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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018, 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 Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0**

Debbie Sieler, 2618 Del Ray, asked for a status report regarding the roads and water issues around her property. Supervisor Thoren stated that the status has not changed very much since last month's meeting but he has been making attempts to contact someone to be able to move forward.

Rock Corbett, 3517 Lakeshore Dr., wanted to know what the status of the Nelson Park Ball Field was. Chairman Schaller mentioned that he and the Town Clerk were going to be meeting with the Airport Director, Clinton Torp, again tomorrow. Chairman Schaller also mentioned that as of now, the Town will be able to use the ball diamond for the 2018 season. The understanding of the Board is that the Airport's intentions are to clear cut the area south of the ball field and fence the area off.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked Clerk Hawkins who is in charge of the agenda. Mr. Becker was inquiring about the time limit change of public comment at the end of the agenda from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Clerk Hawkins stated that he and Chairman Schaller had a discussion and the Chairman decided to limit public comment at the end of the meeting to only 3 minutes. Mr. Becker asked what the language for the referendum was going to be. Clerk Hawkins stated that copies were placed out on the table and apologized if there were none left and offered to make him a copy after the meeting. Mr. Becker also asked Chairman Schaller about an absent Supervisor and stated that he believed Chairman Schaller was going to give him a report. Chairman Schaller stated he believes Supervisor Wolfert is doing his job but thought it would be great if he was in attendance. Mr. Becker asked about Supervisor

Wolfert's pay and what the Chairman was planning. Clerk Hawkins stated that the Board does not have the authority to withhold Supervisor Wolfert's income. Mr. Becker also asked Chairman Schaller about the recommendation for the Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee. Chairman Schaller stated that he has a letter that he will read during regular business. Mr. Becker stated that he believes that after the ethics complaint against him made by the Police Department that Chairman Schaller owes them a public and written comment.

Lee Weis, 100 Church Dr., asked about agenda item 5(f) and the price difference they were planning on charging the Town. Clerk Hawkins stated that he believes it is not more than \$1000.00 compared to last year but did not have the exact numbers in front of him. Mr. Weis asked about the fire department report and an address on Church Dr. Chief Melby clarified that they do not place exact house numbers on the report, only the block. Mr. Weis asked Chief Melby the Fire Departments policy on how many people are allowed to drive a fire truck at one time. Chief Melby stated that only one person is allowed at one time. Mr. Weis also asked Chairman Schaller to look into outstanding open records requests.

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: Regular Board Meeting 12/12/2017

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: No Meeting

C) Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Thoren, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

- 5) Business:**

A) Paul Schroeder, 1807 La Fond Ave., request for an annual shoreline burning permit.
(Chair)

Charlie Johnson appeared to represent Paul Schroeder

Motion to approve Paul Schroeder, 1807 La Fond Ave., request for an annual shoreline burning permit made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller.

Motion carried 4-0

- B) Resolution #2018-1: A Resolution of the Town Board exercising an advisory referendum option to purchase a replacement fire truck. (Chair)**

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

Nate Melby, Campbell Fire Chief, spoke in favor and his belief of the dire need for the Campbell Fire Department to replace the engine. Chief Melby is hopeful that there will be support for the replacement and that the referendum will pass.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked if all the resolution was to be placed on the ballot. Clerk Hawkins stated that only the portion asking the questions, the rest of the resolution is for informational purposes only.

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

Motion to approve Resolution #2018-1 made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

- C) Approval of proposal for ash tree removal. (Craig)**

Supervisor Craig discussed the 5 proposals submitted for the removal of ash trees on Town right-of-ways. Total trees affected will be in the range of 70-90. All proposals are available in the Clerk's office upon request.

Motion to accept Johnson Ops Tree Care's proposal made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

- D) Approval of refunds due for 2017 taxes. (Clerk)**

Motion to approve refunds due for 2017 taxes in the amount of \$5,690.33 made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0**

- E) Approval of contract with Engelson & Associates, LTD to conduct financial audit for 2017. (Clerk)**

Motion to approve the contract with Engelson & Associates, LTD to conduct the annual financial audit of the Town of Campbell for 2017 made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-0**

- F) Approval of the 2018 MTU Agreement with the City of La Crosse. (Chair)**

Motion to approve the 2018 MTU Agreement with the City of La Crosse made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 3-0 (Chairman Schaller "abstained")**

**G) Discussion regarding the possible formation of Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee.
(Chair)**

Chairman Schaller stated that he would like to bring back the Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee which was decommissioned years ago. Chairman Schaller also stated that he is looking for support and does not believe members of the committee should be current Town Board members. Chairman Schaller also stated that he would like the members to be residents of the Town of Campbell. Chairman Schaller is asking to place something on the Town website and Facebook page. Chairman Schaller mentioned that the Police Department has also offered to place something on their Facebook page as well. The Committee would be formed and make recommendations to the Town Board. Supervisor Brohmer recommends a committee of 5 members.

Motion to move forward with the possible formation of a Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee by posting it on the Town Facebook page, Police Departments Facebook page, and the Town website made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Craig. **Motion carried 4-0**

6) Public Comment: (limit 3 minutes per person)

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

A resident wanted to thank the Board for moving forward with the Ash Tree removal. He asked when the Board anticipates beginning of the operations. Supervisor Craig stated that she would like to start the end of March or the beginning of April. Supervisor Craig is also going to draft a letter that will go out to all affected property owners prior to any removal of trees. He also asked if there is a procedure in place to replace the trees removed. Supervisor Craig stated that she has not discussed yet but was in favor of replacing however, it would be open to discussion for the 2019 budget. Supervisor Brohmer suggested that if the Town is to replace the trees, that we do a variety of species.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., agreed that if a Police, Fire, and Personnel Committee is formed that a 5 member committee works well. Mr. Becker stated that he believes that one of the members should be a Town Board Supervisor so that the Town is represented.

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

7) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Brohmer, seconded by Supervisor Craig. **Motion carried 4-0 (6:47 P.M.)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chadwick Hawkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer