

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

**Present:**

Selectboard members: Mike Dunham, Beth Foy, Nat Kinney, Eric Osgood, Eben Patch

Others: Brian Story, Rosemary Audibert

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

**1. Call to Order**

Eric called the meeting to order at 5:45.

**2. Additions, Changes to Agenda**

No changes to the agenda were needed.

**3. Review and Approve FY23 Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warning**

Brian said in discussion with Eric and Nat today he found an error. (*Eben arrived at 5:47.*) When he was making changes he accidentally took out a \$20K contribution from current taxes to the reappraisal fund. This draft leaves out that \$20K contribution but increases the contribution from end of year cash on hand. The total end of year expected surplus is \$197,405.02. Eric said he thinks the most recent previous figure was \$218K. The decrease is because we included the purchase of a trailer in the current year expenditures. Brian said we are planning to use \$100K of the end of year surplus to reduce taxes. This draft puts \$20K into the tax anticipation reserve fund, \$20K into the highway capital equipment fund, \$20K into the buildings and grounds reserve fund, and \$37,405.02 into the reappraisal fund. Eric said previously we were talking about contributing \$25K to each fund.

Brian could change the fund contributions to what the board saw previously and restore the \$20K to the reappraisal fund. Or the board can accept the budget with the new disposition of funds and leave out the \$20K. Losing the \$20K to the reappraisal fund from current taxes but increasing the contribution from the end of year balance brings the reappraisal fund to a reasonably healthy level and keeps our estimated tax increase the same, around 3%, which is about 2.3 or 2.4 cents. Mike said he thinks we should leave it as it is. Eric said if we added another \$20K it would bring the tax rate up by almost a penny. Mike said he thinks this is a pretty good budget considering the 6% inflation rate. Eben agreed.

**Mike moved to adopt the proposed FY23 budget as presented, Nat seconded and the motion was passed.**

The board reviewed the draft warning. Eric said he asked Dave Williams to moderate the informational meetings. **Mike moved to approve the draft town meeting warning with the budget figures agreed upon tonight, Nat seconded and the motion was passed.**

**4. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*