

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*

**TOWN OF CAMPBELL  
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 5:00 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 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Stahl, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ellie Johnson, Public Works Director Jason Hilton, Police Chief Trisha Stratman, New Owners of the Norwood Inn.

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

**3) BUSINESS:**

**A) Discussion with the new property owners of the Norwood Inn.**

New property owners of the Norwood Inn explained what actions they have taken for property improvement, what repairs have been completed and laid out upcoming improvement plans to occur in next 30-45 days.

Police Chief Trisha Stratman discussed the burden of the hotel's residents on the Town's Police Department and on the community as a whole; she reviewed the eviction process and quantity of calls requiring law enforcement officers.

*Not an Action Item*

**B) Update on the incorporation process.**

Treasurer/Clerk Michelle Stahl provided updates regarding the finalization of the Notice of Petition and advised of publishing dates and recipients.

*Not an Action Item*

C) Update on the municipal water system.

Supervisor Lee Donahue discussed most recent meetings regarding municipal water system, investigating on how to “phase out” costs; working with Davy Engineering & DNR to seek more options for funding options

*Not an Action Item*

D) Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of AEDs for Town buildings.

Supervisor Lee Donahue presented to the board that the current AEDs in both Town Hall and Community Center buildings have expired. Purchase of new AED equipment is not part of 2025 budget, but is essential for the health and safety of the community.

Motion to invest in two (2) AEDs for the Town Hall and the Community Center made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4) **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

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

Chairman Kapanke – yes Supervisor Wolfert-yes Supervisor Donahue-yes Supervisor Thoren-yes Supervisor Stratman-yes. **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no. (6:02 p.m.)**

A) Consideration and possible action regarding candidate interviews for the open police department position.

5) Reconvene in Open Session:

Motion to reconvene in Open Session made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert. **Motion carried 5-0. (7:04 p.m.)**

6) Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

No Action was made on items discussed in closed session. Item will be discussed again at the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0 (7:13 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Stahl

Clerk/Treasurer