

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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 & Supervisor Bob Wolfert.

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 5-0**

Chairman Johnson stated that he has been advised by the Town's attorneys in both La Crosse and Madison that the Board at this point in time should have no comments on the issues involving the Police Chief due to the pending lawsuit. Chairman Johnson did mention that this is still an open forum and the public is still welcome to give their opinion to the Board.

*Dwayne Walter, 2539 Island Park Rd.*, wanted to state his disappointment regarding what Chairman Johnson said in the paper saying everyone is blowing the situation regarding the Chief out of proportion.

*Hubert Hoffman, N5449 Sobkowiak Rd., Onalaska, WI*, wanted to express his displeasure of what he has seen at the Town Hall and internet.

*Gary Kessler, 310 Hinkley Rd.*, spoke in favor of the Town's ordinance regarding the overpass. Mr. Kessler states that the bridge is for persons to walk over and not to distract people during the construction. *Travis Klingforth, 1708 Lakeshore Dr*, agreed.

*Terry Schaller, 2312 Bainbridge St.*, stated that there has always been an ordinance against loitering on the bridge. Mr. Schaller believes the Town should have been more involved from the beginning of the ordinance in shutting down violators.

*Judy Pace, 2829 Bayshore*, believes that if in fact there were death threats, they should be equally investigated in regards to the Police Chief.

**Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St.**, stated that the police department does a good job. Mr. Foellmi believes that the Police Chief should be placed on administrative leave immediately or fired until the process is finished.

**Tony Curtis, 600 Dauphin St.**, is concerned that a government is of the people, by the people, and for the people, and believes that the government for Campbell has turned against the people. Mr. Curtis believes that at the bare minimal, the Police Chief needs to be suspended immediately and with his admission, needs to be terminated.

**Ron Gjertsen, 1222 County Rd PH, Onalaska, WI**, spoke out against the Towns ordinance regarding the overpass. Mr. Gjertsen hopes that the Town can find a way to step aside gracefully. Mr. Gjertsen stated that he will relieve Supervisor Wolfert because he came into office right in the middle of the conflict.

**Brent Howe**, stated that he believes that the situation was blown out of proportion and agrees with both sides. Mr. Howe states in his opinion, that it is a constitutional rights to protest. Mr. Howe also agrees with Chief Kelemen that it is a hazard on the overpass due to the construction. Mr. Howe does believe that that Chief stepped over the line in regards to his actions.

**Terry Schaller, 2312 Bainbridge St.**, wanted an update regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant. Chairman Johnson stated that Chief Kelemen was in charge of the process. Chairman Johnson stated that legislation has passed that if construction is not started by October 2014, that funds will no longer be available. At this point, the Town is on the hook for \$835 for previous engineering. Chairman Johnson does not believe that the Town will be able to proceed with Safe Routes at this time.

**Bea Foellmi, 1315 La Crescent St.**, wanted to know if the Town has heard anything from the County Zoning Board regarding River Rats. Mrs. Foellmi was inquiring about the fence outlining the Beer Garden at River Rats. Mrs. Foellmi wanted to know what time River Rats was supposed to close the beer garden. Chairman Johnson stated that he would follow up.

**Hubert Hoffman, N5449 Sobkowiak Rd., Onalaska, WI**, stated that he sits on the Property, Resource, and Development Committee at the County and would like to be included in the follow up of River Rats.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond.  
**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 Town Board Meeting 05/13/2014**

**B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: 06/03/2014**

- 1) An Ordinance to amend Chapter 17.12 (6-8) and 17.33 (3)(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Campbell to limit the maximum building area to 25% of the lot, with a 1,200 square foot limit for a detached accessory building and a limit of one detached accessory building AND change the minimum lot size in the Rural Residential District from 20,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet with a minimum width of 75 feet. **(Recommendation to Approve Ordinances)**

**C) Payment of Bill:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Wolfert, seconded by Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0**

**5) Business:**

- A) Judy Pace and Mary Mallett, 2829 Bayshore Dr., request for a burning permit to burn shoreline debris.

Motion to approve a burning permit to burn shoreline debris made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

- B) Discussion and possible action to offer Supplemental Disability Insurance to Town Employees. Tim Ehler, Ehler Insurance, to present.

Chairman Johnson stated that the idea was presented to Clerk Hawkins who presented to Chairman Johnson. Chairman Johnson thought that it would be a good idea since every employee hired after Clerk Hawkins no longer is given sick days every month. Chairman Johnson thinks this may be a good alternative. Tim Ehler presented the benefits and costs to the Board. Supervisor Post requests that the Town ask for the Town insurance provider to supply a cost comparison.

Motion to hold over this proposal until next month to allow Supervisor Post an opportunity to talk to the Towns current insurance carrier made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 5-0**

- C) Discussion and possible action to update Town Hall computer network. Bill LaRue, EO Johnson, to present.

Bill LaRue presented to the Board proposals and costs for a computer network in the Town Hall. Chairman Johnson was thinking of this item as more of a two part meeting. Chairman Johnson would like to get together with the departments before the next meeting to discuss the needs of the Town.

Motion to hold over this proposal until next month to get a couple more proposals made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0**

**D) Discussion and possible action regarding Town Hall building repairs. (Old Business)**

Supervisor Post presented to the Board the proposal from Fowler & Hammer regarding Town Hall building repairs. Supervisor Post commented that two other contractors, Market & Johnson and Brickl Brothers, were contacted and given the deadline for proposal submittals. Both other companies failed to submit a proposal. Chairman Johnson suggests that the Town should proceed with Fowler & Hammer. Supervisor Post stated that the metal panels would be \$68,350 and insulation would be \$15,710. The proposal also includes some brick work that would be an additional \$9100.

Motion to approve Fowler & Hammer as general contractors for construction of the metal panels on the Town Hall and giving Supervisor Post the ability to make a decision of the insulation in the amounts provided made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0**

**E) Discussion on updating Chapter 2 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances relating to building codes. (Old Business)**

Deputy Clerk Cassie Hanan updated the Board at looking at the City of Onalaska's Building Code and mirroring their code. The code would also be updated to specifically look at enforcement of older, dilapidated buildings within the Town and guidance for the City of Onalaska. Chairman Johnson also suggested a contract set up with the City of Onalaska to allow their inspection department to issue citations for any code violations. Supervisor Post will give an update at the next meeting.

**No further action taken**

**F) Discussion and possible action on issuance of fireworks permits for July 4, 2014.**

Motion to approve the issuance of firework permits for July 3, 4, & 5<sup>th</sup> and designate Clerk Hawkins to issue permits made by Supervisor Wolfert, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 5-0**

**G) Discussion on landscaping at the library.**

Supervisor Post presented a proposal to the Board for landscaping of the Town library. Supervisor Post stated that the proposal was in the amount of \$2525 and monies would be used from donations collected last year. Supervisor Post also stated that a new drinking fountain would be installed at a cost of not more than \$1500 and would also be paid by donations.

**No further action taken**

**6) Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g).

**A) Conferring with legal counsel regarding matters involving the Chief of Police, Timothy Kelemen.**

Supervisor Post motioned to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g) on a roll call vote, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. Supervisor Wilder – yes, Supervisor La Fond – yes, Chairman Johnson – yes, Supervisor Post – yes, and Supervisor Wolfert – yes. **Motion carried 5-0**

**(Closed Session)**

Town Attorney, Brent Smith, was invited into Closed Session by the Town Board.

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 5-0**

**7) Reconvene in Open Session:**

A) Possible action on items discussed in Closed Session.

Town Attorney, Brent Smith, made a statement. Attorney Smith stated that Wisconsin Statute provides that if any disciplinary action regarding a Police Chief or Police Officer are forthcoming, it is not the governing body who makes the decision. Attorney Smith stated that the Town Boards role is to continue investigating and may continue further. The next meeting will be held June 12, 2014 at 6pm.

**No further action taken**

**8) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins  
Town Clerk/Treasurer