairman

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Clerk