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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013, 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 6:00 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.

Also present were 17 electors from the Town, Police Chief Tim Kelemen, & Fire Chief Nate Melby.

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 2012 Financial Report into record. Mr. Hawkins reported revenues of \$1,807,356.83 for 2012, expenses of \$1,641,657.88, for a surplus in the 2012 budget of \$165,698.95. Mr. Hawkins stated that the Town has two CD's at Citizens Bank for the sewer utility in the amount of \$234,036.80. Mr. Hawkins also stated that the Local Government Investment Pool currently has \$803,238.02 in its General Fund and \$489,774.03 in its Utility Fund. Mr. Hawkins reported that the Town's general obligations debt is \$906,260.39.

No one had comments or questions regarding the 2012 financial report.

- 5) **UTILITY REPORT:**

Supervisor Schroeder reported on the Utility Operations for 2012. Supervisor Schroeder wanted to thank the maintenance staff for a job well done in 2012. Supervisor Schroeder commented regarding the work done on Lift Station repairs

in 2012. Supervisor Schroeder stated that all of the 15” and 18” sewer mains were cleaned and televised. Supervisor Schroeder also wanted to make sure the Town is prepared for a large increase in traffic on Bainbridge and Clinton streets due to the construction beginning on I-90.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked when the Town would be going on the root problem. Supervisor Schroeder responded that he was unsure what date that would be. Due to the cold weather, it makes it harder to see what is going on in the sewer system. Mr. Becker asked if there were plans for new equipment this year. Supervisor Schroeder stated that nothing is planned for this year.

6) HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:

Supervisor Post gave the report for Health, Education, and Welfare. Supervisor Post stated that we are presently in our 4th year of a 5 year contract with Richard’s Sanitation. Supervisor Post suggested that the Town receive estimates from other companies just to make sure that we are in line with pricing.

Supervisor Post mentioned that this is the year that the Town obtained the right to administer its own zoning. Supervisor Post also stated that the structure of the Planning and Zoning Commission changed as the Town added a Board of Adjustment that will handle the Variance portion of Town Zoning.

Supervisor Post mentioned that work will resume this spring on the Town Hall regarding water issues and making the entrance to the building compliant with state handicap regulations.

Supervisor Post also mentioned that the Library remodeling project continues to progress and that the finish date will be some time in June.

Supervisor Post stated that the insurance for the Town will be up in July. Due to the rising costs, Supervisor Post recommends getting other bids to make sure we are getting the most for our dollar.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked what the estimate for painting the Town Hall was. Supervisor Post stated that there have been no estimates given at this time. Supervisor Post stated that the water issue would need to be resolved before painting of the building can be done.

Chairman Johnson asked the electors if the Town wanted to change the way the Town collects its trash or continue with the way it is? Sue Black stated that she believes that the way the Town does trash collection now is the best way. Supervisor Schroeder asked if larger families have a larger bin for recyclables? Chairman Johnson stated that currently there is nothing in place for larger families. Helen Vitale stated that her complaint was that people are putting trash out in plastic bags and not putting them in containers. Supervisor Post stated that there is an ordinance prohibiting putting trash out without putting it in a container.

7) STREETS & ROADS:

Supervisor La Fond gave the 2012 Annual Streets and Roads Report. Supervisor La Fond started by thanking the maintenance workers for a job well done. Supervisor La Fond also stated that the Town is still looking to fill the fourth full-time maintenance position.

Supervisor La Fond commented that last year a number of roads had a single hard seal coat surfacing done on them and that one ton of cold mix patch was used to hard patch holes prior to sealing. Supervisor La Fond also stated that Poly Fiber crack filling was also done on several other roads and that other minor areas such as patching, sink holes, and drainage issues were also addressed during 2012.

Supervisor La Fond mentioned that the Towns John Deere F935 was sold and replaced with a John Deere 997 mower. Supervisor La Fond also mentioned that the Towns John Deere 4300 was traded for a John Deere 3320 tractor.

Supervisor La Fond stated that the Town will be looking into borrowing money for major street work and that a committee will be formed to set the priorities for these major street projects.

8) RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Wilder gave the 2012 Park & Recreation Report. Supervisor Wilder stated that repairs and improvements were made to Town Parks and the rain gardens at the Community Center in 2012.

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, Geocaching, Fishing, Swim Lessons, and Playground Program.

Supervisor Wilder anticipates 2013 projects to include Plainview Park, a new Community Center roof, new nets at tennis courts, boat landing upgrades and repairs, and park signs.

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

9) POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Tim Kelemen gave the 2012 Police Department Annual Report. Chief Kelemen mentioned that Chief Ron Latva (28 years) and Officer Michael Scheel (25 years) both retired in January 2012. Sergeant Kelemen was appointed by the Town Board as the New Chief of Police and Officer Fronk was promoted to Sergeant. Chief Kelemen also mentioned that two new officers were hired in January 2012 and both have completed their 1 year probationary period without incident.

Chief Kelemen stated that 3 grants totaling \$17,069.66 were awarded in 2012 to replace 3 squad laptops/docking stations, 5 bulletproof vests and one electronic control device (taser).

Chief Kelemen stated that the Town has obtained and installed 16 closed circuit security cameras in and around the Town owned property. The systems have already been effective in identifying suspect(s) and preventing unauthorized dumping on Town property.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, asked Chief Kelemen what the starting wage would be for the new officer. Chief Kelemen stated the wage was \$20.52 to start plus benefits.

Supervisor Wilder asked Chief Kelemen if the Police Department was able to utilize the new thermal imaging that was obtained last year. Chief Kelemen stated that the Police Department has used the new imaging device many times throughout the year.

10) FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Nate Melby summarized the 2012 Fire Department Report. Chief Melby's report indicated the department's emphasis on training and equipment maintenance. The Department has also received grants to assist with the protective gear and needed equipment to include a \$265,000 grant package from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for replacement of Tender 2. This grant has an award of \$251,750 toward purchase of a new truck, with community matching funds of \$13,250.

Chief Nate Melby stated that the 2013 Campbell Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11th and that tickets are available from a firefighter, in the Town Hall office, or at Quillins.

11) FIRST RESPONDERS:

Chief Nate Melby read the 2012 Emergency Medical Services report. Chief Melby stated that a total of 210 EMS calls, 648 responses, and 192 training sessions were recorded.

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

Chairman Johnson asked Chief Melby how he felt about the progress of the combined services of the Fire Department and First Responders. Chief Melby stated that there is a very positive amount of feedback.

12) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Gary Simenson read the Emergency Management Annual Report for 2012.

Gary Simenson stated that a \$25,000 WISCOM radio grant was awarded from the State to be used for Campbell Fire Department and Emergency Management.

13) POLICE, FIRE, & PERSONNEL:

Michael Brohmer was unable to attend for the reading of the Police, Fire, & Personnel annual report. Chairman Johnson mentioned that the Town Board has taken over the responsibilities of the Police, Fire, & Personnel Committee for the upcoming year.

14) OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

15) NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

16) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Pat Post to adjourn, seconded by Dave La Fond. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Clerk/Treasurer