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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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 Dan Kapanke, Supervisor Mitch Brohmer, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Hanan

Also Present: Public Works Director Jason Hilton, Police Chief Trisha 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.

Tim Donahue, 921 Plainview Rd., expressed disappointment with the Town in regards to a proposed dog park project by an Eagle Scout.

Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr., asked the Board to open agenda item 6 (B) to public comment. He asked how many applicants applied for the part-time office position. He stated that he believes the footbridge issue should go to a referendum. He also asked County Supervisor Margaret Larson if the County has taken a position on the footbridge issue. Supervisor Larson replied that the County had not, and that it is a Town and DOT issue.

Kelsey Craig, 2500 1st Ave E., asked about the deadline for the Town to have a decision to the State and the possibility of holding an advisory referendum. She stated concerns about the placement of a trail camera on the footbridge and asked for the height to be adjusted. She also spoke regarding updated traffic counts on Fanta Reed Road.

Brent Banicki, 2508 2nd Ave. E., asked about the possibility of raising money for the footbridge through sponsorship. He also asked about the possibility of renting out the street sweeper as a means to collect revenue.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., spoke regarding the fire department training structure in Wardwell Park.

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/>

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 4/11/2023

B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations: None

C) Payment of Bills:

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

6) Business:

A) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for May 20, 2023 at the Community Center. (Clerk)

Motion to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for May 20, 2023 at the Community Center made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

B) Discussion and possible action regarding the Agreement By and Between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Town of Campbell for the Maintenance and Future Replacements of the Bainbridge Street Pedestrian Bridge and Path. (Chair)

Chairman Kapanke provided a summary of the current agreement. Supervisor Brohmer stated that he would like to see item 2 *“The Town shall be responsible for the financing, maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of the Path and bridge beyond this deck replacement Project.”* Supervisor Thoren stated that he agreed with Supervisor Brohmer.

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

Kelsey Craig, 2500 1st Ave. E., stated concerns regarding the footbridge being torn down if item #2 is amended.

Chris Running, 700 Dauphin St., raised concerns over who covers the cost if the bridge needs to be torn down.

Supervisor Stratman stated that he would like to see it outlined in the agreement who is responsible for the cost of removing the structure if it needs to be torn down in the future. He would also like clarification over whether the Department of Transportation can force the Town to replace the structure if the Town does not have the funds for replacement.

Bob Wolfert, 904 Susan Pl., stated that the agreement states that the Town would take over and be responsible for the structure. He raised concerns regarding the liability of the Town in relation to the structure.

Supervisor Stratman stated that the Town would take over liability for the structure as written in section 14 of the current agreement.

Brent Banicki, 2508 2nd Ave E., stated concerns regarding safety along Fanta Reed Road and Dawson Place.

Darren Kinder, 2509 Western Ave., asked about the design of the multiuse path alternatives.

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

Motion to approach the Department of Transportation to clarify the current agreement as written, specifically items #2 and #14 of the agreement made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Brohmer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

C) Discussion and possible action regarding purchasing TASERS for 2024. (Chief Stratman)

Chief Stratman explained to the Board that the current TASERS are 12 years old and are starting to fall into disrepair. She would like to order new TASERS now, as they would not be delivered until January of 2024.

Motion to approve the purchase of TASERS for 2024 in the amount of \$27,050.00 made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Kapanke. **Motion carried 5-0.**

D) Disposal of used and unused sandbags. (Chair)

Chairman Kapanke stated that he was proud of the flood response efforts by both Town staff and residents and thanked them for their work.

Public Works Director Jason Hilton stated that there are currently 1,200-1,500 filled sandbags currently being stored in the maintenance shop. He also stated that the Town will coordinate a weekend to pick up used sandbags from residents.

Motion to offer sandbags to residents on a first come, first served basis for a week made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E) Discussion and possible action regarding wages for flood response for fire department members. (Chair)

Clerk Hanan provided a brief rundown of the flood response hours from the fire department members.

The Board discussed the option of compensating the fire department members above and beyond their \$17/day wage.

Motion to pay the volunteer firefighters \$20/hour for their flood response efforts made by Supervisor Donahue. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

Motion to pay the volunteer firefighters \$16/hour for their flood response efforts made by Supervisor Donahue/Chairman Kapanke. **Motion carried 3-1. Supervisor Brohmer voted "no." Supervisor Thoren abstained.**

- F) Approval of Pay Application #3 for the Test Well #1 Project for Nelson Plumbing & Electric in the amount of \$46,594.24. (Donahue)

Motion to approve Pay Application #3 for the Test Well #1 Project for Nelson Plumbing & Electric in the amount of \$46,594.24 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 7) **CLOSED SESSION** Pursuant to Wisconsin State 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.

- A) Consideration of candidates for the part-time office assistant position in the Clerk's office.

Motion to convene in closed session made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Brohmer. Chairman Kapanke-yes, Supervisor Brohmer-yes, Supervisor Donahue-yes, Supervisor Thoren-yes, Supervisor Stratman-yes (**Closed Session 7:15 p.m.**)

Clerk Hanan was excused from the Closed Session.

- 8) **Reconvene in Open Session**

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 9) **Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

Motion to readvertise the part-time office position through May 18 with a wage of \$16.00 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**
(7:44 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer