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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 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 6:01 P.M.

2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:

Present: Chairman Terry Schaller, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Hanan

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/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., asked when in-person Town Board meetings would resume and stated his opposition to the Board hiring a volunteer firefighter who does not reside or work in the Town.

Nancy Casper, 815 Plainview Rd., thanked the Town Board for their work on the water issue and encouraged residents to write the City of La Crosse regarding their concerns with the safety of their water.

Abby Siakpere, 3029 Youngdale Ave., thanked Supervisor Donahue for her diligence in providing accurate and timely information to the residents, spoke regarding the State of Wisconsin's PFAS Action Plan, and expressed disappointment with political signs being placed in front of a vacant home.

Lee Weis, 100 Church Dr., asked the Town Board to organize a public information meeting with experts who could speak to the safety of water containing PFAS.

Sallie Schroeder, 608 Fanta Reed Rd., spoke regarding the accuracy of the PFAS test results and reminded the Town Board to not forget about the upcoming County B project.

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

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **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 02/09/2021, Special Town Board Meeting 02/18/2021, Special Town Board Meeting 02/23/2021, Special Town Board Meeting 02/25/2021, Special Town Board Meeting 03/04/2021

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: None

C) Payment of Bills:

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

5) Business:

- A.** Discussion with Karl Green, UW-Extension, regarding groundwater flow in the Town of Campbell.

Karl Green gave a short presentation on the groundwater flow in the Town of Campbell and answered questions from the Town Board.

(Not an action item)

- B.** Sara Rugotzke, 1913 Nakomis Ave., request for shoreland burning permit. (Clerk)

Motion to approve a shoreland burning permit for Sara Rugotzke, 1913 Nakomis Ave., made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C.** Request for a permit to allow alcohol consumption in Nelson Park on March 10, 2021. (Clerk)

Clerk Hanan explained that she received a request from Jeff Nicksic for a group of 14 people to have alcohol in Nelson Park on March 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Town ordinances do not allow for alcohol consumption in the parks; however, the Town Board can issue a special permit to allow for it.

Motion to allow for alcohol consumption in Nelson Park on March 10, 2021 made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- D)** Approval of an application for a volunteer firefighter that resides outside of the Town of Campbell. (Thoren)

Supervisor Thoren explained the qualifications of the applicant.

Motion to approve the applicant for volunteer firefighter made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E)** Ordinance #2021-1 An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 16 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances related to Municipal Court. (Clerk)

Clerk Hanan explained that the Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court is in the process of obtaining recertification with the state. One of the requirements for the court is for the member municipalities to have uniform ordinances adopted.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2021-1 made by Supervisor Brohmer/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 f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons...."* 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 (f) on a roll call vote made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue.

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

Clerk Hanan made an announcement that the Board would only be meeting in Closed Session to consider agenda item 6 (B). Agenda item 6 (A) would not be considered.

(Closed Session 6:56 p.m.)

- A.** PFAS contamination issues with the City of La Crosse.
B. Consideration of special circumstances for an advanced payment of Health Savings Account funds for a maintenance employee.

Motion to approve paying the 2nd quarter HSA payment in advance to the maintenance employee, pending signature of the advanced HSA payment agreement form made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Reconvene in Open Session:

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0 (7:09 p.m.)**

A) Possible action of items discussed in Closed Session. **(None)**

Supervisor Donahue thanked the residents that have reached out to the Board members and those that have shared information with the Town. She reminded everyone to please share their results if they choose to test their water privately. She also mentioned that Eurofins, one of the 5 Wisconsin-certified labs, currently has a 10-day turnaround time for PFAS testing.

8. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried 5-0. (7:13 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer