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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 6:02 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 Wolfert, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

Terry Schaller, 2313 Bainbridge St., inquired about the possible “No Parking Signs” to be place on Bainbridge Street. Mr. Schaller suggested that there be “No Parking Signs” for semi-trailers and to still allow motor vehicles parking. Chairman Johnson stated he would discuss this issue with the Police Department further. Mr. Schaller also asked the Board if they could do something about the trees that hang over power lines. Chairman Johnson stated that he believes Excel Energy has a tree trimming cycle and that the Town of Campbell should be on the schedule in the next year or two.

Bea Foellmi, 1315 La Crescent St., has concerns regarding River Rats and the proposed dining area on the south end of River Rats. Ms. Foellmi also had concerns regarding parking on La Crescent Street. Ms. Foellmi stated that she has witnessed River Rat employees out after hours drinking and hanging out. *Jackie Gerke-Edwards* stated that all the tenants in the area go through a complete background check and that River Rats is monitored with security cameras. *Cindy Gerke* stated that she has maintenance check the premises and surrounding area for broken bottles and garbage almost every morning.

Pete Winkler, 537 Hinkley Rd., commented about July 13th. He was inquiring about Town of Campbell Law Enforcement in the Trempealeau area. Chairman Johnson suggested that it was probably the Towns Police Reserve Unit. Chairman Johnson stated that he would check with Sergeant Fronk for further clarification. Mr. Winkler asked that Chairman Johnson follow up with him.

Gary Simenson, 128 Locust St., inquired in regards to semi's parking on the South side of Bainbridge and was asking for an update. Mr. Simenson was also looking for an update regarding the drainage between Locust and Walnut St. Mr. Simenson was also inquiring about the Police Departments web site. Chairman Johnson stated that Chief Kelemen has in the past been in charge of the web site. Supervisor La Fond stated that he has talked to Sergeant Fronk regarding the parking issue on Bainbridge and was waiting for an update himself.

Shawn Werner, 3337 Hanson Ct., was asking the Board when Hanson Road/Hanson Court would be repaired. Chairman Johnson stated that the project would be completed either this year or next year at the latest. **Mary Jo Werner** asked if it would be helpful if she went to the County and ask them if they would be able to repair the road this year yet. Supervisor La Fond stated that the Town has already asked the County for help and that the County has stated that they are booked up this year. Supervisor La Fond stated that County has stated that they would be able to do the work next year as long as Campbell had the road engineered beforehand.

Adam Ethriem, Shenanigans, spoke to the Board to inform them that Shenanigans was looking at having a couple more bands in the Tiki Bar area this year. Mr. Ethriem stated that he was more than willing to cooperate with the Town in any way. Chairman Johnson stated he would talk to the Police Department regarding possible noise violations. Mr. Ethriem also stated that his bands close up no later than 9p.m.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., inquire about item (B) on the agenda. Clerk Hawkins stated that the office has been working on updating the building codes to closely match the City of Onalaska's building code. Mr. Becker also inquire about item (D). Chairman Johnson stated it was on the agenda and would be discussed later in the meeting. Supervisor Wolfert asked Mr. Becker if he was opposed to giving any financial assistance to the City of La Crosse. Mr. Becker confirmed his opposition to funding to the City of La Crosse. Mr. Becker asked the Board if they were going to open up to public comment regarding agenda item (F). Chairman Johnson stated that he was not going to open up to public comment and that now is the time to speak if there are any comments to be made. Mr. Becker asked Supervisor La Fond if there was going to be any street repairs yet this year. Supervisor La Fond stated that he does not foresee any but whatever is left in the budget this year will be used for repairs. Supervisor La Fond stated monies borrowed this year will be used for engineering for next year projects. Mr. Becker asked Supervisor Post about drainage issues at the Town Library. Supervisor Post stated she is looking into ideas to correct the issue. Mr. Becker asked Chairman Johnson for an update on the Police contract. Chairman Johnson stated that the Union Representative has been away most of the summer and negotiations have been stalled for the moment. Mr. Becker asked Chairman Johnson where in the process the Town is at regarding the Police Chief. Chairman Johnson stated that the investigation is still ongoing and Attorney Smith foresees the investigation to be complete by the end of this month.

Tony Curtis, 600 Dauphin St., asked the Board to justify the expense for the Police Department when Town Roads are in need of repair. Mr. Curtis stated that State requires a minimum of 5500 residents before a Town has to have a Police Department. Mr. Curtis suggests that the Town contract with the County and save Police wages for street repairs.

Chairman Johnson stated that the County will not enforce Town Ordinances and in order to enforce Town Laws, the Town needs to maintain a Police Department.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder.

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 07/08/2014, Board of Review 07/16/2014, Special Town Board Meeting 07/16/2014

B) **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: (no meetings)**

C) **Payment of Bill:**

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

- 5) **Business:**

A) Discussion and possible action to offer Supplemental Disability Insurance to Town Employees. (Old Business)

Tim Ehler from Ehler Insurance presented another proposal from Unum Insurance to the Town Board. Clerk Hawkins also presented a proposal from Epic Life Insurance. The insurances were presented as “apples to apples”. Epic Insurance’s quote was for a monthly premium of \$287.88 for a two year rate lock and Unum’s monthly premium is for \$270.95 for a three year rate lock.

Motion to **approve** Unum Life Insurance as the short term and long term disability with a three year rate lock effective September 1, 2014 made by Supervisor Wolfert, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 5-0**

B) Discussion on updating Chapter 2-5 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances relating to Building Codes. (Old Business)

Clerk Hawkins asked the Town Board how they would like to proceed with implementing the updates to Chapter 2-5 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances. Clerk Hawkins stated that one scenario would be to pass the updates at next month’s board meeting and the other would be to include the updates with the final recodification of the entire Code of Ordinances. Chairman Johnson suggests updating Chapters 2-5 at this time and finalizing the rest of the Code at a later date. **No further action**

C) Open bids for Retired Police Squad.

Clerk Hawkins presented to the Board five closed bids for the retired police squad. Bids came in at \$2607, \$3225, \$2051, \$5229, and \$2252. Chairman Johnson suggests approving the bid for \$5229 and if that bid falls through, to approve the next highest bid for \$3225.

Motion to **accept** the bid for \$5229 for the retired police squad and if that falls through, to accept the bid of \$3225 made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor Wilder.

Motion carried 5-0

D) Discussion and possible action on request for funds from the City of La Crosse to assist La Crosse's Trane Company TID #15.

Motion to **respectfully decline** to give \$6759 in funds to assist La Crosse Trane Company TID #15 made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

E) Discussion and possible action on adding permanent "No Parking" signs on the 2300 block of Bainbridge Street.

Motion to **hold over** agenda item (E) to the next Town Board Meeting made by Supervisor Wolfert, seconded by Supervisor La Fond. **Motion carried 5-0**

F) Discussion and possible action to amend size of current Beer Garden to increase on south side of River Rats, 1311 La Crescent Place.

Clerk Hawkins stated to the Town Board that County Zoning has already approved a permit for a new structure to be placed within the shoreland district and that Town zoning will also allow for the new structure. Clerk Hawkins stated that this agenda item is to amend the current Beer Garden license to include the area of the new proposed eating area to the south side of River Rats. Clerk Hawkins also read into record an email from Bill Hammes in opposition to the proposed action.

Motion to **deny** the amendment to increase the size of the current Beer Garden to the south side of River Rats made by Supervisor Post, seconded by Supervisor La Fond.

Motion carried 5-0

G) Recognition of Beautification Committee and Lawn Care Specialists for work performed at the Library.

Supervisor Post wanted to recognize both the Beatification Committee and Lawn Care Specialist for their donations. Supervisor Post stated that the Beatification Committee has recently donated 25 plants for the east wall and all the pots and annuals on the entrance side of the Library. Supervisor Post also stated that Lawn Care Specialists have donated lawn treatments for the Library as long as the Town would like them to.

H) Discussion and possible action on borrowing funds for street repairs.

Clerk Hawkins presented figures to the Town Board on how borrowing funds for street repairs would affect the Towns Tax Levy. Chairman Johnson stated the Towns next step would be looking into financing options. Clerk Hawkins presented 4 amortization schedules to the Town Board ranging from 5-8 year notes and \$600,000 to \$900,000 borrowed based on a \$130,000 yearly payment. Chairman Johnson asked Clerk Hawkins to look into local financing as well as State Trust Funds and to use a 5 year repayment option as a benchmark. Comment was made regarding the implementation and enforcement of the swales during and after the road projects. **No further action**

I) Discussion on drainage issues at the Library.

Supervisor Post talked about drainage issues and possible actions for the Library. Possible actions included connection of the outside drain to the current storm water lines located in the Baumgartner Addition, connection into the sanitary sewer, pumping to the parking lot, landscaping between the Library and the house to the South and/or gutters along the south side of the Library. Chairman Johnson asked Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz to look into the pumping idea. **No further action**

6) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor La Fond.

Motion carried 5-0 (8:19pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer