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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012, 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.
- 2) **ROLL CALL & VERIFY PUBLIC NOTICE:** Present: Chairman Scott Johnson, Supervisor David Wilder, Supervisor Pat Post, Supervisor Jeff Schroeder, and Supervisor Dave La Fond.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted on the public bulletin boards.

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Post. Motion carried 5-0

Terry Schaller, 2312 Bainbridge Street, had concerns about the burning next door to his house and asked if there was any way to stop future burning. Chairman Johnson stated that as of the 15th of May, there would be no more burning permits issued. Mr. Schaller inquired about turning his property from Agricultural A to Commercial B. Chairman Johnson stated to Mr. Schaller to start with the necessary paperwork in the Clerk's Office. Mr. Schaller also asked if possible to eliminate the firework permits this year. Chairman Johnson stated that we would add this item to next month's agenda and leave it up to a board decision.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked when the money would start coming into the Town from the Skipperliner agreement. Chairman Johnson stated that he had just signed the agreement today and would be able to cash all the checks the Town has been holding since June 2011. Chairman Johnson stated that this money would be going into the General Fund and that there were no earmarks for these funds. Mr. Becker questioned the possible disbanding of the Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee. Mr. Becker questioned why this committee was not involved in the hiring of the three positions for Office Staff, Police, and Maintenance. Chairman Johnson stated that this was done with the Board only to speed up the hiring process. Mr. Becker questioned who the final candidate was. Chairman Johnson stated that the Board had offered the position to one of the finalists. Supervisor Post stated that Cassandra Hanan was the best qualified candidate and was offered the position. Mr. Becker stated that Cassandra was Chairman Johnson's daughter and asked if there was any conflict of interests. Supervisor Post stated that she had talked to the Towns

Association and that this was not a conflict of interest due to the fact that Chairman Johnson is not a Town employee and is an elected official.

Don Lecheler, 1719 Caroline Street, asked about getting permission to put on a one day festival in Nelson Park. Mr. Lecheler stated that this event would be called the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off. Mr. Lecheler stated that events like this happen all over the world in where people compete to grow the largest vegetables. Mr. Lecheler stated that he needs promise from the Board for exclusive rights for venders. Chairman Johnson asked for more information from Mr. Lecheler and be placed on the agenda for June 12th.

Bob Wolfert, 904 Susan Place, doing a follow up from the Annual Meeting regarding the park along Fanta Reed Road behind the Cemetery. Mr. Wolfert did some polling and signatures from the surrounding neighbors and showed the concessions were in favor of keeping the park. Chairman Johnson asked to get this item on the next Board Meeting Agenda so the Board can take action.

Helen Vitale, 2913 North Bayshore, commented that the county has defined what the zoning districts are and that she has a chart she will give to the Clerk's Office for future reference.

Joanne Schaller, 2312 Bainbridge, asked who originally allowed for the burning permit at the end of Bainbridge Street. Chairman Johnson stated that the Clerk's Office would have issued the permit. Mrs. Schaller commented that her 2012 Toyota van was peppered with ashes and suet and wanted to know who would be responsible for damages. Chairman Johnson stated that this was the exact reason that the Board took action to stop future burning permits.

Motion to close Public Comment made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. Motion carried 5-0

- 4) **CONSENT AGENDA: (All items are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered on the Regular Agenda)**
- A. **Approval of Minutes: Special Town Board Meeting – 04/10/2012
Regular Town Board Meeting – 04/10/2012**
 - B. **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: May 1, 2012**
 - i. **Anthony/Kim Novak – 2705 Grand Avenue, Variance for a 20' x 25 ft. deck that will be 12.5 f. from the lot line. (Recommendation to approve)**
 - ii. **Mark Vehrenkamp, 383 E. Tilson Street, West Salem, WI – Request for Zoning change from "B" to "C" – project address 1638 Caroline Street (Recommendation to approve for Business Only)**

- iii. **Bill Bauman, 2717 Bayshore Drive, to construct a detached 24 x 28 garage to replace the existing 15' x 21' garage. (Recommendation to approve)**

C. Payment of Bills

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. Motion Carried 5-0

5) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Second reading for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Jess Whitewater Memorial, June 15, 2012 thru June 17, 2012, at Sky Harbour Park on Sky Harbour Drive.

Motion to approve the Second reading for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Jess Whitewater Memorial, June 15th thru June 17th, at Sky Harbour Park on Sky Harbour Drive by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. Motion carried 5-0

6) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Set date for Annual Liquor License Meeting in June.

Motion by Supervisor Wilder to hold Annual Liquor License Meeting in June on Tuesday June 12th, commencing at 5:15PM, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. Motion carried 5-0

- B. Fire & Rescue Training Tower, Eagle Scout Project. Presentation, discussion and request to place on Town Property. Dakota Thoren and Nathan Melby.

Fire Chief Nathan Melby asked to have Eagle Scout candidate Dakota Thoren build a training tower in the Town of Campbell. Chief Melby asked about two possible locations for the moveable structure. The first place would be Wardwell Park and the second proposed spot would be the vacant lot adjacent to the Town Hall. Chairman Johnson recommended Wardwell Park as the primary location for the tower.

Motion to approve the Fire & Rescue Training Tower, Eagle Scout Project for Dakota Thoren and that we give them permission to proceed with their project and to place it on town property at Wardwell Park property area by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Post. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Discuss possible construction of new Sky Harbour signs. La Crosse Sign to perform construct.

A Representative (James) from La Crosse Sign Co. spoke on behalf of R&R Property for possible construction of a reader board to be placed behind the Mini Mall off the Interstate fence. Chairman Johnson recommended that La Crosse

Sign bring this to the attention of the Plan Commission for recommendation to the Town Board. James stated that nothing would change for signage along there; this would be an additional sign for the whole complex. James from La Crosse Sign Co. also asked about placing a new sign on the property across the street from the Olympus Sign they currently use on Olivet Lutheran Church property.

No action at this time. Referred to Plan Commission for further discussion.

D. Discussion and possible action of benefits for new employees

Supervisor Post mentioned that during our latest interviews and new hires, that the Town does not have any real plan for benefits for new hires. Supervisor Post stated that she would like to see something in writing pertaining to benefits for new hires. Chairman Johnson stated that he would like to maintain the fact that no part-time employee is given benefits. Supervisor Post stated that due to the fact we are a Public sector, we should have something in writing for Town policy. Chairman Johnson stated that we have only done the mandated things for disciplinary actions and have passed those items previously at this time. Chairman Johnson mentioned that the current employee handbook is long overdue to be revised and needs to be reviewed.

No further action at this time.

E. Set date for 1st Session of Open Book and Board of Review.

Chairman Johnson stated that he has talked to the Town's Assessor and was told any time the week of June 18th thru the 22nd. Chairman Johnson is looking at Tuesday June 19, 2012 from 5PM to 7PM. Chairman Johnson stated that the open book would be from 2PM to 5PM the same day. It was stated that the 1st Session will be June 6th, 2012 at 6:00PM with an anticipated adjournment to June 19th, 2012.

Motion to set Open Book and Board of Review for June 19th, 2012 from 2PM to 7PM and that 5 minutes before June 6th, 2012 Plan Commission meeting, the Town Board will meet to adjourn the Board of Review until the June 19th date by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. Motion carried 5-0

F. Board discussion and possible Board action on hiring Nathan Casper for Part-Time Police Position.

Supervisor Wilder commented that the position would be classified as Part-Time and falls within the 600 Hours worked or less and no benefits will be given to this position.

Motion to approve hiring of Nathan Casper for Part-Time Police Position with up to 600 hours a year from date of hire by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. Motion carried 5-0

7) ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Clerk/Treasurer