

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014

Present:

Selectboard Members: Kathy Black, Nat Kinney, Doug Molde, Eric Osgood

Others: Duncan Hastings (Manager), Rosemary Audibert (Clerk)

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. *Call to Order*

Eric called the meeting to order at 5:04.

2. *Adjustments/Changes to Agenda*

Kathy moved to amend the second agenda item to “Review Current Budget and Set Tax Rate,” Doug seconded, and the motion was passed.

3. *Review Current Budget and Set Tax Rate*

Duncan said it appears that we will have enough in surplus to meet the goal in this year’s budget for the amount of surplus to be used to reduce taxes. He and Rosemary will work on coming up with recommendations for spending the surplus. The budget projected a surplus of \$50,542 but we should have around \$98K.

Rosemary said last year the municipal portion of the taxes abated for Pomerleau wasn’t shown as part of the money to be raised by taxes. Only the state school portion was. The board agreed that the dollars to be raised by taxes should include the amount for the municipal portion of abated taxes for Pomerleau and Hutchins. Rosemary made that change and came up with a recommended tax rate of .6939. Kathy asked how that tax rate would affect the average tax bill. Duncan gave some figures and Kathy said if she calculated right this tax rate would mean an increase of \$8.70 for someone with a \$100K house and twice that for a \$200K house.

Kathy moved to set a tax rate of .6939, Doug seconded, and the motion was passed.

4. *Review and Set Wages*

Kathy moved to increase wages for town employees (regular employees, part-time highway department employees, and auditors) by 2%, as budgeted, Doug seconded, and the motion was passed.

5. *Designate Public Posting Locations*

Kathy moved to designate the town bulletin board and the bulletin board at Sterling Market as the locations for posting of agendas and to designate the town website as the official website for posting of minutes, Nat seconded, and the motion was passed.

6. *Adjourn*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths