

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 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 Bob Wolfert, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Brittany Fiksdal, Public Works Director Jason Hilton and Officer Robert Cale

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 Wolfert.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

*Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.*, asked about various agenda items.

*Brad Friske, 2621 Hibbard Ct.*, expressed his concerns and requested an update about AirFest and the use of AFFF foam which would cause additional PFAS contamination for the Town.

Supervisor Donahue responded that she would be setting up a meeting with AirFest organizers to understand which foam would be used and explain the Town's concern.

**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/>

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **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 01/09/2024

B) **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:** None

C) **Payment of Bills:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- 6) **Business:**

- A) Review bids and consider awards for the Pierce Avenue project.

Carson Hackett, Davy Engineering, presented information on the project and listed the submitted bids.

Motion to approve the base bid and alternate bid for the Pierce Avenue project to Gerke Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$678,578.04 made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- B) Discussion and possible approval of Amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement for the 2023 Sewer Rehab & SCADA projects.

Motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C) Updates on the sanitary sewer agreement.

Chairman Kapanke provided an update on the sanitary sewer agreement. He stated that he met with the City of La Crosse mayor and is hoping to have a timeline set soon. Supervisor Wolfert added that a new agreement was being composed by Davy Engineering with edits and this agreement will be presented to the City of La Crosse.

*Not an Action Item*

- D) Updates from the Campbell Fire Department.

The Campbell Fire Department recently purchased a high-pressure skid unit and was able to deploy it for the first time in February. Chief Melby presented the details to the first deployment of the unit and the science behind the new unit.

*Not an Action Item*

- E) Discussion and possible action regarding “No Parking” signs by lift station 6C on Kiowa and Cherokee.

Motion to approve the “No Parking” signs by lift station 6C made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- F) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for March 16, 2024 at the Community Center.

Motion to approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for March 16, 2024 made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

- G) Approval of refunds due for the 2023 real estate taxes.

Motion to approval the refunds due for the 2023 real estate taxes made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- H) Approval of annual opt-out payment for full-time employees not receiving health insurance benefits.

*Held Over*

- I) Possible interest in attending the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Conference.

Public Works Director Jason Hilton explained the benefits to attending the annual conference. Chairman Kapanke wanted the supervisors to have the option to attend the conference if they wished.

Motion to approve attending the WRWA by interested members of the Town Board made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 4-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

- J) Water tower site update.

Chairman Kapanke provided information on a possible location for a water tower. The properties are small and located near wet lands. The possible parcels are located on the southern part of the Island near industrial zones. The Board discussed possible options for a water supply: Campbell tower/system, connection with the City of Onalaska or a connection with the City of La Crosse.

*Not and Action Item*

- 7) **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) on a roll call vote made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.

Chairman Kapanke – yes Supervisor Wolfert-yes Supervisor Donahue-yes Supervisor Thoren-yes Supervisor Stratman-yes **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no (7:24 p.m.)**

- A) Discussion regarding long-term strategy for Norwood Inn & Suites issues-Attorney Brian Weber.

*Attorney Brian Weber was invited into the Closed Session.*

**8) Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.  
**Motion carried 5-0 (8:24 p.m.)**

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

No action taken.

**10) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0. (7:24 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Fiksdal  
Clerk/Treasurer