

Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 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) CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL & VERIFY PUBLIC NOTICE: Present: Chairman Terry Schaller, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman

Also present were electors from the Town, Police Chief Andrew Gavrilos, Fire Chief Nate Melby, and Maintenance Foreman Steve Pintz.

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

2) 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 Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3) FINANCIAL REPORT:

A copy of the 2020 Financial Report is attached. Clerk Hanan reported revenues of \$2,478,089.00 for 2020, expenses of \$2,994,111.00, for a deficit in the 2020 budget of \$516,022.00. She explained that the deficit shown was mainly due to the new fire truck and other capital being expensed in 2020. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town has two CD's at Citizens Bank for the sewer utility in the amount of \$246,597.80. Clerk Hanan also reported that the Local Government Investment Pool had \$956,651.00 in its General Fund and \$520,974.00 in its Utility Fund as of 12/31/2020. The Fund balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$853,05.00. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town's general obligation debt is \$971,177.00.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., inquired as to how federal COVID relief funds were spent. Clerk Hanan replied that a large portion was spent on technology upgrades to allow for employees to work from home, laptops for the Board members, a permanent drop box outside of Town Hall, cleaning supplies and PPE, new chairs for the Town

Board room that are easier to keep clean, and Fire and Police Department payroll expenses.

4) UTILITY REPORT:

Supervisor Brohmer read the Utility Report for 2020. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker asked about the sewer rates for next year and the upcoming sewer lining and televising projects.

5) HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:

Supervisor Donahue read the 2020 report for Health, Education, and Welfare. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker inquired as to who the Town has hired for a cleaning company. Clerk Hanan replied that the Town has hired Atkinson Cleaning. He also commented that he would like to see more communication from the Board on the water contamination issue.

6) STREETS & ROADS:

Supervisor Thoren read the 2020 report for Streets & Roads. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker commented that he would like to see work done on the alleys this year.

7) RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Stratman read the 2020 report for the Recreation Department. The complete report is attached.

8) POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Gavrilos read the 2020 Police Department Annual Report. Full details of this report are attached.

9) FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Melby read the 2020 Fire Department Report. Full details of this report are attached.

10) FIRST RESPONDERS:

Chief Melby read the 2020 Emergency Medical Services Report. Full details of this report are attached.

11) OLD BUSINESS:

None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Schaller stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Town for the last 6 years. He thanked past and current Board members for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Donahue gave an update on the DNR well sampling and informed residents that the City of La Crosse's initial site investigation report is now posted on the DNR BRRTS site.

Dennis Nelson, 121 Church Dr., asked about well sampling south of I-90. Supervisor Donahue responded that the Wood Group will be sampling wells throughout the island.

Bruce Becker stated that he had spoken with John Storlie about the burn bit just inside the gate on Fisherman's Road and expressed concern that it had not been identified by the City of La Crosse as a possible contamination site.

Bruce Becker stated that he would like to see the Board go back to in-person meetings.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Schaller. **Motion carried unanimously. (6:44 P.M.)**

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF CAMPBELL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020

Budget:

Town Revenue in 2020:	\$	2,478,089.00
Town Expenses in 2020:	\$	2,994,111.00
Total Surplus (Over Budget)	\$	<u>(516,022.00)</u>

Investments:

Two CD's at Citizen Bank @ 0.65%:	\$	121,459.20
	\$	125,138.60
Total as of: 12/31/2020	\$	<u>246,597.80</u>
General Checking Account	\$	340,372.72
Tax Checking Account	\$	2,668,950.40
Utility Checking Account	\$	751,122.92
Total as of: 12/31/2020	\$	<u>3,760,446.04</u>
Local Government Investment Pool (General)	\$	956,651.00
Local Government Investment Pool (Sewer)	\$	520,974.00
Total as of: 12/31/2020	\$	<u>1,477,625.00</u>

Fund Balance: (End of Year)

2010	\$	499,543.88
2011	\$	506,031.04
2012	\$	674,925.99
2013	\$	681,171.15
2014	\$	836,063.13
2015	\$	1,596,422.34
2016	\$	1,223,776.12
2017	\$	1,204,909.13
2018	\$	2,275,837.00
2019	\$	1,369,067.00
2020	\$	853,045.00

Debt:

General Obligation Debt:	\$	971,177.00
Interfund Transfer (Sewer)	\$	-
Total as of: 12/31/2020	\$	<u>971,177.00</u>
12/31/19 G.O. Debt	\$	1,287,322.00
12/31/20 G.O. Debt	\$	971,177.00
Debt Retired	\$	<u>316,145.00</u>

UTILITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

During 2020, our community encountered two major challenges that are still ongoing in 2021. We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel regarding Covid-19 as the number of people being vaccinated continues to increase.

We are also in the midst of a water emergency that began in 2020 due to PFAS contamination from the La Crosse Regional Airport involving hundreds of wells on French Island. This water issue remains our most serious concern in 2021 and beyond until it is resolved.

The sewer utility had a relatively quiet 2020 related to sewer problems or issues during the year.

Following the high water and flooding we had in 2019, 2 flood pumps on Caroline Street were damaged beyond repair and had to be replaced in 2020.

We also did repair work on Lift Station #10 putting in a pump kit to repair one of the pumps.

Lift Station # 6 had to be repaired replacing a transducer in it.

Negotiations with the City of La Crosse on a new sewer contract have stalled with Campbell, Onalaska, Shelby and La Crescent. We are hoping the new Mayor will work to resolve the issues unacceptable to us in that contract with one very similar to past contracts.

Sewer work for 2020 include televising, cleaning & re-lining a number of sewer lines throughout our system. Televising will help identify problems, cleaning helps maintain the system & re-lining will help stop clean water infiltration that cost us additional fees in 2019 due to flooding & infiltration.

I want to thank all of our employees for their hard work in 2020 especially during the Covid -19 pandemic. I would also like to thank our residents for their support, patience and resolve during the last year.

Sincerely,

Mitch Brohmer

Supervisor 2 - Annual Report - 2020

I took office in May 2020, during the period between May and Dec. 2020, I mostly focused my work on Covid-19, Human Resource policies, responding to complaints (ordinance, permit and zoning compliance) and PFAS contaminated water.

As Covid 19 - worsened in the Coulee Region, the board made several decisions on Covid-19 policies. I led the research on these policies, to mirror other governmental organizations in the region while also ensuring our town needs were met.

These included: administrative leave policies for those who got C-19, daily health and safety protocols for staff, equipment and building use. We invested in an additional UVC-light to be used in our maintenance staff vehicles to kill bacteria and viruses. Our police department was already routinely using a similar device in their vehicles for additional disinfection. We put out a Request for proposal to hire a better cleaning company. The new service is more efficient and effective making our public buildings cleaner and more inviting.

Covid-19, PFAS and other health concerns – meant daily meetings, collaborations with county, state and federal representatives, in addition to attending Webinars and conducting research to protect the health and safety of town residents, based on sound science which is rigorously vetted.

We tested our three public buildings water systems for PFAS contamination to protect the staff and guests who use these buildings. We created policies to best protect the health and safety of our residents. These are on-going issues which will continue to be researched in addressed in the future.

We updated our employee handbook during this time, clarifying town policies and staff responsibilities.

I worked to update our Human Resource policies and research insurance plans which may provide superior coverage for less cost. Changes to our part-time employee pay packages also created a savings of nearly \$15, 000. I created a new employee annual review form and researched other WI towns HR pay and benefit packages.

I discovered our:

Police department employees averaged a \$24,000 increase overall in salary in the 20 years between 2001 and 2021.

Our Maintenance staff averaged \$20,000 increase during the same 20 years.

Our Administrative staff only averaged a \$13,000 increase in that same period of time, despite the addition of several new responsibilities including permitting.

In particular our Town Clerk/Treasurer who is the department head for the administrative staff was on not on par with her peer department heads, despite being responsible for Human Resource functions, zoning, permitting, ordinances, contracting, insurance compliance and more.

I worked with our Maintenance supervisor on departmental concerns. We worked together to research and schedule additional safety training, and address other maintenance staff health and safety concerns.

I received and addressed 107 residential complaints including violations of ordinances and public health concerns - (May - Dec 2020).

Between fall and winter, we began to experience problems with our 30+ year old HVAC system and similarly aged water heater. We researched new appliances which were more energy efficient for overall replacement in 2021.

I also worked extensively with Ron Chamberlain and other County and professional planners on the replacement of the pedestrian bridge and new pedestrian/multi-use lanes on county roads. Work on these projects will commence in the coming years.

As we move forward, I appreciate continued collaboration with the Town of Campbell staff including my fellow board members. We may not always agree, but we respectfully discuss issues sharing various points of view in a professional manner to achieve our shared goals, which are to benefit the residents of the Town of Campbell. Thank you!

Lee Donahue

Streets and Roads Annual Report

April 20, 2021

Supervisor Ralph Thoren

I cannot think of a word that describes the challenges that the Town of Campbell has faced this past year.

Early in the year, a pandemic was declared which changed life as we know it for our community and the rest of the world. Our 2020 annual April meeting was canceled and rescheduled to July. By this time, we had become accustomed to social distancing and the use of face masks. Our maintenance department along with all other town employees worked carefully and methodically not to catch or spread the virus. These practices helped to ensure that our employees were able to work safely. Many of these practices are still in place at this time. We will slowly try to return to normal following CDC guidelines.

In October the Town of Campbell along with its residents were informed by the City of La Crosse that it had confirmed they had contaminated the groundwater with PFAS, a chemical used in AFFF firefighting foam agents. The City of La Crosse did some testing to attempt to find out the severity of the contamination. The Town of Campbell asked the City of Lacrosse multiple times to broaden the test area, but La Crosse refused. After much push from the town board, bottled water was graciously donated by HY-VEE, Kwik Trip, and CVS. The Wisconsin DNR has put the island on a "water advisory" and is providing clean drinking water to the Town's residents. We will continue to push for more samplings and determine the most efficient alternative to a permanent water source.

This will be the second year that we leased a street sweeper as ours was sold last year. We will continue to look at other alternatives. Sand and salt use were both down this year. I attribute this to more use of the brine tank. We are slowly gaining knowledge on its use as we navigate through various weather conditions

We finished two drainage projects this last year. The first was the replacement of a drainage pipe on Baumgartner. We worked with town residents, Davy Engineering, a contractor, and the town's maintenance department to coordinate the replacement. The second was the much-awaited and anticipated "Lake Del Ray" drainage project. Although in the end, this project was fairly simple it took determination to accomplish. This required collaboration with the City of La Crosse as we had to navigate through their various board meetings to obtain approval. The positive, progressive teamwork portrayed by all involved accomplished the goal.

A mutual project between the City of La Crosse and the Town of Campbell was also accomplished. The culvert under the road that connects Nakomis to Cherokee Avenue had deteriorated and the road was

beginning to collapse. The Town worked with La Crosse and its engineers to replace the culvert and roadway above it.

Moving forward we will be planning the next large roadwork project hopefully to start the summer of 2022.

I would like to thank the office staff, maintenance department, police department, fire department, first responders, and other board members for all their hard work over the past year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Town residents for their input and support.

Yours,

Ralph Thoren

Streets and Roads Supervisor

2020 Parks & Rec Annual Report

Good evening everyone and thank you to those residents attending our Annual Town Meeting. I first want to thank the other members of the Town Board for their support in selecting me to fill the Parks & Rec Supervisor position in August of 2020 in place of Troy Littlejohn for the remainder of his term. Having the opportunity to serve our Town residents as a Board member was an honor. Troy had a vision for the Parks & Rec Department over his 2 year term that he was not able to see all of the way through due to moving out of the Town of Campbell, but I was appreciative to have the chance to pick up the torch and see it through to the end. A very large thank you to Troy for laying the groundwork during his time in this position.

Some of the projects that I was able to complete in the remainder of 2020 while in the Supervisor 4 position were:

- Purchasing forks for the loader to be able to remove and place the docks at all landings ourselves, as well as them having many other uses for our Maintenance team. This will save on the cost to contract out the dock removal and placement, which from that savings the forks will pay for themselves in just under 3 years, and then realize annual budget savings years into the future. This will also allow us to determine as a Town when the docks are removed and put back in for the season.
- Continued partnership with the Sailboat Club to remove weeds at Nelson Park landing
- Working with the Lake Onalaska Protection & Rehab District in potentially joining into an agreement for additional weed harvesting collections at the landings
- Partnered with the Boys & Girls Club in scheduling the use of our baseball fields for their youth baseball program
- Most importantly of all, working with the Residents, Town Board, City of La Crosse, WI DNR, and countless others on the PFAS contamination to provide safe drinking water to all of our residents and working towards a permanent solution that is best for all of the Town of Campbell.

None of this would be possible without the help and dedication from our office staff, maintenance department, police department, fire department, and first responders. A heartfelt and sincere thank you to all of you for everything that you do for our Town, as it is greatly appreciated by all.

Lastly I would like to express my gratitude to all of the Town Residents. During a year with COVID-19 and PFAS contamination, it has reminded me why this Town is such a great place to live and raise a family. The way that we have come together as a community to work cooperatively towards overcoming these challenges in front of us has been inspiring to me. I look forward to seeing what we can continue to do as a community, and thank you all very much for your input and support.

Respectfully yours,

Jason Stratman
Parks & Rec Supervisor



From the Desk of the Chief

Town Board Supervisors:

Town of Campbell, Wisconsin

The 2020 Town of Campbell Police Department Annual Report is herein presented for your review. This report consists of the activities of the Campbell Police Department for 2020.

2020 was a very challenging year for everyone, not least of all, the police department. As a result of several high-profile incidents throughout the country; one very close to home in Minneapolis, along with the COVID Pandemic, we faced challenges unlike anything I have seen in my career. In March, in response to COVID, the agency began working under differential response protocol, limiting our contact with the public as much as practical while still providing critical services to the community. The officers willingly put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis without regard to their personal safety in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of French Island.

Throughout these trying times, the members of the Campbell Police Department conducted themselves with strength, honor, and courage, which are the cornerstones and core values of the agency. I am truly blessed to work with such an amazing group of people!

Campbell Officers continue to receive valuable training in critical areas such as biased based policing, child abuse, drug interdiction, internet crimes, human trafficking, active shooter response, and other areas of personal and professional development.

The Campbell Police Department continues to evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of the community.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Gavrilos

Town of Campbell

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Andrew J. Gavrilos
 Chief of Police

END OF YEAR REPORT 2020

1. Homicide	0	36. Abandoned Vehicle/Property	15
2. Sexual Assault	1	37. Alarms	7
3. Abduction	0	38. Business Check	197
4. Battery	10	39. Home Check	90
5. Burglary	0	40. COP	188
6. Entry/Vehicle or Building	14	41. Open Door/Window	2
7. Theft	57	42. Juvenile Arrest	0
8. Arson	0	43. Trouble with Juvenile	45
9. Forgery/Fraud	16	44. Curfew	0
10. Criminal Damage	35	45. Underage	2
11. Missing Person	13	46. Other Liquor Violations	12
12. Death Investigation	6	47. Bar Checks	14
13. Weapons Violation	0	48. Motorist Assist	46
14. Narcotics Crime	47	49. Traffic Accident-Property Damage	16
15. Follow-Up	193	50. Traffic Accident-Personal Injury/Fatal	5
16. Adult Arrests	122	51. Hit and Run-Property Damage	7
17. Domestic Disturbance	45	52. Hit and Run-Personal Injury/Fatal	0
18. Threat/harrassments	21	53. Traffic Stops	582
19. 911 Check	170	54. Traffic Citations/Arrests	265
20. Welfare	121	55. Traffic Warnings	358
21. Police Standby/Escorts	9	56. OWI Arrests	12
22. Attempt to Locate	37	57. Driving Complaints	57
23. Extra Attention Requests	13	58. Assist EMS/Fire	94
24. Suspicious Activity	205	59. Assist Other Agency	201
25. Prowler	1	60. Parking Complaints	160
26. Chapter 51/55	9	61. Alternate Side Parking	102
27. Trouble with Party	182	62. Hazard	33
28. Trespassing	9	63. Special Assignment	6
29. Noise/Firework Complaints	27	64. Out with Party	56
30. Other Ordinance Violations	48	65. Bank Run	19
31. Utter/Dumping	4	66. Investigation	70
32. Animal Complaint	37	67. Bike Pick Up	2
33. Burning Complaint	1	68. Other	70
34. Launch Check	499	69. Utility Problem/Power Problem	0
35. Lost/Found Property	15		

K-9 Deployments 64 TOTAL MONTHLY INCIDENTS: 4697

TOTAL ARRESTS: 122

STOLEN PROPERTY \$75,529.00
 RECOVERED PROPERTY \$45,991.00
 TRAFFIC BOND \$50,862.10
 ORDINANCE BOND \$16,794.20
 PARKING \$5,235.00

REPORTED BY: CHIEF ANDREW GAVRILOS

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TOWN OF CAMPBELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2219 Bainbridge Street • La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603

Town of Campbell Fire Department 2020 Annual Report

During 2020, the Town of Campbell Fire Department held 12 trustee meetings and 36 regular training sessions. Fire Officers attended 12 La Crosse County Fire Officers meetings.

Total 2020 Calls for Service: 376

Fire Calls

CFD responded to a total of 77 fire calls during 2020.



Incident Type	Number
Vehicle Accident w/Injuries	4
Vehicle Fire	1
Carbon Monoxide Problem	3
Alarm activated	5
Report Out (Complaints, requests, etc.)	19
Structure Fire or Alarm	20
Power Lines Down	3
Natural Gas Leak	6
Water Rescue	2
Assist EMS	14



TOWN OF CAMPBELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Emergency Medical Services Calls

CFD responded to a total of 299 EMS calls during 2020.



Total EMS Calls 299

4 - Accident w/ injury
9 - Medical Alert
18 - Cardiac Issues
1 - Choking
19 - Code in Progress or Death
10 - Diabetic Issues
40 - Fall without injury or Lifting Assistance
79 - General Illness
1 - Mutual Aid or MABAS
11 - Drug/Alcohol Overdose
42 - Respiratory or Breathing Issue
7 - Seizures
10 - Stroke/ Stroke Symptoms
45 - Traumatic Injuries
2 - Water or Ice Rescues
1 - Weather Related Illness

The 2021 Campbell Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Firefighters Association is hoping to have an event later this year. When conditions improve and it can be done safely, we will look forward to bringing our community together again.

2020 was a challenging year for our nation, state, and community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through these challenging times, our volunteers continued to serve honorably and we are grateful for their service to our Town. The Campbell Fire Department would like to express our thanks and gratitude for all of the support that our volunteers receive from our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathaniel J. Melby, Ph.D., MBA, CFO, MIFireE
Fire Chief