

Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014, 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 6:02 PM.
- 2) **ROLL CALL & VERIFY PUBLIC NOTICE:** Present: Chairman Scott Johnson, Supervisor David Wilder, Supervisor Pat Post, Supervisor Robert Wolfert, and Supervisor Dave La Fond.

Also present were 18 Electors from the Town, Police Chief Tim Kelemen, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Brown & Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz.

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

- 3) **READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING:**

No one had comments or questions regarding the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Motion by Pat Post to approve the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, seconded by Dave La Fond. Motion carried, all ayes.

- 4) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Clerk/Treasurer Chadwick Hawkins, read the 2013 Financial Report into record. Mr. Hawkins reported revenues of \$2,048,080.69 for 2013, expenses of \$2,041,835.53, for a surplus in the 2013 budget of \$6,245.16. Mr. Hawkins stated that the Town has two CD's at Citizens Bank for the sewer utility in the amount of \$235,061.30. Mr. Hawkins also stated that the Local Government Investment Pool currently has \$872,656.97 in its General Fund and \$490,361.57 in its Utility Fund. Mr. Hawkins reported that the Town's general obligations debt is \$693,023.72.

No one had comments or questions regarding the 2013 financial report.

- 5) **UTILITY REPORT:**

Supervisor Wolfert reported on the Utility Operations for 2013. Outgoing Supervisor Schroeder wanted to thank the residents of the Town for letting him serve for the past two years. Supervisor Wolfert stated that new upgrades on Lift

Station #2 appears to have solved a majority of the plugging problems. Supervisor Wolfert stated that the Town had hired Flow-Rite to televise and clean the main lines. Supervisor Wolfert also stated that Lift Station #6 between Cherokee and Nakomis is the latest update and presently is a work in progress.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked what the holdup was on the “missing manhole” at Shenanigans was. Supervisor Wolfert responded that he would have to get up to speed on the issue but that it sounds like there is some progress being worked on.

6) HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:

Supervisor Post gave the report for Health, Education, and Welfare. Supervisor Post stated that the contract with Richards Sanitation ended this year. Supervisor Post stated that the Town has extended the contract with Richards Sanitation for another year. Supervisor Post also stated that while she does not anticipate finding a cheaper refuse company, she thinks it is always important to do comparative pricing.

Supervisor Post mentioned that as of January 2013, the Town has officially started doing our own zoning. Supervisor Post stated that it has been well received and has been much more cost effective for our residents. Supervisor Post also stated that since starting our own zoning, the Board has created a Board of Adjustment to handle any variance issues. Supervisor Post asks that we remember that our boundary agreement with the City of LaCrosse will be up in a short 10 years and that doing our own zoning is just another example of being able to function independently.

Supervisor Post stated that in 2013, work was finished to make the Town Hall handicapped accessible and replaced the rear sidewalk into the Town Hall.

Supervisor Post stated that the Library project was completed in September of 2013. Supervisor Post stated that the Town couldn't have done this great project without the help of many volunteers. Supervisor Post stated the fundraiser last July at Shenanigans was a great success and monies collected was used to furnish the library. Supervisor Post also stated that F.J. Robers Company has offered to donate \$50,000 payable over 5 years for naming rights to the library.

Supervisor Post stated that the insurance rates have remained stable and the carrier is very easy to work with. Supervisor Post stated that the coverage provided is very good and meets the needs of the Town.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked who the Town currently has for an insurance carrier. Supervisor Post stated that Community Insurance for liability and workers compensation. The Town also carries other policies with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. Mr. Becker asked when it would be legally possible to start up the request for incorporation. Chairman Johnson stated 6 months before the end of the current boundary agreement.

7) STREETS & ROADS:

Supervisor La Fond gave the 2013 Annual Streets and Roads Report. Supervisor La Fond started by stating that this year, the maintenance department used 162 tons of sand/salt mix compared to 186 tons of salt and 351 tons of sand/salt mix last year. Supervisor La Fond stated that the Town is looking to borrow money from the State for some major work on our streets. Supervisor La Fond states that a number of streets have been selected based on the need for immediate work.

8) RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Wilder gave the 2013 Park & Recreation Report. Supervisor Wilder stated that repairs and improvements were made to Plainview Park. Supervisor Wilder states that Jolivette Park will be upgraded and improved similar to work done at Plainview Park in 2013. Supervisor Wilder mentioned that a new roof was installed along with the heating/air conditioning replaced at the Community Center.

Supervisor Wilder stated that 2013 was the inaugural year for Boat Launching fees. Supervisor Wilder mentioned that the fees are used for upgrades and maintenance of various boat ramps and 2013 saw revenues of \$13,400. Nelson Park was improved with the addition of new concrete slabs and Spillway South was completely redone with grading and new concrete ramps and dock. Supervisor Wilder stated that Spillway North will be improved this year with concrete pads subject to DNR approval.

Supervisor Wilder stated that the Children's Summer Recreation Programs continue to be organized through the YMCA. Programs consist of Happy Bats, Baseball, Tennis, Kickball, Sports Shuffle, Swim Lessons, and Playground Program.

Supervisor Wilder would like to thank the Town Maintenance and Office personnel for their help and cooperation this past year.

9) POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Tim Kelemen read the 2013 Police Department Annual Report into record. Full details of this report are available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

10) FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Fire Chief, Steve Brown, read the 2013 Fire Department Report into record. Chief Melby's report indicated the department's emphasis on training and equipment maintenance. Full details of this report are available at the Clerk's Office upon request. Chief Melby stated that the 2014 Campbell Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 10th and that tickets are available from a firefighter, in the Town Hall office, or at Quillins.

11) FIRST RESPONDERS:

Deputy Fire Chief, Steve Brown, read the 2013 Emergency Medical Services report. Chief Melby stated that a total of 277 EMS calls, 821 responses, and 104 training sessions were recorded.

Chief Melby would like to express his sincerest thanks for the support received from our community and the Town Board.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked what was to happen to the old police squad car. Chief Kelemen stated that it has been cleaned and will be placed for sale. Chairman Johnson stated that is what the Town will attempt to do with the old squad.

12) OLD BUSINESS:

Harold Swanson, 2619 Thomas Street, made a motion to restore the alley on Bayshore to its original approved condition and to fill in the water hole created by the Town Board's action to remove the fill and to remove the threat to charge Mr. Andrew Jewell for the cost of that removal in August of 2013, seconded by **Michael Sather, 301 Church Drive**. Mr. Swanson presented photos of the described area for anyone at the meeting to view. Chairman Johnson called for a vote, unable to determine a verdict with a voice vote, a show of hands was then called for. **Motion carried 16-7**

13) NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Post wanted to talk about the Town Hall repairs. Supervisor Post stated that after talking with numerous persons, it has been decided to put some type of siding on the Town Hall to correct the water issues. **Dale Wetterling, 2700 Del Ray Ave**, asked Supervisor Post how that would solve the roof problem. Supervisor Post stated that they believe that the roof is not leaking and that the water is probably coming from where the windows used to be. However, Supervisor Post does not believe that the Town is any closer to figuring out where the water is coming from than before. Supervisor Post stated that the Town Board is in the early stages of the project. Supervisor Wilder asked if the people that put the flat roof on years ago have been back to look at it. Supervisor Post stated that the business in Winona WHV has been back a few times and have said there is no problems with the roof.

Tony Curtis, 600 Dauphin Street, has a concern regarding the City of La Crosse and possible annexation and where the Town Board is headed. Mr. Curtis feels that La Crosse is going to be very aggressive at annexing Campbell in the future. Chairman Johnson stated that the Town is trying to improve the community so that residents don't want to be part of the City of La Crosse. Chairman Johnson also stated we are keeping taxes in line and thinks by doing our own zoning, having an adequate Police and Fire Department are all keys in becoming

independent. Chairman Johnson also believes that current situations are in the Towns favor more than they have been in the past. Supervisor Post wanted to remind everyone that per the current Boundary Agreement, the City of La Crosse cannot make Campbell less than the required 4 square miles for incorporation. Mr. Curtis asked that the Town Board also review the yard sign ordinance and update as necessary to make sure it is compliant and constitutional and does not violate individual constitution rights for free speech on private property. Chairman Johnson asked that the other issue get resolved and see where that goes first. Mr. Curtis agreed.

14) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dave Wilder to adjourn, seconded by Pat Post. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Clerk/Treasurer