

Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board
**TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 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

Supervisor Ralph Thoren was excused.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ellie Johnson, Public Works Director Jason Hilton, 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 Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert.
Motion carried 4-0.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., addressed an issue regarding the Town Community Center and asked several questions about items on the agenda.

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 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 12/10/2024, Public Hearing on Municipal Water System 12/17/2024, Special Town Board Meeting 12/23/2024.
- B) **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:** None
- C) **Payment of Bills:**

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

6) **Business:**

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding a potential refund on delinquent fees paid by Dan Nelson.

Supervisor Wolfert explained that Dan Nelson paid delinquent fees on his 2023 real estate taxes due to a miscommunication with the Town Board regarding a refund on his taxes. The Board advised that Chairman Kapanke have a discussion with the La Crosse County Treasurer's office regarding a potential refund on these delinquent charges.

Action Item Held Over

- B) Discussion and possible action on drafting a letter to the La Crosse County Health Department regarding the Norwood Inn.

Supervisor Donahue explained that she and Supervisor Stratman accompanied several members of the Campbell Fire Department and a building inspector to conduct an inspection of the Norwood Inn. Supervisor Donahue explained what was seen during the inspection and the communication that took place with the hotel's new owners. Supervisor Donahue would like to wait until an electrical inspector conducts an inspection to draft a letter to the La Crosse County Health Department.

Action Item Held Over

- C) Review of departmental reports for incorporation planning.

The Town Board reviewed incorporation planning documents put together by Town department heads. The Board plans to continue to review the documents and give feedback as they see fit.

Not an Action Item

- D) Discussion and possible action on a budget adjustment for the Police Department.

Chief Stratman explained that the Campbell Police Department received \$34,163.74 in federal grant payments in 2024 and \$3000 in donations for 2025. She requested that the Board allow a budget adjustment to account for these revenues.

Motion to increase the 2024 police department general operations budget by \$34,163.74 and increase the 2024 federal grant payments line by \$34,163.74 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion to increase the 2025 police department general operations budget by \$3,000 and increase the 2025 donations and contributions line by \$3,000 made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 4-0.**

E) Approval of refunds due for the 2024 real estate taxes.

Motion to approve refunds for the 2024 real estate taxes made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 4-0.**

The board took a five-minute recess at this time.

7) **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data or any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (g) 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) (c) on a roll call vote made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert.

Chairman Kapanke – yes Supervisor Wolfert-yes Supervisor Donahue-yes Supervisor Thoren-yes Supervisor Stratman-yes **Motion carried 4 yes – 0 no (6:47 p.m.)**

A) Discussion regarding employee compensation.

B) Update and possible action on the Water and Fire Service Agreement with the City of La Crosse for 2025.

8) **Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue. **Motion carried 4-0. (7:16 p.m.)**

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

No action made on items discussed in closed session.

10) **Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 4-0. (7:16 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellie Johnson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer