

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 7:00 P.M.  
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL  
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

*\*This meeting, normally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April every year, was delayed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.\**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) **ROLL CALL & VERIFY PUBLIC NOTICE:** Present: Chairman Terry Schaller  
Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer

Also present were 7 Electors from the Town, Police Chief Andrew Gavrilos & Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz.

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

- 3) **READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING:**

No one had comments or questions regarding the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

Motion to forgo the reading of last year's minutes made by Chairman Schaller/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 11-0**

- 4) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A copy of the 2019 Financial Report is available in the Clerk's office. Clerk Hanan reported revenues of \$2,068,699.00 for 2019, expenses of \$2,975,469.00, for a deficit in the 2019 budget of \$906,770.00. She explained that the Town had a surplus of \$1,070,927.59 in 2018 due to funds from the streets and fire truck loans not expensed in that year. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town has two CD's at Citizens Bank for the sewer utility in the amount of \$245,675.47. Clerk Hanan also reported that the Local Government Investment Pool had \$1,210,526.62 in its General Fund and \$518,416.10 in its Utility Fund as of 12/31/2019. The Fund balance as of 12/31/2019 was \$1,369,067.00. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town's general obligations debt is \$1,287,322.00.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., suggested contacting Quillin's and Kwik Trip regarding having extra copies of minutes and agendas at the stores.

Chairman Schaller suggested looking into moving the Citizens Bank CDs to State Bank in order to earn more interest.

**5) UTILITY REPORT:**

Supervisor Brohmer read former Supervisor Wolfert's Utility Operations Report for 2019. The complete report is available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

Bruce Becker asked if there was a plan for next year to prevent seepage into the sanitary sewer system. Supervisor Brohmer stated that he would like to form the utility committee to address that issue and also identify areas in the system that may need lining. Bruce Becker asked about the progress of the sewer contract with the City of La Crosse. Supervisor Brohmer replied that the Town is currently at a standstill.

**6) HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:**

Supervisor Brohmer read the 2019 report for Health, Education, and Welfare. The complete report is available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

Bruce Becker inquired as to how much money was left in the fund from donations for the library. Supervisor Brohmer replied that the donor is committed to maintaining the library and is looking at some remodeling projects for the basement as soon as they are assured that all of the drainage issues have been resolved.

**7) STREETS & ROADS:**

Supervisor Thoren read the 2019 report for Streets & Roads. The complete report is available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., asked Supervisor Thoren if there will be any leftover funding available from the CBDG project to repair alleys that have been washing out. Supervisor Thoren replied that he would have to check with Cedar Corporation to make sure that would be an eligible project for grant funding.

Bruce Becker asked about the plan for water issues around Del Ray Ave. Supervisor Thoren replied that he has a meeting with the residents scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the plan and hopes to have the project complete in the next couple of months. He also asked about repairs to the alley between Youngdale Avenue and Howry Street. Supervisor Thoren stated that he would take a look at it and see what can be done.

**8) RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

Chairman Schaller presented the 2019 report for the Recreation Department submitted by former Supervisor Littlejohn. The complete report is available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

Jackie Henke, 810 Lancaster St., asked if the Town could place a picnic table at the park on Edgewater Drive. Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz stated that a lot of the picnic tables in the Town have fallen into disrepair and have not been replaced.

**9) POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Gavrilos submitted the 2019 Police Department Annual Report. Full details of this report are available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

Bruce Becker asked Chief Gavrilos about the response to fireworks permits issued in the Town. Chief Gavrilos replied that the number of permits increased exponentially, while the number of complaints did not. The police department received few complaints regarding noise.

Bruce Becker stated that there has been a lot of speeding on Lakeshore Drive and semi traffic from the industrial park. Chief Gavrilos replied that he has been in discussions regarding this item and will receive funding for overtime for speed enforcement.

Jason and Megan Stratman, 3209 Lakeshore Dr., also commented on the speeding past their home on Lakeshore Dr.

Jason Stratman asked Chief Gavrilos about funding for the K9 unit in relation to the City of La Crosse. Chief Gavrilos replied that the Town's K9 unit is completely separate from the City, and is funded completely through donations.

**10) FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chairman Schaller presented the 2019 Fire Department Report submitted by Chief Melby. Full details of this report are available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

**11) FIRST RESPONDERS:**

Chairman Schaller presented the 2019 Emergency Medical Services Report submitted by Chief Melby. Full details of this report are available in the Clerk's Office upon request.

**12) OLD BUSINESS:**

Bruce Becker commented on the manhole that was cemented over at the parking lot of Celebrations on the River. Supervisor Brohmer replied that he believes the Town has a signed agreement regarding the manhole.

**13) NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Schaller read off a list of accomplishments for the Town as of late including: the replacement of the decking for the pedestrian overpass, the ongoing negotiations for the sewer contract, the purchase of a new fire truck, the replacement of the culvert on Kiowa Place, the purchase of a new sewer truck, the purchase of a new John Deere tractor, the Del Ray Avenue storm drain project, the new basketball court installed at the

park on Winona Street, and the signing of a contract with MCS Networks for IT service and equipment upgrades. He also reminded residents that the Board is looking to appoint someone to the vacant Supervisor #4 position.

Bob Kiesau, 2821 Bayshore Dr., thanked the Town Board for moving the meeting to the Fire Department bay to allow for more room for social distancing. He also commented that he disagrees with the Town ordinances regarding the requirement to maintain the right-of-way.

Jason Stratman asked the Board if the proposed yearly escrow amount for the pedestrian overpass has been determined yet. Supervisor Donahue stated that the yearly amount of \$10,000 had been suggested. Supervisor Brohmer stated that it would depend on the levy limits and the amount would have to be determined on a yearly basis.

Bruce Becker asked Supervisor Brohmer when the utility committee will be up and running. Supervisor Brohmer replied that he would like to have it in place by September. Bruce Becker also asked the Board to consider limiting the number of fireworks permits that are granted next year.

**14) ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Terry Schaller. **Motion carried, all ayes. (7:46 P.M.)**

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hanan  
Clerk/Treasurer