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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

*****This meeting was held via remote conferencing software due to the COVID-19 pandemic*****

1) Meeting Called to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:

Present: Chairman Joshua Johnson, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Hanan

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

3) Public Comment: (limit to 5 minutes per person)

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

William Richmond, 1731 Bainbridge St., spoke regarding overgrown bushes in the park on Cherokee Avenue.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., commented on the following: he would like the Spillway boat landing cleaned up, he would like his private well tested by the DNR, he would like the Board meetings to begin at 7:00 P.M., and he would not like the Board to issue fireworks permits this year.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked the Board to open agenda item 5 (B) for public comment, asked about the pay request for Northern Pipe, the annual reviews for employees, and asked if any of the Board members have contacted Congressman Ron Kind regarding financial assistance.

Abby Siakpere, 3029 Youngdale Ave., asked the Board about an email she had sent to the Board earlier that day regarding the police and fire departments.

Nancy Casper, 815 Plainview Rd., spoke regarding PFAS regulations at the state level and the need for the state to take action now.

Clerk Hanan called twice for anyone else that wished to provide public comment.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4) Consent Agenda: (All items listed 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: Regular Board Meeting 05/11/2021, Special Town Board Meeting 05/13/2021

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: None

C) Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5) Business:

A) Review of the Town's COVID-19 policy for employees. (Held Over) (Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue explained the current policy for employees regarding face coverings. Chairman Johnson stated that due to the availability of the vaccine and the case numbers going down, he believes the Town should follow the current CDC guidelines regarding face coverings and only require them for employees who have not been fully vaccinated.

Motion to amend the Town's COVID-19 policy for employees to be consistent with current CDC guidelines regarding requiring face coverings only for those employees who have not been fully vaccinated made by Supervisor Stratman/Chairman Johnson. **Motion carried 4-1. Supervisor Donahue voted 'no'.**

B) General updates on DNR water advisory. (Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue provided updates on the current DNR water advisory. Updates included: meetings with federal and state representatives, La Crosse County, Davy Engineering, and the DNR. The Town is awaiting the results of the feasibility study being conducted by Davy Engineering. The DNR will be holding its next listening session on June 16 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Motion to open agenda item 5 (B) for public comment made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked if the Town has heard anything about funding on the federal level. Supervisor Donahue stated that she is working with Congressman Kind's office to explore options for federal funding and legislation. He also spoke regarding possible PCB and VOC contamination in the groundwater.

Supervisor Donahue stated that if any members of the public have any evidence of additional groundwater contamination, they should reach out to the DNR.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., asked questions regarding bottled water availability for residents.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.
Motion carried 5-0.

Not an action item

C) Discussion on the continuation of holding Town Board meetings virtually. (Chair)

Chairman Johnson stated that he would like to see the Town Board meetings go back to in-person meetings due to the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine. The fire department was discussed as a possible meeting room for the July regular Board meeting with mask rules in compliance with current CDC guidance.

Motion to return to in-person Town Board meetings made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

D) Discussion and possible action regarding continued membership in the La Crosse Area Development Corporation (LADCO). (Chair)

Chairman Johnson stated that he is concerned LADCO's new leadership not having the best interest of the Town at hand and questioned the benefits the Town is receiving from the membership.

He proposed remaining part of the organization through 2021 and not renewing the Town's membership for 2022.

Motion to withdraw from LADCO at the end of 2021 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

E) Set dates and times for fireworks permits. (Chair)

There was discussion regarding differing date and time options, as well as discussion regarding noise complaints.

Motion to allow fireworks permits on July 3, 2021 and July 4, 2021 from the hours of 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. with a limit of 20 permits to be issued made by Supervisor

Donahue/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 4-1. Supervisor Stratman voted 'no'.**

- F)** Request for an annual shoreline burning permit-Laura Hoffman, 2101 Lakeshore Dr. (Clerk)

Motion to approve an annual shoreline burning permit for Laura Hoffman, 2101 Lakeshore Dr. made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- G)** Request for a fireworks permit for July 23, 2021 at Celebrations on the River, 2100 Dawson Ave.-La Crosse Skyrockers. (Clerk)

Sonya Mix, La Crosse Skyrockers, explained that the fireworks show would last from approximately 10:00 P.M. to 10:15 P.M. on July 23, 2021.

Motion to approve a fireworks permit for the La Crosse Skyrockers for July 23, 2021 at Celebrations on the River made by Supervisor Brohmer/Chairman Johnson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- H)** Pay application request from Northern Pipe Inc. for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Inspection Project. (Brohmer)

Supervisor Brohmer explained that about 80% of the project is complete at this time.

Motion to approve the pay request from Northern Pipe Inc. in the amount of \$32,392.71 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- I)** Discussion and possible action regarding annual reviews for Town employees. (Chair)

Chairman Johnson stated that he would like to begin the process of conducting annual reviews for employees in order to gain feedback on both sides and set expectations and goals for employees.

Motion to carry agenda item over to the July 13, 2021 regular Board meeting made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- J)** Placement of yield signs at the intersection of Church Drive and Sharon Street. (Thoren)

Supervisor Thoren stated that the intersection is currently uncontrolled and he has received a number of phone calls regarding the intersection. Chief Gavrilos (through email) had also recommended the placement of yield signs to increase safety.

Motion to place yield signs at the intersection of Church Drive and Sharon Street made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- K)** Resolution #2021-3 Approval of Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2020. (Thoren)

Motion to approve Resolution #2021-3 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. AND (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) and (e) on a roll call vote made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue.

Chairman Johnson – yes Supervisor Brohmer- yes, Supervisor Donahue- yes, Supervisor Thoren- yes, Supervisor Stratman-yes **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no**

(Closed Session 7:01 P.M.)

- A.** Discussion regarding initial proposals for the Patrol Officers contract.

7. Reconvene in Open Session:

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0 (7:42 P.M.)**

8. Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session:

No action taken

9. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0. (7:43 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer