

Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board
TOWN OF CAMPBELL
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 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 virtually via Microsoft Teams, Supervisor Lee Donahue, Supervisor Ralph Thoren, Supervisor Jason Stratman.

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Stahl, 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 Stratman.

Motion carried 5-0.

Bonita Blom, 106 Goddard Place, expressed concerns and issues occurring at her property with members of the public encroaching her land often blocking driveway access and accessing her property for recreational (fishing/picnics/etc) without permission. Ms. Blom seeks resolution and enforcement of no parking. Supervisor Thoren advised there will be further discussion as parking concerns is on tonight's board meeting agenda.

Jeff Foellmi, 1503 Caroline St., inquired what agenda item M. Discussion and possible action on yard waste site options. (Hilton) entailed. Chairman Kapanke advised the board will be having discussion as the Town's yard waste site is an agenda item for tonight's meeting.

Marty Solbeck, 1649 Lakeshore Dr; said that he was informed that the Town of Campbell was purchasing "Slow, No Wake" buoys for the Sailboat Club. Mr. Solbeck is currently looking into purchasing similar buoys for water near his residence and inquired if the Town would be interested in joining together for the purchase. Supervisor Stratman confirmed the Town has only been working on a "Slow No Wake" ordinance and confirmed the Town is not doing any purchasing of signage.

Motion to close public comment made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.

Motion carried 5-0.

4) 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 03/18/2025
- B) **Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:**
- C) **Payment of Bills and Treasurer Report:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman.
Motion carried 5-0.

5) Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on Final Well #1 Construction – Change Order #2 (Hilton)

Jason Hilton spoke on behalf of Davy Engineering regarding Change Order #2 and how this will provide for a 6” pump to be rented/utilized to divert excess water run off as a result of well drilling; excess water to be diverted away from the nearby street(s) and to river.

Motion to approve Final Well #1 Construction – Change Order #2 up to \$4,700.00 made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.
Motion carried 5-0.

- B. LADCO Presentation (Guest & Chairman Kapanke)

LADCO was not present for meeting.

Held Over.

- C. **Morgan Thoren, 600 Plainview Rd., request for a third dog permit. (Clerk)**

Miss Thoren requests a Third Dog Permit as they currently have (2) dogs; one of which is older and becoming less social; Miss Thoren also notes that in the future she plans to leave this area and the oldest dog would be joining her. Both Miss Thoren and her father, Ralph, expressed the importance of having their dogs socialized and how adding a 3rd dog to their household would provide companionship for the current middle dog.

Motion to approve request for third dog permit made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.
Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Thoren abstained.

- D. Sandy Seglem (Graves), 515 Plainview Rd., requesting the board to consider revising ordinance Sec. 6-5.

Ms. Graves and Supervisor Donahue presented information regarding implementing a Beekeeping Ordinance for the Town. Information provided was collected from (4) neighboring municipalities. Ms. Graves advised the board that her and her husband do currently have an order of Honeybees; set to arrive approximately May 18, 2025 requesting a conditional permit for beekeeping and requests the Town remove bee’s from prohibited species and create a beekeeping ordinance.

Motion to approve conditional beekeeping permit; revise ordinance Sec. 6-5 Species Prohibited; approve communication with Town of Campbell’s attorney to review proposed ordinance made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.
Motion carried 5-0.

E) Discussion on Blue Way Inn & Suites. (Supervisor Donahue)

Clerk/Treasurer Stahl provided updates and communication with hotel management regarding exterior lighting and interior locks/security. Supervisor Donahue and Supervisor Wolfert reiterated previous conversations with hotel management regarding progress plans for improvement. Police Chief Stratman provided update on the number of calls the Town's police department has had to the hotel.

Not an action item.

F) Discussion and possible action on Treasurer's Report (Clerk)

Treasurer/Clerk Stahl presented March 2025 treasurer's report to Board of Supervisors. Discussion regarding depositing funds (Citizen's Bank CDs/Utility account and Boat Landing Funds) into LGIP due to no lock out periods/higher earnings rate. Ms. Stahl; presented not immediately hiring for Town's part-time office position and researching the Town offering an internship for a Public Administrative college student with goal of initiating this program Fall of 2025.

Not an action item.

G) Approval of January & February 2025 City of La Crosse Sewer Invoices (Clerk)

Motion to approve January & February 2025 City of La Crosse Sewer Invoices at the contracted amount; surcharge amount to be placed in escrow made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue.
Motion carried 5-0.

H) Approval of New Castle Invoices for Closing Agreements for 911 & 915 La Crescent St. properties. (Chair)

Motion to approve New Castle Invoices for Closing Agreements for 911 & 915 La Crescent St. properties (parcels 4-1412-0 & 4-1409-0 respectively) made by Chairman Kapanke/Supervisor Stratman.

Motion carried 5-0.

I) Update on PFAS; Discussion Legislation SB-127 and SB-128. (Supervisor Donahue)

Donahue discussed Senate Bills 127 & 128; relaying bills are still in discussion and need to go before committee and public hearings. Donahue invited Town residents to take part in upcoming public discussion and Town Hall's regarding these bills.

Not an action item.

J) Update on the municipal water system. (Chair) (Supervisor Donahue)

Supervisor Donahue advised when the temperatures stay above freezing mobilization for Final Well #1 will begin.

Not an action item.

K) Discussion and possible appointment of one Board of Adjustment member for two-year term to expire April 30, 2027. (Chair)

Chairman Kapanke advised Tim Larson has selected to not re-elect and recommends appointment of Supervisor Jason Stratman to fill vacancy on Board of Adjustment.

Motion to appoint Supervisor Jason Stratman for three-year term; expiration April 30, 2028 by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue. (2-year error on agenda)

Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Stratman abstained.

L) Discussion and possible appointment of two Planning Commission members for three-year terms to expire April 30, 2028. (Chair)

Chairman Kapanke advised Justin Kohls and Steve Hockenberry have agreed to another 3-year term.

Motion to reappoint Justin Kohls and Steve Hockenberry for three-year term; expiration April 30, 2028 by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert.

Motion carried 5-0.

M) Discussion and possible action on yard waste site options. (Hilton)

Public Works Director Jason Hilton presented City of La Crosse Yard Waste ordinance that takes effect 2025 and how that ordinance may increase the level of unauthorized use of the Town's yard waste site. Hilton requests resolution ideas from the Board for best practices for the Town's yard waste site to increase monitoring and limit unauthorized use by non-residents.

Held over.

N) Discussion and possible action on Planning Committee / Comprehensive Plan (Hilton)(Chair)

Chairman Kapanke referenced Town of Campbell's Comprehensive Plan 2021-2040 and cited the Plan states provisions for 2-3 year updates/amendments. Kapanke recommends the Planning Commission meet following the May 13, 2025 regular board meeting. Supervisor Wolfert & Hilton spoke regarding the Comprehensive Plan for Sewer; advising Lift Stations 1 & 5 are over 40 years old and to work with Davy Engineering in 2025/2026 for plan creation on improvements needed.

Motion to review Comprehensive Plan for Sewer improvements by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Thoren.

Motion carried 5-0.

O) Discussion and possible action on sewer valve replacement, Edgewater Ln. (Hilton)

Public Works Director Jason Hilton and Supervisor Wolfert spoke to the sewer lateral and pull valve on Edgewater Lane citing cost to replace is significantly higher than cost to remove.

Motion for sewer utility removing the pull valve and make a straight-through run made by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman.

Motion carried 5-0.

P) Discussion and possible action on generator plug for lift station #5. (Hilton)

Public Works Director Jason Hilton advised Lift Station #3 & #5 do not currently have back-up generator plugs; Lift Station #5 of priority.

Motion for Utility Budget adjustment for cost of generator plug up to \$7,000 by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Q)** Discussion on potential sale of parcel #04-00116-001 (Chair).

Chairman Kapanke presented ownership history of parcel #04-00116-001; cites neighboring land owner maintains the property; property is not buildable and no road access. Kapanke recommends the sale of parcel and will be a discussion item at the Town's Annual Meeting April 15, 2025.
Not an action item.

- R)** Discussion and possible action regarding "No Parking" signs, Goddard Place. (Supervisor Thoren)

Board of Supervisors discussed possible resolutions to limit non-property owners from accessing private property with vehicles and prohibiting property owner from utilizing her driveway and property.

Motion to install "No Parking" signage along Goddard Place by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue.

Motion carried 5-0.

The board took a 2 minute recess at this time.

- S) 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.

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 Stratman.

Chairman Kapanke – yes Supervisor Wolfert-yes Supervisor Donahue-yes Supervisor Thoren-yes Supervisor Stratman-yes. **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no (8:42 p.m.)**

- A)** Interviews for Police Department Lieutenant position. (Police Chief Stratman)

- 7) Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Donahue.
Motion carried 5-0. (9:42 p.m.)

- 8) Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

Motion to promote Officer Joshua Czys to Police Lieutenant with an annual salary of \$85,000 by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.
Motion carried 5-0.

- 9) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren. **Motion carried 5-0. (9:47 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Stahl
Clerk/Treasurer