

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 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 6:01 P.M.

**2) Roll Call & Verify Public Notice:**

Present: Chairman Dan Kapanke, Supervisor Bob Wolfert, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren

Excused: Supervisor Jason Stratman (joined the meeting at 6:29 P.M.)

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Brittany Fiksdal, Public Works Director Jason Hilton, Chief of Police Trisha Statman and Investigator Josh Czys

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

**3) Public Comment:**

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

*Brad Friske, 2621 Hibbard Ct.*, appeared before the Board again with his concerns about the risk of AirFest and the use of AFFF foam. Chairman Kapanke informed Mr. Friske that he had confirmation that a new truck with the new foam was at the airport and would be the first on scene if needed.

*Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St.*, wanted the parks and landings set up for the summer season.

*Todd Beyer, 2537 Baumgartner Dr.*, requested an update about the storm sewer near his home.

**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 Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**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 03/12/2024

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

**C) Payment of Bills:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**6) Business:**

**A) Water tower site update.**

Alex Jaromin from Davy Engineering presented an update to the Board about two possible locations for an elevated water storage tank. The information included the height restrictions for each location in regards to the flight paths of the airport. Mr. Jaromin explained the possible interconnections with the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska. Other project concerns include property acquisition, wetland restrictions, survey work, and permits.

**\*\*Supervisor Stratman joined the meeting (6:29 P.M.)**

***Not an Action Item***

**B) Discussion and possible action regarding MS4 audit.**

The DNR has required an audit to the annual stormwater permit. Carson Hackett from Davy Engineering listed the required information and reports that will be needed for the audit. Some of reports and information have not been updated for a few years. After the audit, the goal would be for the Town of Campbell employees to be able to complete the permits/reports and any possible future audits on their own. The estimated cost for the assistance from Davy Engineering would be \$10,000.

Motion to approve the MS4 audit assistance with Davy Engineering made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- C) Resolution #2024-1: A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for a loan of \$660,000.

Supervisor Thoren reviewed the details about the stormwater project on Pierce Ave. Clerk Fiksdal explained that an application with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands has been filed and that payments would begin in 2025 if the application is approved. The Resolution and application were given to the Supervisors prior to the meeting for review and was read into record at the meeting.

Motion to approve the application and Resolution 2024-1: A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for a loan of \$660,000 on a roll call vote was made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. Chairman Kapanke – yes, Supervisor Wolfert – yes, Supervisor Donahue – yes, Supervisor Thoren – yes, Supervisor Stratman – yes. **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 noes.**

- D) Approval of purchasing a drone for the Campbell Police Department. *Held Over.*

Chief Stratman approached the Board with details to a grant she was awarded to purchase a drone for the department. Investigator Czys informed the board on the preferred technology which included a thermal camera. Two officers would be trained as pilots. The grant was for \$5,000 and Chief Stratman reported that a donation was made for the purchase of the drone. She informed the Board she would reach out to other businesses in the area for additional donations. She presented a quote to the Board of \$7,877 before the deduction of the grant and donations.

Motion to approve the purchasing of a drone for the Police Department made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E) Discussion and possible action regarding a change in work schedule for the Chief of Police.

Motion to amend the agenda and move item E into the closed session made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- F) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for May 18, 2024 at the Community Center.

Motion to approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for May 18, 2024 made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

**G) Approval of Town Hall use by the Boy Scouts for annual food drive on April 13, 2024**

Supervisor Donahue gave details about the annual food drive and the need for the donations in our community. The food drive has been an annual event in the Town for nearly 20 years. The Scouts would like to use the Town Hall to sort and organize the food before delivering it to the Summit Elementary food pantry.

Motion to approve the use of the Town Hall on April 13, 2024 by the Boy Scouts made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**H) Appointment of two Planning Commission members for three-year terms to expire April 30, 2027.**

Chairman Kapanke reappointed Joe Weitekamp and appointed Supervisor Ralph Thoren to the Planning Commission.

**I) Appointment of a Board of Adjustment member for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2027.**

Motion to reappoint Mike Solberg to the Board of Adjustment made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**J) Approval of annual opt-out payment for full-time employees not receiving health insurance benefits. (Held Over)**

The Board reviewed the history of the opt-out payment and discussed making the payment available to both contract and general employees. Currently, only one general employee is eligible for the opt-out payment.

Motion to approve the annual opt-out payment for full-time employees not receiving health insurance benefits made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**K) Review of general personnel operations. (Donahue)**

Supervisor Donahue wanted to review the communication expectations among departments and encourage notifying the admin department if a change in regular work schedule occurs.

*Not an Action Item.*

**L) Discussion and possible action regarding sewer REU calculations for Star of the Sea.**

Supervisor Wolfert led the discussion and reviewed the current REU charges and how the rates increased for Star of the Sea during the latest REU review. Supervisor Wolfert

explained he would like to change the rate and credit the difference from the 2024 bill to the 2025 bill for Star of the Sea.

***Held Over for Actual Rate Calculation***

**M) Discussion and possible action regarding sewer REU rates for 2025.**

The Board discussed the current and proposed rates for REU calculations for boat slips. Supervisor Wolfert suggested changing the rate from 10 slips/REU to 100 slips/REU.

Motion to adopt the sewer REU calculation of 100 slips/REU for marinas with pump outs for the 2025 sewer bills made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to draft a new resolution to amend the current residential equivalency units chart to reflect the new REU calculation for marinas with pump outs to 100 slips/REU made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**N) Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Public Park & Rec Lease with the US Army Corps of Engineers.**

Supervisor Stratman explained the potential to remove the Fisherman's Rd. landing from the current lease with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The landing has been in discussion before due to the location being in the City of La Crosse. This change in the lease would not close the landing from use, but would remove Campbell from being responsible to maintain and police the location.

Motion to remove Fisherman's Rd. landing from the lease with the US Army Corps of Engineers made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**O) Discussion and possible action regarding parking signs at boat landings.**

The Board discussed the current verbiage of the ordinance and reviewed the current signage at each boat landing. Supervisor Wolfert reviewed if there was a need to include any free parking at the landings.

Motion to draft a resolution to amend the current ordinance to change the current parking requirements at the boat landing sites made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**7) CLOSED SESSION:** *Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.*

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 (8:02 p.m.)**

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding a change in work schedule for the Chief of Police. (Moved from Business with pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c))

*Chief Stratman was invited into the Closed Session and later excused.*

- B) Review and possible action regarding the Agreement for Sanitary Sewage Conveyance and Treatment.  
C) Discussion and possible action on water tower site and land negotiations.

*Public Works Director Jason Hilton was invited into the Closed Session for B & C.*

**8) Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0 (8:51 p.m.)**

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

Motion to amend the contract for the Chief of Police to change the current work schedule to a week day rotation made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to move the sewer surcharge amount into an escrow account until a contract is signed made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to allow negotiations up to \$120,000 for the option to purchase agreements of two parcels made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**10) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0. (8:57 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Fiksdal  
Clerk/Treasurer