

Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 6:00 P.M.
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

1) CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present were 24 electors from the Town, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Hanan, Police Chief Trisha Stratman, Fire Chief Nate Melby, and Public Works Director Jason Hilton.

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 2022 Financial Report is attached. Clerk Hanan reported revenues of \$2,778,582.00 for 2022, expenses of \$2,666,883.00, for a surplus in the 2022 budget of \$111,699.00. She explained that the surplus shown was mainly due to the ARPA funds received by the Town. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town has two CD's at Citizens Bank for the sewer utility in the amount of \$247,585.92. Clerk Hanan also reported that the Local Government Investment Pool had \$1,481,058.83 in its General Fund and \$529,637.59 in its Utility Fund as of 12/31/2022. The Fund balance as of 12/31/2022 was \$1,528,087.00. Clerk Hanan reported that the Town's general obligation debt is \$493,200.00 as of 12/31/2022.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked about the amount of ARPA funding received by the Town.

4) UTILITY REPORT:

Supervisor Brohmer read the Utility Report for 2022. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked if there had been any further negotiations with the City of La Crosse regarding the sewer contract.

Supervisor Brohmer responded that there have not been any recent negotiations. The City had been unwilling to negotiate and has increased their fees by ordinance, also adding on a surcharge for non-contracted customers. Supervisor Brohmer stated that the Town has filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission.

Dan Kapanke, 1610 Lakeshore Dr., asked questions related to billing City residents that are on the Town of Campbell sewer system.

5) HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:

Supervisor Donahue read the 2022 report for Health, Education, and Welfare. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked about the plans for pumping the test well.

Supervisor Donahue responded that they will do their initial pumping and sampling and then plan to pump for 24 hours. She stated that the pumping schedule could change based on sampling.

Sandi Schroder, 2516 1st Ave E., asked if the test well could be used for a permanent well in the future.

Supervisor Donahue stated that there is a possibility it could be maintained moving forward.

6) STREETS & ROADS:

Supervisor Thoren read the 2022 report for Streets & Roads. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked about plans for work on Town alleys.

Supervisor Thoren responded that he plans to take a look at the alleys this summer, particularly the alleys on the north end of the island.

Sandi Schroder, 2516 1st Ave E., asked if there would be a possibility for sound barriers to be placed along I-90.

Supervisor Thoren stated that would be the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

7) RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Stratman read the 2022 report for the Recreation Department. The complete report is attached.

Lynn Schirm, 707 Lakeview Dr., asked for signs in the parks to remind people to clean up after their dogs.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked about a completion date for the dog park.

Supervisor Stratman replied that he expected the dog park to be completed by the end of May.

8) POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Stratman read the 2022 Police Department Annual Report. The complete report is attached.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked if Chief Stratman could provide a patrol schedule to the public.

Chief Stratman replied that the police department does not release their schedule for the safety of the officers.

9) FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Melby read the 2022 Fire Department Report. The complete report is attached.

10) FIRST RESPONDERS:

Chief Melby read the 2022 Emergency Medical Services Report. The complete report is attached.

11) OLD BUSINESS:

None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

Brent Banicki, 2508 2nd Ave W., asked about the Bainbridge Pedestrian Walkway project.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Town plans to hold a public hearing regarding the future of the walkway sometime during the first week of May. He stated that the meeting will be noticed as soon as a date and venue are determined.

The following residents spoke in favor of the Town taking ownership of the Bainbridge Pedestrian Walkway from the Department of Transportation:

Kelsey Craig, 2500 1st Ave E.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.
Chris Running, 700 Dauphin St.
Brent Banicki, 2508 2nd Ave E.
Jackie Henke, 810 Lancaster St.

Residents raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety and access.

Motion to hold an advisory referendum regarding the future of the Bainbridge Street Pedestrian Walkway made by Kelsey Craig/Bruce Becker. Motion carried 26-4 (by show of hands)

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked questions regarding boundary agreement preparations.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried unanimously. (7:34 P.M.)**

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF CAMPBELL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022

Budget:

Town Revenue in 2022:	\$ 2,778,582.00
Town Expenses in 2022:	\$ 2,666,883.00
Total Surplus (Over Budget)	<u>\$ 111,699.00</u>

Investments:

Two CD's at Citizen Bank @ 0.65%:	\$ 121,945.89
	\$ 125,640.03
Total as of: 12/31/2022	<u>\$ 247,585.92</u>
General Checking Account	\$ 419,557.79
Tax Checking Account	\$ 2,834,919.38
Utility Checking Account	\$ 233,682.27
Total as of: 12/31/2022	<u>\$ 3,488,159.44</u>
Local Government Investment Pool (General)	\$ 1,481,058.83
Local Government Investment Pool (Sewer)	\$ 529,637.59
Total as of: 12/31/2022	<u>\$ 2,010,696.42</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
2021	\$ 1,132,393.00
2022	\$ 1,528,087.00

Debt:

General Obligation Debt:	\$ 493,200.00
Interfund Transfer (Sewer)	\$ -
Total as of: 12/31/2022	<u>\$ 493,200.00</u>

\$ 694,696.00	12/31/21 G.O. Debt
\$ 235,061.00	Additions
\$ 436,557.00	Retirements
\$ 493,200.00	12/31/22 Debt

SEWER UTILITY ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Town of Campbell Sewer Utility carried out two major projects in 2022. These projects included sewer rehabilitation and re-lining of lines in areas where outside water infiltration was entering the system through cracks in the concrete and additional televising and cleaning to detect additional issues and to ensure lines were open and working to capacity.

The first project on Goddard Street replaced the sewer line and enhanced the storm drains around the project. The second project was replacing the sewer line on Usher Street as well. These two sections of our sewer line could not be relined and required replacement.

The cleaning and televising that we have been doing on an annual basis continued with the objective of completing the entire system on a five-year cycle.

Sewer Contract negotiations with the City of La Crosse remain at a standstill. The mayor said it was not a priority for them. La Crosse also raised their rates again in 2022 requiring us to raise rates as a result.

Our 2023 planned work and repairs came in under budget and will be detailed in next years report.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve our community and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me with those concerns.

Sincerely,

Mitch Brohmer
Supervisor #1
Sewer Utility

2022 Health, Education and Welfare Report

In 2022, I received and followed up on 32 calls/emails. The majority of these were related to PFAS contamination, others included violations of ordinances and public health concerns. The majority of these complaints refer to accumulations of junk and/or health violations. One home which was condemned was torn down and another home which was a chronic nuisance was purchased and the residential structure removed. The removal of these nuisance properties allow investors to rebuild homes which are code compliant, safe and increase the property values for these neighborhoods. Last year the Town approved a chronic nuisance ordinance to address these types of properties.

Researching a safe sustainable long-term water solution continues to be my priority. Drilling the test well in Wardwell Park is part of that research. We are planning to start pump tests this week. When that is done we can take water samples and send them to be tested for PFAS, VOC's, heavy metals, and more to insure maximum safety. Additional research continues with our strong partnerships with La Crosse County, USGS-UMESC, USGS Upper Midwest Water Sciences Center, The DNR, DHS, WI Geological and Natural History Survey, UW-(Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse) and Viterbo University at no cost to the Town.

I continue to testify before Wisconsin federal and state lawmakers, the DNR, Natural Resources Board, and EPA describing the daily PFAS impacts on our residents, financial, emotional and physical. I continue to ask all residents to contact their appointed and elected representatives to talk about PFAS and how it impacts their families and daily lives. A recent legislator told me if they don't get 5 calls a week on a particular subject, they don't consider it a pressing matter for them to prioritize.

I continue to attend meetings and collaborate with county, state and federal representatives on PFAS contamination and long-term water solutions. I attend webinars, in person seminars, and research opportunities to protect the health and safety of town residents.

It is only with the support and collaboration with board members, town staff, residents, and other community partners that we are able to address issues in our community and work toward improvements. Thanks! Lee Donahue Supervisor 2 Health, Education and Welfare.

Streets and Roads Annual Report

April 18, 2023

In January 2022 the Town Board looked at purchasing a used street sweeper. Used sweepers that fit our needs were hard to find. In February the Town Board approved the purchase of a new street sweeper. It was a slow process, but the sweeper was finally delivered in July. It was put to immediate use. Now instead of renting one for a few weeks a year we have the capability to put the sweeper to use whenever needed.

In June we worked with Brennan Marine on a crosswalk on the 800 block of Bainbridge to help slow traffic and keep employees safe. The Town Board approved the crosswalk which was financed by Brennan Marine.

In July repairs were made on the Baumgartner outfall that was damaged the previous year. An outfall behind Celebrations was given preventive maintenance to prevent additional damage.

Late July a storm caused significant damage on the Island. It took great effort from all involved to clean up as quickly as possible.

In September the Town Board approved applying for a La Crosse County Infrastructure Grant. This grant helps cover the design of three separate drainage problem areas. If awarded a follow-up grant could be applied for the construction of the area.

Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant to rebuild Church Street. This was disappointing however funds for the engineering costs were approved as part of the 2023 budget. As we look ahead, plans are to perform this work in 2024.

Road repairs consisted of pothole filling and a few small road projects. I have worked with a company to establish a list of roads best suited for crack sealing and chip filling. We will continue this program this summer.

As always, I would like to thank the office staff, maintenance department, police department, fire department, first responders, and other Town 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

2022 Parks & Rec Annual Report

It is a great honor to address you as your Parks and Recreation Supervisor. I am humbled by your trust and support, and I pledge to continue to work tirelessly to make our town a better place for all.

As we move forward into 2023, I want to recognize the progress we made in the past year. Our community continues to face a significant challenge with our water issue, but I am pleased to report that we have made meaningful strides towards a solution. The installation of a test well is a significant milestone that brings us closer to finding a permanent, safe, and clean water source for our homes.

I am also thrilled to highlight the achievements of our Parks and Recreation Department in 2022. The addition of new trees and benches at Plainview Park, made possible by an Eagle Scout project, demonstrates the commitment of our community to create safe and enjoyable spaces for all residents. Furthermore, our team is working hard on developing the Campbell Dog Park, which is also an Eagle Scout project. This exciting new addition to our community will provide a dedicated space for our four-legged friends to run, play, and socialize.

In addition, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Town of Campbell for supporting the hiring of a new Chief of Police, Chief Stratman. Her experience and leadership will undoubtedly strengthen our community's safety and security.

Finally, I must acknowledge that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our entire community. From our office staff to our police department, from our fire department to our first responders, and from our maintenance staff to all those who serve as volunteers, everyone has played a critical role in making the Town of Campbell the wonderful place it is. Your service is a testament to the strength and resilience of our town, and I am proud to serve alongside you all.

As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that by working together and continuing to build on our past achievements, we can make our community an even better place for generations to come.

Town of Campbell

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Trisha J. Stratman
Chief of Police

Town Board Supervisors:

Town of Campbell, Wisconsin

The 2022 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 2022.

2022 was a very exciting but challenging year for the Campbell Police Department. The Campbell Police Department responded to over 4500 calls of service throughout the year, accomplishing a high clearance rate for reported crimes. In August, I was sworn in as the new Chief of Police. Chief Andrew Gavrilos retired after serving the Town of Campbell for 8 years. Also, in August, K9 Tasja retired from the Campbell Police Department. She served the Town of Campbell for 8 years and was an excellent asset to our department and the community. In October, we hired Officer Robert Cale to the Town of Campbell Police Department. We are now back to full staff.

Officer Shelby Johnson was chosen to be our new K9 handler. In May, we will be receiving our newest member to the department, K9 River. The K-9 Program is fully funded by the generous donations of the French Island community including several local businesses. Without the support of the community, this highly effective and successful program would not be possible.

Campbell Officers continue to receive valuable training in critical areas such as domestic violence, child abuse investigations, drug interdiction techniques, internet crimes against children, 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 by embracing our core values: Strength, Honor and Courage.

Respectfully,

Trisha J. Stratman

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Town of Campbell

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 Chief of Police

END OF YEAR 2022

1. Homicide	0	36. Abandoned Vehicle/Property	29
2. Sexual Assault	2	37. Alarms	16
3. Abduction	0	38. Business Check	276
4. Battery	10	39. Home Check	84
5. Burglary	2	40. COP	214
6. Entry/Vehicle or Building	19	41. Open Door/Window	0
7. Theft	52	42. Juvenile Arrest	1
8. Arson	0	43. Trouble with Juvenile	30
9. Forgery/Fraud	14	44. Curfew	0
10. Criminal Damage	30	45. Underage	0
11. Missing Person	5	46. Other Liquor Violations	2
12. Death Investigation	13	47. Bar Checks	20
13. Weapons Violation	31	48. Motorist Assist	50
14. Narcotics Crime	92	49. Traffic Accident-Property Damage	28
15. Follow-Up	117	50. Traffic Accident-Personal Injury/Fatal	20
16. Adult Arrests	131	51. Hit and Run-Property Damage	9
17. Domestic Disturbance	34	52. Hit and Run-Personal Injury/Fatal	0
18. Threat/harrassments	14	53. Traffic Stops	454
19. 911 Check	143	54. Traffic Citations/Arrests	199
20. Welfare	163	55. Traffic Warnings	338
21. Police Standby/Escorts	21	56. OWI Arrests	6
22. Attempt to Locate	51	57. Driving Complaints	50
23. Extra Attention Requests	129	58. Assist EMS/Fire	99
24. Suspicious Activity	149	59. Assist Other Agency	156
25. Prowler	0	60. Parking Complaints	77
26. Chapter 51/55	5	61. Alternate Side Parking	72
27. Trouble with Party	164	62. Hazard	35
28. Trespassing	1	63. Special Assignment	25
29. Noise/Firework Complaints	16	64. Out with Party	53
30. Other Ordinance Violations	74	65. Bank Run	65
31. Litter/Dumping	4	66. Investigation	54
32. Animal Complaint	59	67. Bike Pick Up	7
33. Burning Complaint	2	68. Other	87
34. Launch Check	346	69. Utility Problem/Power Problem	5
35. Lost/Found Property	39		

K-9 Deployments 54 TOTAL MONTHLY INCIDENTS: 4547

TOTAL ARRESTS: 131

STOLEN PROPERTY \$67,984.00

RECOVERED PROPERTY \$31,503.00

TRAFFIC BOND \$34,584.60

ORDINANCE BOND \$14,397.00

PARKING \$2,335.00

REPORTED BY: CHIEF TRISHA STRATMAN

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**Town of Campbell Police
Police Reserve Unit
2022 Summary**



YEAR IN REVIEW:

The Town of Campbell Police Department would first, and foremost, like to thank our volunteer Reserve Officers whom dedicate their time to the Campbell community and the Police Department. Their volunteerism helps to make our community a better place and augments the Police Department to provide additional service to our Town. Members of the 2022 Police Reserve Unit:

Kate Zirzow	Taylor Rakes
Max Molloway	Charles Witcraft
Andrea Halderson	Corde Sommers
Ian Brown	Brandon Bellacero
Matthew Belmont	Kylia Frase
Gary Simenson	Kimberly Olson
Doug Casper	Bill Maricle

*Thank you, Reserve
Officers!*

There were several events worked through the year and several trainings attended by the Officers. This is a brief summary of events/trainings attended by our Reserve Officers in 2021:

- Special Olympics-Cops Gone Wild*
- Drug Take Back Day*
- Assist Onalaska Police Reserve*
- 4th of July Safety Patrol*
- Sara Rose Hougom Foundation Day at the Lake*
- French Island Lions Club Run/Walk*
- Oktoberfest Run*
- Training with Tri State Ambulance*
- Wisconsin Emergency Management Conference*
- Summit School Chicken Q Traffic Control*
- Town Wide Rummage Sale Patrol*
- Brat Fry Fundraiser at Festival Foods*
- Special Olympics Torch Run*
- Coulee Council on Addictions Run/Walk*
- Ring Bells for Salvation Army*
- Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control*

The Reserve officers have worked hundreds of volunteer hours between events, trainings and meetings.

We are very thankful for these community volunteers! They sacrifice their own time for the betterment of our community and appreciate the Town Board's support towards this Police Department Program.

The Police Department looks forward to continuing to work with our Reserve Officers in 2023!

Submitted by: Officer Nathan Casper, Reserve Unit Coordinator

**Town of Campbell
Police Reserve Unit 2022**



THANK YOU RESERVE OFFICERS FOR YOUR SERVICE!



TOWN OF CAMPBELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2219 Bainbridge Street • La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603

Town of Campbell Fire Department 2022 Annual Report

During 2022, the Town of Campbell Fire Department held 12 trustee meetings and 36 regular training sessions. Fire Officers attended 6 La Crosse County Fire Officers meetings.

Total 2022 Calls for Service: 350

Fire Calls

CFD responded to a total of 66 fire calls during 2022.



Incident Type	Number
Vehicle Accident w/Injuries	12
Carbon Monoxide Problem	2
Alarm activated	8
Report Out (Complaints, requests, etc.)	10
Structure Fire or Alarm	15
Power Lines Down	6
Natural Gas Leak	5
Water Rescue	6
Vehicle Fire	2



TOWN OF CAMPBELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2219 Bainbridge Street • La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603

Emergency Medical Services Calls

CFD responded to a total of 284 EMS calls during 2022.

Total EMS Calls **284**



Types:
Accident w/ injury
Medical Alert
Cancelled Enroute
Cardiac Issues
Choking
Code in Progress or Death
Diabetic Issues
Fall or Lifting Assistance
General Illness
Mutual Aid or MABAS
Drug/Alcohol Overdose
Allergic Reaction
Respiratory or Breathing Issue
Seizures
Stroke/ Stroke Symptoms
Traumatic Injuries
Water or Ice Rescues
Other, Not Listed

The Campbell Firefighters Association is looking forward to bringing the community together again for our Pancake Breakfast on May 6th, this is the first time we have held the event after taking a break for the COVID pandemic.

We are grateful for the service that our members provide for our Town. The Campbell Fire Department appreciates all of the support we receive from our community, and is proud to serve our residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2023 - TOWN HALL - 6:00 P.M.

	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	Koray	2500 1st Ave
2.	B Becker	3111 Lakeshore Dr
3.	Chris Running	700 Dauphin
4.	Brent Banicki	2508 2nd Ave E
5.	LYLE FELTEN	2521 1st AVE E.
6.	WENDY FELTEN	2521 1st Ave. E.
7.	Amberda Hartley	2530 2nd Ave E.
8.	Dennis Nelson	121 Church Dr.
9.	Sandi Schroder	2516 1st Ave East Lay
10.	Andrea Hall	2508 2nd Ave E
11.	McKae Beers	2501 2nd AVE E.
12.	Charles Beers	2505 2nd Ave E.
13.	Allie Elder	2425 Lakeshore
14.	Tom Fry	3122 Youngdale Ave

15. Annalise Hall 2508 2nd Ave E.
16. Dan Kepenke 1610 Lakeshore Dr
17. Lynn Schirm 707 Lakeview Dr.
18. Jennifer Schirm 707 Lakeview Dr.
19. Matthew Van Loon 506 Olivet St.
20. Cindy Adam 2507 1st Ave East
21. Laurie Tudahl 2517 1st Ave E.
22. Dorey Drobac 2500 Beembridge Dr.
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