

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 6:00 P.M.  
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL  
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

**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 Joshua Johnson, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Hanan

Also Present: Public Works Director Jason Hilton, Fire Chief Nate Melby

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.**

*Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St.*, spoke regarding the use of tennis courts and the fire department training structure in Wardwell Park.

*Mike Kreiling, 2537 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E.*, spoke in support of the proposed dog park.

*Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.*, asked the Board to open agenda item 6 (A) to public comment and asked for explanations on agenda items 6 (D) (E) (G) and (K).

**4) General updates on DNR water advisory. (Donahue)**

Supervisor Donahue provided updates on the current DNR water advisory. A full text update can be found at: <https://townofcampbellwi.gov/well-water-pfas-information/>

*Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.*, asked questions regarding billing for PFAS testing and about pumping the test well.

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

- 5) **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 3/14/2023, Special Town Board Meeting 04/05/2023  
B) **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:** None  
C) **Payment of Bills:**

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

6) **Business:**

- A) Brian Meyer, Wisconsin DOT, to discuss the Bainbridge Street Pedestrian Bridge and Path. (Chair)

Mr. Meyer stated that the DOT is about 80-90% finished with plans to reconstruct the walkway on the Bainbridge Street Pedestrian Bridge. He stated that the cost to update the walkway is approximately \$750,000.

Chairman Johnson stated that he requested Mr. Meyer attend the meeting to discuss the possible long-term costs of the Town taking over the walkway. He stated his concerns regarding liability to the Town. The DOT had presented an alternative of adding a pedestrian walkway over the County B bridge, which would link with the proposed multiuse path that La Crosse County included in their plans for the County B reconstruction project.

Supervisor Brohmer stated that he would like the DOT to tear the structure down due to potential future costs. He stated that future road repairs could be delayed if the Town has to invest funds to maintain and inspect the pedestrian walkway.

Motion to open this agenda item up to public comment made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.,** stated that he believes the Town should hold a public hearing regarding this item or possibly even a referendum.

**Bob Wolfert, 904 Susan Pl,** spoke in support of removing the pedestrian walkway structure. He stated that it is not up to code, and he doesn't believe in strapping future board members or taxpayers with such a large expense.

*Sue Adams, 1837 La Fond Ave.*, asked about the removal timeline and stated that she would be in support of the removal of the structure considering the Town already has two structures that span I-90 in relatively short distance.

Brian Meyer stated that the pedestrian walkway would not be removed until the County B pedestrian walkway would be constructed.

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

Motion to hold a public meeting regarding the Bainbridge Street Pedestrian Walkway made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- B)** Ben Sturomski, 712 Lakeview Dr., request for a burning permit to conduct a controlled burn on a small native prairie on his property. (Chair)

Motion to approve the request for a burning permit with two conditions-the current burn ban must be lifted, and the burn must be completed by May 15, made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C)** Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for April 22, 2023 at the Community Center. (Clerk)

Motion to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for April 22, 2023 at the Community Center made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Donahue abstained.**

- D)** Approval of a Scope of Engagement with Quarles & Brady LLP for bond counsel for the 2023 Clean Water Fund Loan for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Brohmer)

Motion to approve the Scope of Engagement with Quarles & Brady LLP for bond counsel for the 2023 Clean Water Fund Loan for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Project made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E)** Resolution #01-2023 A Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing. (Brohmer)

Motion to approve Resolution #01-2023 Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- F)** Approval of Change Order #1 for La Fond Avenue Drainage Modification in the amount of \$6,086.67 for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Brohmer)

Motion to approve the Change Order #1 for La Fond Avenue Drainage Modification in the amount of \$6,086.67 for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Project made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- G)** Discussion and possible action regarding removal of trees from the Town right-of-way. (Thoren)

Supervisor Thoren explained that there are several trees in the right-of-way that are dead and need to be removed. Public Works Director Jason Hilton presented two quotes for the tree removal. The first was from 7 Rivers Tree Service in the amount of \$14,800 and the second from Johnson Ops Tree Care in the amount of \$9,000.

Motion to approve the quote from Johnson Ops Tree Care with half the cost coming from the streets and roads budget and half the cost from the parks and recreation budget made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- H)** Discussion and possible action regarding the Health Savings Account policy terms for Town employees. (Chair)

There was some discussion about the policy requiring employees who elect health insurance to complete an annual physical before they are eligible to receive their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter health savings account contribution. The discussion focused on whether it should be done on Town time or not.

Motion to remove the requirement for employees to complete their annual physical in order to receive their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter health savings account contribution made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- I)** Approval of ARPA Stormwater Grant Application for the Pierce Avenue Stormwater Improvements project. (Thoren)

Jim Mahoney, Davy Engineering, was present to discuss the grant application with the Board.

Motion to approve the ARPA Stormwater Grant Application for the Pierce Avenue Stormwater Improvements project made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- J)** Discussion and possible action regarding access to the Community Center. (Chair)

Chairman Johnson stated that it was brought to his attention that there were several keys that were issued to organizations throughout the years that were unaccounted for.

Motion to rekey the Community Center and issue two keys per organization made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**K)** Discussion regarding sewer laterals in the Town right-of-way. (Brohmer)

Supervisor Brohmer stated that he would like to make changes to the ordinance to require homeowners to be responsible for their sewer laterals all the way to the sewer main.

Motion to move forward with drafting changes to the sewer ordinance made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**L)** Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed dog park on Lakeshore Drive. (Stratman)

Mike Kreiling spoke on behalf of Dominic Kreiling, the Eagle Scout in charge of the dog park project. He discussed the budget, fundraising, and the fundraising shortfall of \$2,674.43 needed to cover the expense of obtaining gravel for the parking lot.

Motion to allocate \$3,000 from the parks and recreation budget to the dog park on Lakeshore Drive made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**M)** Appointment of two Planning Commission members for three-year terms to expire April 30, 2026. (Clerk)

Chairman Johnson appointed Mitch Brohmer and Al Macha for three-year terms on the Planning Commission to expire April 30, 2026.

**N)** Appointment of two Board of Adjustment members for two terms to expire April 30, 2026. (Clerk)

Clerk Hanan explained that there is a vacancy for both of the alternate members on the Board of Adjustment.

Motion to appoint Travis Suiter to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment to expire April 30, 2026 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**7) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0. (7:23 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cassandra Hanan  
Clerk/Treasurer