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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, 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 Donahue/Supervisor Brohmer.
Motion carried 5-0.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., asked about the procedures for real estate tax payments with the Town Hall being closed to the public.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked about items 5 “B” and “G” on the agenda and asked Supervisor Thoren about the project on Del Ray Avenue.

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: Special Board Meeting 10/15/2020, Special Board Meeting 10/27/2020, Regular Board Meeting 11/10/2020, Budget Public Hearing 11/17/2020

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: None

C) Payment of Bills:

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

5) Business:

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

Mr. Chamberlain explained the proposed bike and pedestrian accommodation alternatives as part of the County Highway B reconstruction project. He was looking for input from the Town Board regarding a preferred alternative. Items discussed include the width of the road and right-of-way, on-street parking and bike lanes, multiuse paths and sidewalks.

No action taken.

- B)** Discussion and possible action on the 2009 Dodge Charger being assigned as a 'take home' vehicle for the Police Chief. (Carried Over) (Chair)

Chief Gavrilos explained the process by which a vehicle is assigned to an agency by the MEG unit. He stated that if the vehicle is used more frequently, it would reduce the maintenance costs for the vehicle.

Motion to approve the use of the 2009 Dodge Charger as an employee training and travel vehicle and to approve the Police Chief driving the vehicle to and from work for a 90-day trial period made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Supervisor Donahue presented a quote from Cary Heating for the replacement of the Town Hall furnaces and air purifiers for the Town Hall and maintenance shop. She explained that we have had issues with the system and it has exceeded its useful life.

Motion to hold over to the January 12, 2021 Regular Board meeting made by Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- D)** Approval of 7th payment to Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$15,750.00 for the 2019 Street & Stormwater Improvement Project. (Thoren)

Motion to approve the 7th payment to Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$15,750.00 for the 2019 Street & Stormwater Improvement Project made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E) Pay request from Steiger Construction in the amount of \$12,030.00 for the Del Ray Overflow Project. (Thoren)

Motion to approve the pay request from Steiger Construction in the amount of \$12,030.00 for the Del Ray Overflow Project made by Supervisor Thoren/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- F) Consideration of final costs for the Kiowa Place culvert repair project. (Thoren)

Supervisor Thoren explained that the repairs to the Kiowa Place culvert were complete. The City of La Crosse also installed guardrails on both sides of the road at an additional cost.

Motion to reimburse the City of La Crosse for 50% of the final project costs, for a total of \$138,006.39 made by Supervisor Thoren/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- G) Resolution #2020-9 A Resolution to Amend the 2020 Budget. (Clerk)

Motion to approve Resolution #2020-9 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- H) Consideration of policies and guidelines for Town employees in relation to the COVID-19 public health emergency. (Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue explained that the Town has resolved most of the issues that the employees had with the mask policy. The employees will not be required to wear a mask if riding in a vehicle alone. They will be required to wear a mask if they are in a shared space with others present, or passing through a common area.

Motion to approve the updated COVID policy as presented made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- I) Employee handbook revisions. (Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue detailed the proposed changes to the employee handbook. Changes include: allowing employees to carry over up to a week of vacation into the new year, updated language in the political activity section, updated health insurance information, and updated language in the safety section.

Motion to approve the changes as presented, and include verbiage in handbook to make the 'birthday' holiday a floating holiday 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/Supervisor Brohmer.

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

(Closed Session 7:26 p.m.)

- A. Personnel issues in the Clerk’s 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/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0 (8:14 p.m.)**

A) Possible action of items discussed in Closed Session.

- A. Motion to set the Deputy Clerk hourly rate to \$18.64 starting January 1, 2021 made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**
- B. Motion to draft a letter to the City of La Crosse regarding the PFAS issue made by Supervisor Thoren/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0. (8:16 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer