

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 6:00 P.M.  
CAMPBELL TOWN HALL  
2219 BAINBRIDGE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54603**

**1) Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Also Present: Interim Clerk/Treasurer Ellie Johnson, Public Works Director Jason Hilton, Alex Jaromin and Mike Davy (Mike virtually) from Davy Engineering, Julie Giese from USDA Rural Development.

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

**3) BUSINESS:**

- A)** Introductions from Town Board members and representatives from Davy Engineering and USDA – Rural Development.
- B)** Updates on Incorporation Process.
- C)** PFAS contamination discussion & overview.
- D)** Presentation of the proposed municipal water system project.
- E)** Estimated project costs for the municipal water system project.
- F)** Example financing plan & estimated user rates for the municipal water system project.
- G)** Preliminary schedule for the municipal water system project.
- H)** Public Q&A.

The Town Board wanted to host a public information meeting to present information and address questions and concerns regarding the proposed municipal water system. Chairman Kapanke explained business item B. Chairman Kapanke stated that nearly 900 signatures were collected for the incorporation petition! The petition has been filed with the court and the Town is working on an overview of functions and assets for the Incorporation Planner.

Supervisor Donahue covered business item C and gave a detailed overview and timeline of the PFAS contamination. Supervisor Donahue emphasized the need for a municipal system and explained the seriousness of the contamination. Alex Jaromin from Davy Engineering

covered business items D-G in the form of a presentation on the proposed water system. This presentation can be found at: <https://townofcampbellwi.gov/well-water-pfas-information/>  
Common questions included:

**What will happen to our wells?**

In order to avoid PFAS migration and potential recontamination, private wells will have to be abandoned when the lateral is installed at the expense of the homeowner. There is potentially grant money available through the DNR for this process for homeowners who qualify. More details on this will be provided when they become available.

**Who will be hooked up first and when will fees begin?**

Large distribution mains will be installed first, then breakout mains will be installed in phases. User rates will not apply until water is running to the home and will be billed based on meter usage. Exact fees are not yet available, but will be when the Town has that information.

**How will the installment of distribution mains affect road projects?**

Road projects will still occur and the Town will continue to assess what projects are needed. Any roads under construction before installment of distribution mains will have the mains installed while the road is already open in order to avoid another street opening in the future.

**Will a municipal water system still occur if the Town does not become incorporated?**

The Town is in need of water now and a solution is imperative. A solution has to be in place for incorporation to occur. There will be a solution to the PFAS contamination regardless of the outcome of the incorporation process. The Town is committed to providing all residents with safe, clean drinking water.

**How often can the deeper aquifer be drilled into without risking contamination?**

The DNR has reviewed potential issues from over-drilling into the deeper aquifer and has taken safety measures to prevent contamination. Anyone who wants to drill must provide documentation, pay a significant cost, and fully understand the potential environmental impacts. Wells that the Town has drilled are continuously monitored for PFAS contamination as well.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0 (7:31 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellie Johnson  
Interim Clerk/Treasurer

