

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 Jason Stratman

Excused: Supervisor Ralph Thoren

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Brittany Fiksdal, Public Works Director Jason Hilton and 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 Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

*Brian Pompeii, UW-L*, introduced himself to the residents again. He is continuing to collect interviews for a study on the impact of PFAS in the community. Mr. Pompeii left information in the lobby for the public. Residents may contact him if they want more information or would like to be included in the interviews.

*Catherine Tischer, 1602 Lakeshore Dr.*, asked questions about the PFAS contamination.

*Peggy Ahern, 2511 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W.*, inquired about the current use of PFAS materials at the airport and the status of the pedestrian bridge.

*Dean Hall, 2921 Youngdale Ave.*, spoke about the PFAS contamination.

**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/>

*Brad Friske, 2621 Hibbard Ct.*, asked about the Culligan water.

*Bruce Becker, 3111 Lakeshore Dr.*, asked about the location and costs for the proposed water tower site.

*Mike Richmond, 519 Plainview Rd.*, encouraged residents to reach out to legislative representatives on the PFAS issue.

*Candy Gunderson, 1824 Bainbridge St.*, asked about well replacement.

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 Town Board Meeting 07/09/2024, Special Town Board Meeting 07/11/2024

**B) Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:** Ordinance 2024-06: An Ordinance to create Chapter 41 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances related to the Control of Construction Site Erosion and Sedimentation Resulting from Land Disturbing Construction Activities AND Ordinance 2024-07: An Ordinance to create Chapter 42 of the Town of Campbell Code of Ordinances related to the Control of Post-Construction Run-off.

**C) Payment of Bills:**

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

**6) Business:**

**A) Approval of the Home Run for Recovery Run/Walk for September 1, 2024.**

Motion to approve the Home Run for Recovery Run to be held on September 1, 2024 pending the update to the insurance information made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**B) Updates on Norwood Inn.**

Chairman Kapanke began the conversation about the City of La Crosse report that listed possible locations for the homeless. Various departments at the City of La Crosse quickly produced a list of options that included Norwood Inn in Campbell. A couple Town supervisors attended the City of La Crosse meeting when this item was discussed and it was mentioned that Norwood Inn was not a viable option. Chairman Kapanke assured the residents that Norwood was no longer being considered for this report. Supervisor Donahue gave background to the current conditions, inspections and what the hotel will need to go through to obtain an operating license if the building is sold to new owners. Supervisor Donahue continued with the current status of the County appeal to the current operating license. Supervisor Stratman assured the residents that the Town supervisors have been actively involved and aware of the conditions of the hotel and continue to work towards a solution to the increasing problems. Supervisor Wolfert noted that the Town has a 'no camping' ordinance in place.

Motion to receive public comment made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

*Various residents spoke in opposition to the City of La Crosse using Norwood Inn as an option for housing homeless residents.*

Motion to close public comment was made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**C) Review incorporation process and set date for public information meeting.**

Chairman Kapanke explained the current boundary agreement with the City of La Crosse. The expiration for the agreement is December 31, 2024. The Town of Campbell is beginning the process of incorporation which would secure the boundaries and end annexations to the City of La Crosse. Recently, the Town hired an incorporation attorney to assist with this process. A public information meeting will be scheduled in September to provide more details to this process and alert residents once the petition is ready to be circulated.

*No Action Taken*

**D) Discussion and possible action on hiring an incorporation planner.**

The Town Board is waiting for recommendations from the incorporation attorney.

*No Action Taken*

**E) Appointment of incorporator (petitioner) & alternate for the incorporation process**

Chairman Kapanke presented Mary Jo Werner, 3337 Hanson Ct., as an interested petitioner. Ms. Werner introduced herself. She is very eager to represent the Town of

Campbell during the incorporation process.

Motion to appoint Mary Jo Werner as the petitioner made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion to appoint Ralph Thoren as the alternate petitioner made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**F)** Set date for meeting with incorporation attorney, petitioner and circulators

Date will be set in the future once more of the process is completed.

*No Action Taken*

**G)** Approval of land purchase agreement for parcel #4-1409-0 for water tower site.

Chairman Kapanke explained that the plans for the water system cannot be finalized until a location for the water tower is secured. The supervisors agreed that an independent water system is the best option for the town. The supervisors plan to explore all possible funding options and grants available for this project. The first site needed for the water tower is located at 915 La Crescent St. and would be purchased at \$220,000. The board discussed the details to the purchase agreement and the timeline.

Motion to approve the purchase of parcel #4-1409-0 for the water tower site for \$220,000 made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**H)** Approval of land purchase agreement for parcel #4-1412-0 for water tower site.

Chairman Kapanke noted that the second location needed for the water tower site is 911 La Crescent St. The board discussed the details to the option to purchase agreement and timeline.

Motion to approve the option to purchase of parcel #4-1412-0 for the water tower site for \$7,500 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**I)** Approval of Pay Application #3 for the Pierce Avenue Reconstruction Project for Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$132,828.07.

Motion to approve pay application #3 for the Pierce Avenue Reconstruction Project for Gerke Excavating in the amount of \$132,828.07 made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- J) Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for September 21, 2024 at the Community Center.

Motion to approve a temporary class “B” retailers license for the French Island Lions Club for September 21, 2024 made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 3-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

- K) Approval of a Temporary Class “B: Retailers License for the French Island Lions Club for October 19, 2024 at the Community Center.

Motion to approve a temporary class “B” retailers license for the French Island Lions Club for October 19, 2024 made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 3-0.** Supervisor Donahue abstained.

- L) Approval of Ordinance 2024-05: An Ordinance to create Section 20-84 Related to Disorderly Conduct.

Clerk Fiksdal presented the ordinance to the board. The ordinance details were discussed at a previous board meeting. The ordinance was reviewed by the town attorney.

Motion to adopt ordinance #2024-05: An Ordinance to create Section 20-84 Related to Disorderly Conduct made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- M) Approval of Archaeological Literature Review.

Clerk Fiksdal explained that state and federal funding agencies require this literature review as part of the environmental review process for the water system.

Motion to approve the archaeological literature review made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- N) Discussion and possible action regarding Nelson Park well abandonment.

Supervisor Donahue expressed the importance of keeping the well at Nelson Park as a PFAS monitoring well. The board discussed the possibility of removing certain parts of the well to reduce the need for County well testing and only using it for PFAS research. More information was requested and will be presented again at the September board meeting.

*No Action Taken.*

**7) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**  
**(8:02 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Fiksdal  
Clerk/Treasurer