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**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23 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

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

3) BUSINESS:

Chairman Kapanke asked the Board to consider item 3 (c) first.

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding location of a proposed dog park. (Stratman) (formerly item (c) on the agenda)

Supervisor Stratman recognized Dominic Kreiling for his efforts to create a dog park in the Town. He provided background on the proposed project to this point. He stated that a petition had been presented with 167 signatures in support of the dog park.

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

Whitney Faucher, 2531 1st Ave W., spoke in opposition to the location of the proposed dog park. She stated that her home is adjacent to the proposed location and cited concerns related to safety, noise, smell, traffic, lack of supervision, and a lack of a mitigation plan.

Nicole Wohlrab, 2535 1st Ave W., spoke in opposition to the location of the proposed dog park. She stated that none of the other dog parks in the area are adjacent to homes and cited concerns regarding traffic and noise.

Carrie & Mark Kneift, 2539 1st Ave W., spoke in opposition to the location of the proposed dog park. She asked about limitations on the use of the lot that the Town

owns on Lakeshore Drive. She stated that she is concerned about the stress that will be put on her animals due to the proximity of the dog park.

Heather Young, 1735 Caroline St., stated that she is not opposed to the dog park. She stated that she understands the concerns but has the same issues with her own animals and she is not adjacent to a dog park. She would like to see the project happen.

Jeanne Juenger, 1836 Caroline St., stated that there are a lot of unknowns with this project. However, she believes the Town has a great community spirit and there are opportunities to ensure greater security and peacefulness by holding pet owners responsible.

Mike Kreiling, 2537 2nd Ave E., spoke in favor of the location for the proposed dog park. He stated that there is overwhelming demand for a dog park in the community. He presented a petition with 167 signatures to the Board. He stated that there would be a significant buffer space between the homes and the dog park and that the noise would be less than what is currently produced by the airport.

Dominic Kreiling, 2537 2nd Ave E., thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated that he understands the concerns being raised and wants to help mitigate those concerns. He feels that the location chosen is the best location in the Town.

Nicole Wohlrab, 2535 1st Ave W., stated that she doesn't feel the project is helping other people and that the resident's concerns have not been addressed.

Whitney Faucher, 2531 1st Ave W., stated that there is no way to mitigate all of the issues. She also expressed concerns with privacy for the adjacent homeowners.

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

Supervisor Stratman stated that the neighbor concerns are valid, however, you are never going to come to a decision that everyone agrees with. He stated that the police department can handle legitimate complaints and if it continues to be an issue, the use can always be changed in the future.

Chairman Kapanke asked Supervisor Stratman if the Town had exhausted other options. Supervisor Stratman replied that the other option considered was a park on 2nd Avenue East, but that park is adjacent to several more homes, there is no parking, and the lot is smaller.

Supervisor Donahue stated that the biggest advantage to the space on Central Place/2nd Avenue West is that it is a much larger space with a greater opportunity for a buffer zone.

Motion to approve the dog park location at Central Place/2nd Avenue West made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 3-2. Supervisor Brohmer and Chairman Kapanke voted “no.”**

- 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)

The Town’s attorney, Brian Weber, was present for a discussion on the agreement. Discussion centered mainly around items #2 (financing, maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of the Path and bridge beyond the deck replacement project) and #14 (liability) in the agreement.

Motion to propose the amendment of section #2 and section #14 of 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 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C)** Approval of Change Order #2 for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation project for Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$1,250.00. (Brohmer)

Motion to approve Change Order #2 for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation project for Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$1,250.00 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 4) 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)** Personnel issues in the Clerk’s department.

Motion to convene in closed session made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. Chairman Kapanke-yes, Supervisor Brohmer-yes, Supervisor Donahue-yes, Supervisor Thoren-yes, Supervisor Stratman-yes (**Closed Session 7:10 p.m.**)

Clerk Hanan and Deputy Clerk Fiksdal were invited into the Closed Session.

- 5)** Reconvene in Open Session

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

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

Motion to offer the part-time position in the Clerk’s office to Jennifer Burchell made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to appoint Britt Fiksdal to Interim Clerk/Treasurer at a pay rate of \$25/hour effective June 15, 2023 made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to post the Clerk/Treasurer position internally at a wage range of \$50,000-\$70,000 annually made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to post the Clerk/Treasurer position externally if there are no internal candidates with a posting period of June 1-June 16 and a wage range of \$50,000-\$70,000 annually made by Supervisor Brohmer/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7) Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0 (8:23 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassandra Hanan
Clerk/Treasurer