

JOHNSON VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD  
SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

**Present:**

Trustees: Gordon Smith, Walter Pomroy, David Goddette, Scott Meyer, Bob Sweetser (by phone)

Others: Eric Osgood, Rosemary Audibert, Jan Perkins, Troy Dolan, Meredith Birkett, Matt Hill, Dan Noyes, and 35 Village voters.

Eric Osgood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He read the warning to those in attendance.

**Article 1. Shall the legal voters of the Village of Johnson use the Australian ballot system to elect the village trustees, clerk, treasurer, tax collector, auditors and president?**

Kim Dunkley made a motion to approve Article 1 and Donnie Garrett seconded the motion. Eric Osgood asked if there was any discussion. Kim Dunkley asked for an explanation of what Australian ballot voting is. Eric Osgood explained that voting for Village officers would take place throughout the day using a paper ballot versus the current system with votes from the floor. Lea Kilvadyova noted that her interest in using the Australian ballot system is to allow more people to vote. Duncan Hastings described that those running for office under the Australian ballot system would need to petition to get on the ballot, which would allow voters to know more about the candidates in advance. Duncan Hastings noted that the language in article 1 differs from the language in the public petition for the Special Village meeting. He requested the Trustees seek another legal opinion regarding the authority of the voters to amend Village bylaws.

Duncan Hastings made a motion for a paper ballot and six additional voters agreed. Article 1 passed by a vote of 33 to 1.

**Article 2. To do such other business as may properly be brought before this meeting.**

Eric Osgood asked if there was any other business. Duncan Hastings thanked the Trustees for not requiring another petition and moving forward with the Special Meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Meredith Birkett*