



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON

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The following is a recap of Tuesday night's (April 3, 2018) Village Meeting and provides information about next steps:

At Tuesday night's Village Meeting, the meeting had to be adjourned due to attendance in excess of the maximum allowed capacity of the second floor of the Municipal Building. The maximum capacity for the room is 49, and while only 44 Village voters were present, Village employees and other non-voters in attendance pushed the total well above 49.

Because public safety is of utmost importance, on Monday night, the Trustees asked the Village attorney what should be done if the attendance at the Village Meeting surpassed the room's allowed capacity. Because the main purpose of the Village Meeting is for voters to conduct the business of the Village, the attorney indicated an acceptable first step would be to ask those non-voters in attendance to leave in the hopes the total number would fall under the capacity limit. If that were not successful, he recommended the meeting be adjourned to a date and time certain so it could be resumed without going through the full warning period (minimum of 30 days). Based on that advice, I contacted the elementary school on Tuesday morning and asked if the gymnasium would be available any night within the next few weeks. I was told the evening of Monday, April 16th was available and therefore reserved the gym for that night as a back-up plan.

At the meeting Tuesday night, the Village President requested non-voters leave the building so the meeting could continue, but not enough people left to bring the total under 49. At that time, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting until April 16th at 7:00 PM at the elementary school. However, that motion did not pass. At that time, the President adjourned the meeting, with the impression that the meeting could resume on April 16th.

I spoke with the Village attorney Wednesday morning and he confirmed that for the meeting to be properly adjourned so it could resume on April 16th, the motion to do so must have been passed by the voters. Because that did not occur, we cannot simply resume the meeting on April 16th. Therefore, a new meeting date and time will have to be selected and warned with at least 30 days notice. Selecting the new date and time for the meeting will be on the Trustee meeting agenda for Monday, April 9th. Once a date and time for the rescheduled meeting is finalized, it will be advertised broadly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Meredith Birkett, Village Manager