

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
DECEMBER 4, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING

- I. Town Chairman Kris Hampton called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Notice of the public hearing and a budget summary were posted at the Town Hall, Gaston Road at Brown Thrush, the park on American Way and on the corner of US Hwy 12 & 18 and County Road BN, as well as on the Town's web site, beginning on November 19, 2008. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the legal section of the Wisconsin State Journal on November 22, 2008. Town Board Present: Chairman Kris Hampton, Supervisors Dave Morrow, Steve Anders, Mike Kindschi, and Karen Kessenich. 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. Hampton read the notice of the public hearing, and stated that General Property Tax for 2008 is proposed at \$1,437,829. Copies of the budget summary were available for those in attendance. Hampton asked if there were any questions: there were none.
- III. **MOTION** by Kessenich/Anders to close the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** The public hearing ended at 8:03 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

- I. Hampton called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Attendance was as listed above for the public hearing.
- II. Hampton stated that the proposed 2008 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2009 is \$1,437,829, which results in a mill rate of \$4.6193.
- III. 2008 payable 2009 Town Tax Levy: **MOTION** by J. Smith/M. Klinger to adopt the 2008 town tax levy (pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat) at \$1,437,829 for a mill rate of \$4.6193 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to be paid in 2009. **MOTION CARRIED 13-0.**
- IV. 2009 Highway Expenditures: Kessenich asked what all is included in the per mile highway expenditure calculations. The Clerk explained that it includes the entire Highway Maintenance category of the budget worksheet, plus any capital expenditures for highway equipment, less any public charges for highway maintenance and street lights. **MOTION** by M. Klinger/M. Kindschi to approve the year 2009 highway expenditures (pursuant to s. 82.03(2)(a)) at \$8,947/mile. **MOTION CARRIED 12-1** (K. Kessenich opposed).
- V. **MOTION** by S. Anders/K. Kessenich to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Kim Banigan
Clerk
Approved 12/15/2008