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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 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 Wilder, Supervisor Post, Supervisor Schroeder, Chairman Johnson

Excused: Supervisor Lafond

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

3) Public Comment:

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Mary Horton, 2400 Lakeshore Dr., stated that a Campbell Police officer advised her to talk to the Town Board after it was discovered that she was keeping chickens. Chairman Johnson stated that the Town has an ordinance prohibiting chickens but the Town could look into creating a chicken ordinance and the Board could get more public input at the Annual Meeting.

Harold Swanson, 2619 Thomas St., distributed photographs regarding the alley off of Lakeview Drive. Mr. Swanson expressed his displeasure with how the situation was handled last year.

Jackie Schultz, 2901 Lakeshore Dr., explained that she would like to keep her four dogs. Supervisor Post explained that the item was on the agenda and it would be discussed once they got to that item.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., inquired about item B (2) under the Consent Agenda. Chairman Johnson explained that the Conditional Use Permits were terminated under La Crosse County Zoning and the Town would now be reclassifying them as "legal

non-conforming uses". Mr. Becker also inquired about the pending lawsuit against the Town. Chairman Johnson stated that the insurance company is fighting the lawsuit and covering the costs of the lawsuit at no additional cost to the Town.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., stated that he would like to see the Town provide a compost and woodchip pile similar to what the City of La Crosse previously provided at West Copeland Park. Chairman Johnson stated that the Town does not compost but could make woodchips available to residents.

Tim Donahue, 921 Plainview Rd., commented that the Boy Scouts would like to thank the residents of French Island for helping with the food and clothing drives last month. 900 pounds of food and 300 pounds of clothing were collected.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **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 3/11/2014

B. **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: 4/2/2014**

1. **Recommendation to hold a public hearing to amend the zoning ordinance to include: reducing the minimum lot size from 20,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. in the Rural Residential District and to change the maximum square footage restrictions for detached accessory buildings to 25% of the rear yard.**
2. **Recommendation to identify active Conditional Use Permits and reclassify them as existing non-conforming uses.**

C. **Payment of Bills:**

Supervisor Schroeder commented that item B (1) needs further consideration. Deputy Clerk Hanan explained that Chad Vandenlangenberg from La Crosse County Zoning recommended that the Town should not limit detached accessory buildings to only the rear yard. Some of the waterfront lots have very small rear yards. This would severely limit the property owner's ability to construct any detached accessory building on the lot. Also, lots that are set further back from the road would not be able to place a detached accessory building in the front yard of the property. He recommended considering a percentage of the lot as a whole. He also recommended setting a maximum square footage for detached accessory buildings.

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder to approve items A, B (2) and C and to send item B (1) back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Chairman Johnson chose to take care of New Business first as there were residents at the meeting waiting for approval of agenda items.

5) New Business:

- A)** Andrew Bashaw, 1105 La Crescent St., request for a third dog.

Mr. Bashaw was not in attendance.

Supervisor Post made a motion to deny Mr. Bashaw's request for a third dog due to not having enough information, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- B)** Michael Stolpa, 1713 Lakeshore Dr., request for a burning permit to burn shoreline debris.

Mr. Stolpa explained that he would like permission to burn debris from the shoreline. Chairman Johnson stated that if the Board receives complaints, they have the power to revoke the permit.

Supervisor Post made a motion to approve the burning permit, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- C)** Jackie Schultz, 2901 Lakeshore Dr., request for a third and fourth dog after the fact.

Mrs. Schultz explained that she currently has four dogs. She stated that she was not aware of the ordinance when her and her husband moved here. She had always licensed her dogs at La Crosse County after April 1. She presented signatures from adjacent property owners stating no issues with the four dogs. Chairman Johnson inquired as to why the County would allow someone to license four dogs. Deputy Clerk Hanan explained that the La Crosse County Clerk stated that they license dogs for several municipalities and do not have the time to check with each municipality's ordinance regarding limits on dogs.

Supervisor Wilder made a motion to approve the permit for a third and fourth dog with the understanding that they may not be replaced when the dogs pass away, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- D)** Heidi Buhr, 1832 Caroline St., Request for a fourth cat.

Kris Buhr spoke on behalf of Heidi Buhr. She explained that she took over care of the three cats after her mother passed away. Heidi then moved in along with her cat.

Supervisor Post made a motion to approve with the understanding that when one of the cats dies, it cannot be replaced, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- E) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the French Island Lions Club for April 26, 2014 at the Community Center.

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder to approve, seconded by Supervisor Wilder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

6) Old Business:

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

Town Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz explained that the Streets and Roads Committee has a list of streets that they would like to replace and repair in addition to streets with drainage issues. He stated that he would like help with the design of the roads and how to put the road projects out for bid. Chairman Johnson suggested that the Town put several road projects out for bid and determine how much money to borrow from the State based on the proposals. He would like to find someone with expertise in the field to help instead of hiring an engineering firm. He stated that an engineering firm would cost as much as repairing a couple of roads. He said that he would contact the former County Highway Commissioner to see if he could offer any insight. Supervisor Schroeder commented that Steve Pintz should try to contact someone at the La Crosse County Highway Department for guidance on how to proceed with the road projects. (**Held over**)

- B) Discussion and possible action on Town Hall repairs.

Supervisor Post presented a proposal from Fowler & Hammer. She explained that there are several options for repairing the exterior of the building. Dave Mydy from Fowler and Hammer had recommended steel siding. The estimated cost was between \$90,000 to \$100,000. Supervisor Post stated that she would get proposals from other companies as well. (**Held over**)

7) Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c)

- A) Discussion on wages and benefits of Town employees.

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

(Closed Session)

Deputy Clerk Hanan was excused from the Closed Session.

A discussion was held between the Board members about all employees regarding increase of wages which will take effect on their anniversary date.

After a lengthy discussion, the amount of the wages for staff members was agreed upon unanimously.

Chairman Johnson was not involved in the discussion regarding Cassie Hanan.

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Supervisor Wilder, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

8) Reconvene in Open Session:

A) Possible action on items discussed in Closed Session.

Motion by Supervisor Wilder to approve the wage increases as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

9) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Post. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hanan
Deputy Clerk