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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

*****This meeting was held via remote conferencing software due to the current public health emergency*****

1) Meeting Called to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:

Present: Chairman Terry Schaller, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman

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/Supervisor Donahue.
Motion carried 5-0.

Melissa Schultz, 1808 Bainbridge Pl., asked the Town Board about pressuring the City of La Crosse to conduct more testing. Supervisor Donahue replied that the Board sent a letter to the City asking them to test the entire island, and the City declined.

Clerk Hanan called twice for anyone else that wished to provide public comment.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 12/08/2020, Special Town Board Meeting 01/07/2021

- B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:** Public Hearing: Petition #01-2021 Mark Vehrenkamp, 383 E. Tilson St West Salem, WI 54669. Petition to rezone parcel #4-918-0 from the Commercial District to the Residential “A” District. (**Recommendation to Approve**)

C) Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5) Business:

- A.** Tracey Kennedy, 2525 2nd Ave E, request for a 4th cat. (Clerk)

Tracey Kennedy explained that she has been fostering a kitten and would like to adopt it. Supervisor Brohmer inquired about the age of her other cats.

Motion to approve a permit for a 4th cat made by Supervisor Brohmer/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 4-1. Supervisor Stratman voted “no”**

- B.** Ron Chamberlain, La Crosse County Highway Commissioner, to discuss pedestrian and bike accommodations as part of the County Highway B project. (Chair) (Carried Over)

There was discussion regarding results from the Comprehensive Plan survey related to pedestrian and bike facilities in the Town and a survey on the Town’s Facebook page regarding the proposed alternatives for the project. The surveys showed interest in bike and pedestrian facilities in the Town.

There was also discussion regarding intersections, crosswalks, on-street parking, and pedestrian safety.

Motion to recommend the proposed Fanta Reed Alternative, with a multiuse path running from Fanta Reed Road to Lakeshore Drive AND Alternative #1 for Bainbridge Street, with a multiuse path on the east side of Bainbridge Street and opting not to include a sidewalk on the west side of Bainbridge Street made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C.** Discussion and possible action regarding the HVAC system at Town Hall. (Donahue) (Carried Over)

Supervisor Donahue presented the following quotes:

Schneider Heating: \$20,863.00

Cary Heating: \$25,006.00

Benedict Sales: \$23,698.00

There was discussion regarding a quote from Deml Controls in the amount of \$7,889.00 for new HVAC controls for Town Hall and the necessity of a controlled system versus regular thermostats.

Motion to accept the quote from Schneider Heating in the amount of \$20,863.00 with regular programmable thermostats made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

D) Approval of refunds due for 2020 real estate taxes. (Clerk)

Motion to approve the refunds due for a total of \$995.61 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

E) Approval of contract with Engleson & Associates, LTD to conduct financial audit for 2020. (Chair)

Motion to approve the contract with Engleson & Associates, LTD not to exceed \$10,400 made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

F) Approval of the Compliance Assurance Plan for the Town of Campbell recycling program. (Clerk)

Clerk Hanan explained that the DNR recently conducted an audit of the Town's recycling program. The Town must have a Compliance Assurance Plan on file for handling complaints and must conduct regular inspections of its multifamily dwellings and non-residential facilities to ensure compliance with the recycling program.

Motion to approve the Compliance Assurance Plan made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

G) Consideration of opening Town facilities to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic and face covering/social distancing policies in those facilities. (Donahue)

Clerk Hanan recommended the Town Hall reopen February 1, 2021 due to the upcoming election and animal licensing period.

Motion to reopen the Town Hall on February 1, 2021 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to carry over this agenda item in relation to the Community Center made by Supervisor Stratman/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

H) Replacing and upgrading lighting on exterior of Town shop. (Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue presented quotes from Kish & Sons Electric to replace lighting on the north, south, and east sides of the Town shop. The current lights create a lot of heat which melts and refreezes the snow, causing a hazard.

Motion to move forward with replacing the lighting, and using funds budgeted for holiday lighting made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- I) Appointment of a Planning & Zoning Commission member for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2021. (Chair)

Chairman Schaller appointed Jason Stratman to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2021.

- J) Consideration of COVID sick pay for Town employees. (Clerk)

Motion to extend COVID sick pay to 2021 for employees who have not used the entirety of their allotted time in 2020 made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) *Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.* AND 19.85 (1) (g) *Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.*

Motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) and (1) (g) on a roll call vote made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller.

Chairman Schaller – yes Supervisor Brohmer- yes, Supervisor Donahue- yes, Supervisor Thoren- yes, Supervisor Stratman-yes **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no**

(Closed Session 7:28 p.m.)

- A. Personnel issues in the Maintenance Department.
- B. PFAS contamination issues with the City of La Crosse.

7. **Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0 (8:31 p.m.)**

- A) Possible action of items discussed in Closed Session.

- 1) Motion to engage Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in an advisory capacity for PFAS issues made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0. (8:33 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer