

JOHNSON VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2014

Present:

Trustees: Gordon Smith, Ellis O'Hear, Walter Pomroy, Chris Parker, David Goddette

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

Call to Order

Gordy called the meeting to order at 4:30 and asked if there were any proposed changes or additions to the agenda. Duncan stated he would give the Board a brief update on the crosswalks.

The Board reviewed a proposed tax rate schedule provided by Rosemary. It was noted that the Village Grand List figure did not appear to include change of appraisal for the Pomerleau property, so Rosemary reviewed and revised the worksheet accordingly.

Duncan noted that an initial single audit statement from Gene Besaw and Associates indicate a possible issue with a VTRANS overpayment to the Village for the Main St Project in the amount of \$4528.00. This is being reviewed and it is hoped that this finding is incorrect, but if it is, it has an impact on the cash on hand amount to be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. He suggested several options to deal with this including increasing the amount to be raised by taxes, using the GIG fund for either a loan or outright funding and the use of the School St funds which have been set aside for that project.

After discussion, Walter stated he would not support increasing the amount to be raised by taxes and that the Board should deal with this after we determine if there is an amount due the state. There was general concurrence with this idea.

Rosemary brought back a revised tax worksheet. Walter moved a tax rate of \$0.1970, seconded by Chris, unanimous in approval.

Duncan stated that the Board needs to designate official places for posting of minutes and agendas under the new open meeting law changes. He suggested the postings boards located at the Municipal Building and the Pomerleau Plaza and to designate the Town of Johnson webpage as the official webpage. Walter moved the locations above, seconded by Chris, unanimous in favor.

Chris left the meeting at this time.

Duncan provided a brief description of what was discovered when the crosswalks were excavated and additional information about the failure of the crosswalks. Essentially, there was a thin concrete slab poured on top of the existing old concrete road, which has completely failed, especially in the wheel tracks. This is good news in some ways as it means the existing concrete road can be used as part of repair options, which at this point seem most likely will be replacement with pavement. Duncan stated that he has asked the 3 parties involved if colored concrete crosswalks are an option and has so far heard only from KCo that they do not recommend concrete at all. He also stated that colored pavement options are going to be considered. Walter state his primary concern is that

whatever gets replaced he wants to see a clearly delineated and visible crosswalk, which he felt we had with the brick paver crosswalks. He does not think we should lose that visibility feature.

Duncan advised the Board about where the negotiations with L&D, OCE and KCo are, which is general agreement for L&D to prepare replacement plans, have KCO prepare costs estimates and then to review cost sharing proposals once that information is available. L&D stated they could have plans for the July regular meeting for Board review. Gordy stated that he would like to see the Village make the repairs prior to start of school, even if the Village had the work done and we negotiated cost shares after. Duncan stated that he was not sure if this would be possible. The Board will await more information and discuss further at the July regular meeting.

Walter moved to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. seconded by David and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Duncan Hastings