

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
&  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL  
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

**1) Meeting Called to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:**

Present: Supervisor Kelsey Craig, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Chairman Terry Schaller, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer and Supervisor Bob Wolfert.

Also present were Fire Chief Nate Melby, Police Chief Drew Gavrilos, Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz, and 14 residents.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press, published in the La Crosse Tribune and posted on the public bulletin boards.

**3) Agenda:**

- 1. Public Hearing on the General Fund Proposed 2018 Budget and Utility District #1 Proposed 2018 Budget of the Town of Campbell, La Crosse County, will be held.**

Clerk/Treasurer Chadwick Hawkins stated that with the levy limits in effect, the Town is able to raise the levy \$3,299.00 from last year.

**Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.,** asked what the mil rate for this year was and what it would be for next year. Clerk Hawkins stated that he did not have the exact final figures but preliminary numbers for this year would be around 18.30 and was about 21.49 for the current year. Mr. Becker asked if the fire truck issue would be placed on referendum. Chairman Schaller stated that nothing has been set in stone at this time. Mr. Becker stated that he thinks that the \$2000 budgeted for streets and roads training could be moved to the parks and recreation department. Supervisor Thoren stated that he plans on using that money in 2018 budget for training of the maintenance department.

**Matthew Van Loon, 506 Olivet St.,** talked about the Campbell Fire Departments long range plan for replacement funds for a new truck. Mr. Van Loon stated that he believes that the fire department has saved roughly \$377,000. Mr. Van Loon believes that if they

ask for a \$500,000 truck, they would only be asking for an additional \$123,000. Chairman Schaller stated that any money saved has been put back into the General Fund Reserve account. Supervisor Wolfert spoke to the audience regarding budgeting and the way funds are spent and saved. Mr. Van Loon asked what was being proposed to be taken out of fund balance for 2018. Clerk Hawkins stated that roughly \$182,000 is currently being proposed for projects in 2018. The breakdown is roughly \$61,000 to finish the payments of the streets and roads projects from 2016, \$49,000 for ash tree removal in 2018 and \$70,000 for parking lot work at the Town Hall.

**Fire Chief Nate Melby, 2618 Thomas St.**, expressed his concerns about the possibility of a referendum for the purchase of a new fire truck. Mr. Melby's opinion is that the Board is effectively deciding as a Board is to not make a decision about a basic service that they have already saved the money to provide. Mr. Melby stated that as the Chief, he feels that is irresponsible. Mr. Melby also stated that this will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year having a conversation about a replacement fire truck.

**Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.**, asked Supervisor Thoren if any additional money has been budgeted for the people who have had their house flooded. Supervisor Thoren said that no additional money has been budgeted. Supervisor Thoren stated that a solution has not been found at this time so he does not even know how much to ask for at this time. Supervisor Thoren also stated that he has contacted an engineering company and is waiting for information.

**Lee Weis, 100 Church Dr.**, asked Clerk Hawkins how much money has been stuck back into the General Fund in the past few years. Clerk Hawkins stated that when he started in 2012, the fund balance was approximately \$680,000 and as of January 1, 2017, the fund balance was a little over \$1.2 million. Clerk Hawkins stated that not all of the reserve funds are from savings the past few years. Clerk Hawkins also stated that there have been years of very little gain but he did not have the exact numbers at this time.

**Immediately following Public Hearing on the  
proposed budgets, a Special Town Electors Meeting  
will be held for the following purposes:**

1. To adopt the 2017 Town tax levy to be paid in 2018 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion to adopt the 2017 Town tax levy to be paid in 2018 in the amount of \$1,158,129.00 made by Michelle Hammes, seconded by Bob Wolfert.

**Motion Carried 7-6 (by show of hands)**

2. To approve the total year 2018 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion to approve \$330,667.00 for highway expenditures for 2018 made by Bob Wolfert, seconded by Terry Schaller. **Motion carried 7-3 (by show of hands)**

**\*\*SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING\*\***

Immediately following Special Town Electors Meeting  
the Campbell Town Board will meet:

1. To adopt the 2018 Town General Fund budget.

Motion to adopt the 2018 Town General Fund Budget made by Supervisor Brohmer,  
seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-1 (Craig voted “against”)**

2. To adopt the 2018 Utility District #1 budget.

Motion to adopt the 2018 Utility District #1 Budget made by Supervisor Wolfert,  
seconded by Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0**

**4) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller.  
**Motion carried 5-0 (7:53 P.M.)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins  
Town Clerk/Treasurer