

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS  
NOVEMBER 28, 2007

- I. Chairman Kris Hampton called the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to order at 7:13 P.M. Notice of the meeting was at Town Hall, Corn Palace, Gaston Road at Brown Thrush and American Way, as well as published on November 12, 2007 in the Wisconsin State Journal. Town Board Present: Chairman Kris Hampton, Supervisors Steve Anders, Karen Kessenich and Mike Klinger. Also present were Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Clerk Kim Banigan, and Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, as well as those on the attached sign-in sheet (available in the Clerk's Office).
- II. After reading the notice of the meeting and making sure everyone had a copy, Hampton stated that General Property Tax for 2008 is proposed at \$1,423,365 (\$1 less than shown on the budget summary due to rounding differences when the state imposed levy limit was calculated), resulting in a mill rate of \$4.5828 per \$1000 of assessed value. Hampton then invited questions:
  - Virgil Schroeder asked why the mill rate is higher but services are reduced. He was specifically referring to road maintenance. Hampton stated that the highway maintenance budget is \$572,891 for 2008 compared to \$550,432 in 2007, so it is actually higher, but cuts were made to what was originally proposed for road maintenance due to the levy limit and increases in fuel and insurance costs.
- III. **MOTION** by D. Simonson/D. Muehl to adopt the 2007 town tax levy of \$4.5828/\$1000 of assessed value, to be paid in 2008 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat. **MOTION CARRIED 15-0.**
- IV. **MOTION** by S. Kurt/S. Anders to approve the year 2008 highway expenditures of \$8542/mile pursuant to s. 82.03(2)(a). **MOTION CARRIED 11-0.**
- V. **MOTION** by S. Anders/V. Schroeder to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Kim Banigan  
Clerk

Approved 12/03/2007