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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

1) Meeting Called to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:

Present: Supervisor David Wilder, Supervisor David La Fond, Chairman Scott Johnson, & Supervisor Pat Post.

Excused: Supervisor Jeffery Schroeder

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 Wilder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 4-0**

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Drive, inquired about how many sign ups there were for the volunteer/employee appreciation party. Clerk Hawkins responded that there are currently 95 signed up. Mr. Becker inquired about the fire department lighting upgrades. Chairman Johnson stated that the fire department was having issues with the current lights and were requesting funds for repairs. Mr. Becker inquired about the current pay for the fire department and first responders. Fire Chief Nate Melby informed Mr. Becker that currently the fire department gets \$15 for training and \$17 per call. Chief Melby stated that currently the first responders get \$13 for training and \$15 per call. Chief Melby stated that he is requesting that the first responder get bumped up to equal the fire department wages.

Terry Schaller, 2312 Bainbridge Street, asked why the Town has not enforced the no loitering on the pedestrian overpass. Chairman Johnson stated since there is a current lawsuit against the Town, he would prefer not to comment at this time. Mr. Schaller made comment regarding the trucks parked at the Days Hotel and the noise. Mr. Schaller also inquired about the Safe Routes to School. Police Chief Tim Kelemen stated that this was an item he wanted to present to the Board in the near future.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 4-0**

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 Town Board Meeting 01/14/2014

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: (no meetings)

C) Payment of Bill:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0**

5) Old Business:

A) Funding approval for the volunteer/employee appreciation party February 22, 2014 at Days Inn.

Clerk Hawkins stated that currently there are 95 persons signed up for the event. Clerk Hawkins stated that the meal cost was \$13.95 per plate for a total of \$1325.25. Clerk Hawkins stated that this price does not include drinks, gratuity, or cake. Chairman Johnson asked if a budget of around \$2000 would cover the total cost. Clerk Hawkins stated that the total would be around the \$2000 mark.

Motion to move approve expenditures up to \$2000 for the volunteer/employee appreciation party February 22, 2014 at the Days Inn made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 4-0**

6) New Business:

A) Approval of refunds due for overpayment of taxes.

Motion to approve \$4774.98 for refunds due from overpayment of taxes made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0**

B) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the French Island Lions Club for February 22, 2014 at the Community Center.

Motion to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the French Island Lions Club for February 22, 2014 made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0**

C) Discussion and possible action on funding for Fire Department lighting upgrades.

Fire Chief Nate Melby discussed lighting in the fire station. Chief Melby stated that some of the older ballasts in the bay are outdated and may be more cost efficient to upgrade the system.

Motion to approve expenditures of up to \$4000 for upgrades to the Fire Stations lights and to set up their own contract made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 4-0**

D) Discussion and possible action regarding per call and meeting compensation for the Fire Department and First Responders.

Fire Chief Nate Melby stated that since the consolidation of the Fire Department and First Responders, he is trying to reconcile the payroll system. Chief Melby believes that they can absorb the added payroll in this year's budget as long as there is not a record year of calls. Chief Melby stated that the Fire Department would remain the same, that the First Responders would get the pay increase to be equal with the Fire Departments.

Motion to approve the First Responders meeting and on call to the \$15 and \$17 to coincide with the Fire Departments wages made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 4-0**

E) Discussion and possible action on borrowing money from the State for street repairs.

Supervisor La Fond stated that he has put some numbers together from estimates from Mathy and compared them to other scenarios and came up with a total of around \$600,000. Supervisor La Fond states that this total does not include any drainage work. Chairman Johnson suggested scheduling another meeting next week on February 19, 2014 at 5:00PM to determine how much the Town would like to borrow and which roads would be included for repair.

No action taken. Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 5:00PM.

F) Discussion and possible action on grant funding for future work on the County BW Bridge.

Supervisor La Fond asked the Board to make a decision regarding the type and style for the County BW Bridge with part of the I-90 project. Chairman Johnson suggested that at the very least, the Town coordinates with the rest of the area to make sure everyone is the same.

No action taken

7) Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(g) and 19.85(1)(e)

- A) Meeting with Town attorney regarding pedestrian overpass lawsuit against the Town.
- B) Discussion regarding police contract negotiation.

Supervisor Post motioned to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(g) and 19.85(1)(e) on a roll call vote, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. Supervisor Wilder – yes, Supervisor La Fond – yes, Chairman Johnson – yes, Supervisor Post – yes. **Motion carried 4-0**

(Closed Session)

Town attorney Brent Smith was invited and attended the closed session.

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 4-0**

8) Reconvene in Open Session:

- A) Possible action on items discussed in Closed Session

No further action taken

9) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor La Fond, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 4-0 (8:02pm)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer