

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017, 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 Kelsey Craig, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Chairman Terry Schaller, & Supervisor Mitch Brohmer

Excused: 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: (limit to 5 minutes per person)**

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

*Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St.*, wanted to know how many firework permits were issued. Supervisor Brohmer stated that 20 permits were issued this year. Mr. Foellmi also asked if there was a charge for a permit. Supervisor Craig stated they were free to the first 20 applicants. Mr. Foellmi would like the town to consider charging for permits next year.

*Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.*, was inquiring about a question asked a couple months ago regarding why all the department heads are not present to the meetings. Chairman Schaller stated that Chief Melby's wife is working on Tuesday nights and that was the reason for his absence. Supervisor Thoren explained that Chief Melby is the only volunteer that does not work for the Town fulltime, has a full-time career, runs first responders and the fire department, and spends many nights volunteering his time. Supervisor Thoren also explained that if there is something in particular to talk about, Chief Melby would be more than happy to attend. Mr. Becker also inquired about agenda item 5(D). Supervisor Thoren explained that the item was actually submitted by the Board of Trustees, not the Fire Chief. Supervisor Thoren stated that the Board of Trustees is what actually runs the Fire Department. Mr. Becker asked Supervisor Thoren why the item is on the agenda this month and has never been brought to the Board before. Supervisor Thoren explained that he would explain the item more in detail when they get to that item on the agenda. Supervisor Craig clarified Mr. Becker's reason for the question that he would like to speak about it before it

went to the Board for discussion. Supervisor Thoren explained that the reason the item was placed on the agenda is that the Fire Department has been going through their by-laws and trying to make sure they are doing everything correct. Supervisor Thoren also explained that the Fire Department moving forward is trying to correct that part of their by-laws. In the future, it is his understanding that if a new officer is appointed or bring someone onto the department that is not a resident, and when the new fire department Board of Trustees are elected in, it will be brought in front of the Town Board for approval.

*Lee Weis, 100 Church Dr.*, requested if all of the digital recordings of the meetings could be placed on the Town Website. Mr. Weis stated that he was contacted on June 23, 2017 by Town Attorney Brent Smith about his newest open records request. It is Mr. Weis's understanding that the Board did not come to a conclusion on whether the request to the Fire Department could use the town attorney. Mr. Weis would like an explanation to why Mr. Smith is getting ahold of him regarding the request. Supervisor Brohmer stated that he gave permission a couple days ago for the Chief to make contact with the attorney regarding a matter but did not grant any additional permission.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Thoren, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **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:** 2017 Annual Liquor License Meeting 06/13/2017, Regular Board Meeting 06/13/2017

**B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:**

- 1) **PETITION #07-2017** David LaFond, 3115 Howry Ave. Petition to change the boundaries of parcels #4-614-0 and #4-615-0 by a Certified Survey Map. **(Recommendation to Approve)**
- 2) **PETITION #08-2017** Seven Properties, LLC, N3498 Sunset Ln., La Crosse, WI 54603. Proposal to convert duplex located at 624-626 Plainview Rd. into a two unit condominium. **(Recommendation to Postpone)**
- 3) Consideration of an Ordinance amending Sections 32-8 (4) & 32-46 (b), and to repeal and recreate Section 32-47, Subdivisions of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances relating to administrative review of Certified Survey Maps. **(Recommendation to Approve)**

**C) Payment of Bills:**

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

5) **Business:**

- A) Keith Lease, request to hold “Home Run”, a run/walk fundraiser, on August 5, 2017.  
(Clerk)

Motion to approve “Home Run”, a run/walk fundraiser made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0**

- B) Approval of the Storm Water Management Public Education and Outreach Cooperative Agreement for the July 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2019 term. (Clerk)

Motion to approve the Storm Water Management Public Education and Outreach Cooperative Agreement for the July 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2019 term made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Craig. **Motion carried 4-0**

- C) Approval of the draft for a 10 year contract extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Program. (Brohmer)

Supervisor Brohmer mentioned that the current rate is \$1.25/capita. The new agreement gives a gradual increase of \$0.05 per year until 2022, at which time the payment will be \$1.50/capita. Beginning in 2023 and extending through the term of this agreement the payment shall increase at a rate of 2% per year.

Motion to approve the draft for a 10 year contract extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Program made by Supervisor Thoren, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

- D) Approval of Fire/EMS Officers & non-resident members. (Thoren)

Supervisor Brohmer’s only concern is for the out of town response and whether they respond with a red light. Supervisor Thoren explained they are not allowed to use any red lights until they are in the Town’s jurisdiction. Supervisor Brohmer also asked if there is written policy regarding the speed at which they can respond to. Supervisor Thoren stated he was pretty sure there is written policy but did not know for sure at this time.

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

**Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.,** is concerned about Supervisor Thoren voting on fire department issues and believes it is a clear example of a conflict of interest. Mr. Becker also believes that the responsible thing to do is have Supervisor Thoren abstain. Supervisor Thoren stated he wanted to start a precedence and in the future plans on voting for fire department issues unless something would affect himself or someone he knows financially.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

Supervisor Brohmer had concerns about the language in the by-laws regarding the makeup of the department and whether trustees could also be officers. Supervisor Brohmer believes that the wording of the by-laws could probably be better defined to indicate that trustees could be those officers listed. Supervisor Brohmer suggests that the language be changed to indicate that Board of Trustees members can also be officers within the department to clarify.

Motion to approve Fire/EMS officers & non-resident members as submitted pending the language change made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 3-1 (Supervisor Craig voted “against”)**

- E) Ordinance No. 2017-3 amending Sections 32-8 (4) & 32-46 (b), and to repeal and recreate Section 32-47, relating to administrative review of certified survey maps. (Clerk)

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-3 made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

**6) Public Comment: (limit 5 minutes per person)**

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

**Kelsey Craig, 2500 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E.**, stated that Supervisor Brohmer had indicated earlier that he gave permission for the Fire Department to use the Town Attorney after the Board had discussed and motioned 2-2 requiring them to come back to the Board with reasons for the request. Supervisor Brohmer stated he knew the basic information and asked that they run the request through Chairman Schaller as well.

**Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.**, asked Chairman Schaller about a meeting he had requested in November about some issues in the Town and the actions of the Chairman. Chairman Schaller acknowledged his actions and apologized to Mr. Becker.

**Lee Weis, 100 Church Dr.**, stated that he would like a discussion explaining the separation of the Fire Association, Fire Department, Town Board and Fire Board. Mr. Weis would like to know the responsibilities of each.

Matthew Van Loon, 506 Olivet St., asked that with the La Crosse thing looming in the future, what does the Town have to do to make sure all the ducks are in a row to maintain the independence? Mr. Van Loon would like the Board to research and come back with answers. Clerk Hawkins stated that he believes that securing water for the residents is the most important part of becoming independent. Mr. Van Loon is asking if certain standards are being met between all the departments.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Craig. **Motion carried 4-0**

**7) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Thoren, seconded by Chairman Schaller.  
**Motion carried 4-0 (7:02 P.M.)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins  
Town Clerk/Treasurer