

## **Joint News Release of the Village of Weston and Daniel Guild**

WESTON--In consultation with the Village Board, Daniel Guild has voluntarily resigned his position as Village Administrator, effective immediately. The Board and Daniel agree that Guild should step aside to give the Board, with many new members elected this past spring, a fresh start by selecting a new Administrator. The resignation is not the result of any misconduct, and the Village is retroactively voiding Guild's recent suspension.

"Daniel has been a dedicated leader for the Village of Weston, and he has helped the Board accomplish many things for our community," said Village President Barbara Ermeling. "On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Daniel for his service to this community."

During his time as Administrator, Guild was integral to many of Weston's successes and successfully dealt with many of its challenges. Notably, Guild was instrumental in overcoming the Village's 2012 budget deficit, overseeing spending cuts that trimmed local government expenditures from \$41 million to \$32 million annually. He also was instrumental in Weston becoming the first Wisconsin municipality to adopt a broadband connectivity and expansion plan as part of its comprehensive plan and smart growth strategy.

Guild also successfully worked with local governments and the state legislature. Working with officials from the nearby Town of Rib Mountain, Guild led the effort to create a new consolidated Fire and EMS district that now serves 12 communities. He also worked cooperatively with the state legislature to secure legislation that extended the life of a TIF District 1, which is a significant part of Weston's economic development plan.

Guild made positive impacts in other areas, as well, including comprehensive planning, and local recreational opportunities. He also improved Weston's public communications and helping the Village earn a Connect WI Gold Award for government transparency.

For his work, in 2017, Guild was honored as one of Marathon's "20 Under Forty," which acknowledges people under 40 years old who display the qualities of excellence, leadership, and achievement in their commitment to the Marathon County Community.

"It's been an honor to serve this community," said Guild. "As I have previously stated, I have worked with some of the most knowledgeable, dedicated, conscientious, and forward-thinking public servants while serving this community. It has been my privilege to call them my colleagues and my friends these past six years."