

November 14th, 2018
2019 Budget Hearing/ Special Town Meeting

The 2019 Budget Hearing/ Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Wood River Town Hall at 6:30 pm by Chairman Joel Johnson. Present were Chairman Joel Johnson, Supervisors: Daryl Wedin, John Hennessey, Treasurer Laura McKeag, Clerk Raylene Swanson, Jeff Erickson, Duane Selander, Jonathon Ritchie, Craig Selander and 22 Town electors.

There were concerns from some Town electors of feeling they did not have proper notice. Clerk Raylene Swanson stated that all requirements from the State were met. All proper notice was given. Concerns about adding a shop with issues for local Towns finding and keeping Road Maint. operators. Joel Johnson stated that we do currently have the equipment and the employee. Several thought it was way past due and that it would only cost more down the road. Joel Johnson stated that we need to get current and have a facility that has both the Clerk and the Treasurer's office in a central location. The Clerk and Treasurer positions are appointed. One does not have to live within the Town to be hired for either position. Absentee voting and property tax payments are a concern for not being centrally located. Architect Craig Selander gave a thorough presentation of the complete project. He gave info on all the code requirements, the County and State requirements as well. He described what was possible in the parcel of land that the Town has to use. He agreed that it would not go down in price. Stan Peer thanked the Board for having Craig Selander give a thorough description of the project. He stated that there were no questions about the project that were left unanswered.

The Town electors voted on the 'Resolution for Electors to Exceed the Levy Limit at Special Town Meeting of the Electors' for a levy increase of \$66,655. The vote was (16) Yes and (12) No. Resolution passed. The Town electors then voted on the 'Resolution for Electors to Adopt the Town Tax Levy at Special Town Meeting of Electors' with a Town levy of \$394,587 to be collected in 2019. The vote was (16) Yes and (12) No. Resolution passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by Chairman Joel Johnson.

Raylene Swanson, Clerk