

*Unofficial Minutes until approved by the Town Board*  
**TOWN OF CAMPBELL**  
**LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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 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 Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Brad Friske, 2621 Hibbard Ct.,** requested an update on the Blueway Inn & Suites; inquiring on Amazon vehicles parking in hotel lot. Inquired on update regarding Plainview well pump.

**Brittany Gaustad, W5224 Harter Dr. Onalaska, WI.,** shared her education background. She is currently working on her dissertation through North Carolina State College which includes a survey of Campbell residents personal experiences with PFAS.

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

**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 Town Board Meeting 6/10/2025, Special Town Board Meeting 6/25/2025
  - B. Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations:**
  - C. Payment of Bills:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Business:**

- A) Rosalie “Roz” Schnick, 3039 Edgewater Lane; requesting the board to consider revising ordinance Sec. 18-2 (d) Noxious Weeds. (Chairman)

Motion to continue in Public Comment by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5/0.**

Roz advised that a crew of individuals is coming to her properties to address vegetation that is not in compliance with the Town’s Noxious weed ordinance. Roz expressed her intent to maintain her properties to stay in compliance with the ordinance. She also spoke to her background and history of working/creating Pollinator Programs. Roz requests the Town consider revising the noxious weed list to remove burdock, lambs quarter, and milkweed. Roz also requests a committee to be formed to assist in creation of a pollinator program within the Town.

Motion to consider revising ordinance Sec. 18-2 (d) Noxious Weeds and that all board supervisor visit Roz’s properties prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular board meeting by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- B) Barbara Friell, Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District discussing alternate hosting of the organization’s meetings between Town of Campbell and Brice Prairie. (Chairman)

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

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District requests to host their organization’s monthly meetings alternating between Brice Prairie and Town of Campbell locations to encourage higher participation at the meetings.

Motion to approve Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District to use Town of Campbell’s Community Center; to pick up key from Town Hall prior to the meeting and returning the key the following day to Town Hall by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5/0.**

- C) KJ McMillan requesting approval of the Maple Leaf Half Marathon to be held September 27, 2025. (Chairman)

KJ presented to the board there has been no change to the Maple Leaf Half Marathon and that she has already spoken with Campbell PD and they have approved the route.

Motion to approve Maple Leaf Half Marathon to be held on September 27, 2025 by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- D) Request for a temporary amendment to the Combination “Class B” liquor license for the French Island American Legion for the “Rock the Vets Concert Fundraiser” on August 30, 2025. (Chairman/Clerk)

Motion to approve the temporary amendment to the Combination “Class B” liquor license for the French Island American Legion for the “Rock the Vets Concert Fundraiser” on August 30, 2025 by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- E)** Approval of Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$28,802.34 for Nelson Plumbing & Electric, Inc. for the Well #1 Project. (Clerk)

Motion to approve Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$28,802.34 for Nelson Plumbing & Electric, Inc. for the Well #1 Project by Supervisor Thoren/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- F)** Clarify use and permit requirements for Nelson Park & Spillway locations (Supervisor Stratman)

Supervisor Stratman request the board to have discussion to clarify parking verses permit at the locations known as boat launch/boat landings.

Supervisor Stratman advised the lease agreement with Us Army Corps of Engineers allows for the Town to mandate, permit, maintain (boat) landings as the Town sees fit.

The board confirmed Spillway and Nelson boat landings are not Town property; landings are a zero-cost lease; all sales of permits for these locations are to be utilized for maintenance of landings only. Members also discussed areas to designate as Free Parking verses Permit Required Parking locations. The board also found the Town's current terminology of "Boat Launch" is not applicable as individuals utilizing the boat landing area may be participating in non-boating activities.

Motion to keep the free parking signs at Nelson; Free Parking signs at Spillway to be located at Upper Spillway entrance, location per Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert and to update the Town's ordinances to be more clear and accurate. Motion by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion regarding Ordinance Sec. 38-3 Boat Launch Fees to be "Recreation Areas" and sticker to say "Recreational Area Permit" by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Wolfert.

**Motion carried 5/0.**

- G)** Updates on the Town's Incorporation (Chairman)

Chairman Kapanke informed the Town's Incorporation Planner visited the Town in June. Clerk Stahl reported the Incorporation Planner states the Town's incorporation application is approximately 50% complete and that the Planner intends to return on July 24<sup>th</sup> to continue to review the application materials.

*Not an action item.*

- H)** Updates on the municipal water system. (Chairman, Supervisor Donahue)

Chairman Kapanke advised the Town's application to USDA-RD for funding on the municipal water system has been accepted prior to the interest rate increase. Supervisor Donahue states the well drilling is well underway; there was a short delay caused when the drilling hit the old Lower French Island School foundation. This was addressed by the contractor and the drilling continues. Estimated completion October 2025.

July 8, 2025 PFAS Update: <https://townofcampbellwi.gov/well-water-pfas-information/>

*Not an Action item.*

**I) Senate Bill 128 (Chairman, Supervisor Donahue)**

Chairman Kapanke discussed the importance of Senate Bill 128 as this is legislation for the Town's people and how this bill could provide financial relief for residents in regards to drinking water infrastructure. Supervisor Donahue advised Senate Bills 127 & 128 were removed from the discussion docket on 7/01/2025; held over for further review. The Joint Finance committee did vote to increase the revenue bonding authority of the clean water and safe drinking water programs by \$732 million dollars in the 2025-2027 biennial budget.

*Not an Action item.*

**J) Discussion and possible appointment of one Board of Adjustment member for three-year term to expire April 30, 2028. (Chairman)**

Chairman Kapanke explained the original appointment of Supervisor Jason Stratman to the Board of Adjustment is not an accepted practice to serve on both the board and BOA. Chairman Kapanke recommends Rob Abraham for appointment to Board of Adjustment replacing Stratman's term. Supervisor Stratman will remain on the Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion to nominate and approve Rob Abraham for Board of Adjustment by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Stratman.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**K) June 2025 Treasurer Report. (Clerk)**

Clerk Stahl reported on revenue and expense highlights for June 2025. She also noted applications are being received for the Town's new internship offering. Clerk Stahl advised the UW-Madison program for investigation into Safe Drinking Water has been extended to 07/31/026. The Town's Yard Waste Site and Harter's Yard Waste collection was compared. For April – June 2024 compared to the same time period in 2025 there is minimal increase. Discussion of a short-term savings of approximately \$6,000 annually due to the last approved contract for Harter's large item pick up. The Town is now only charged for he weight of the item.

*Not an Action item.*

**L) Town Insurance Commercial Property & Liability Policies; meetings set in July with Rural Mutual and Tri-Core. (Clerk)**

Clerk Stahl advised the Town has seen a significant premium increase on Commercial Property and Commercial Liability policies; also an unknown of an approximate time frame of when the Town's insurance policies were last competitively reviewed with other insurance companies. She notes upcoming appointments with Tri Core Insurance and Rural Mutual and the goal of having the insurance companies present to the board at a future regular board meeting.

*Not an Action item.*

**M) Attendance Location of UW-Green Bay's Clerk's College (Chairman)**

Clerk Stahl advised that the week of July 14-18, 2025 she will be attending UW-Green Bay's Clerk's College and that the administrators of the college require 100% participation in the courses; courses are via Zoom link; participation is monitored.

Chairman Kapanke request the board make a decision if Stahl should attend class at Town Hall or at home.

Motion to approve training taken at home to be uninterrupted by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**N) National Night Out/Community Town Event, discussion of event date/location (Supervisor Donahue)**

Supervisor Donahue expressed the interest in the Town participating in National Night Out and the Town did not in the previous year. Police Chief Stratman shared the she would like to begin initiating such an event but would like to target towards a Community Town Event verses participating in the nation-wide National Night Out event date to encourage attendance of Town residents.

Motion to approve Chief Stratman to coordinate a Campbell Community night by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**O) Updates on Blueway Inn & Suites (Chairman)**

Chairman Kapanke and Supervisor Wolfert both spoke to their recent visit to Blue Way Inn & Suites. They note visible progress being made in regards to renovations. Supervisor Wolfert noted there is improvement with the long-term tenants that were inherited from the previous owners and that the hotel's new owners are participating in the proper process for removal. Chairman Kapanke advised the hotel owners have made a one-year agreement with Amazon for parking of Amazon vehicles and Amazon employee cars. Supervisor Donahue asked if the hotel is paid on room taxes to the Town of Campbell for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Clerk Stahl reports the hotel has until July 31<sup>st</sup> to report 2<sup>nd</sup> room tax.

*Not an Action item.*

*The board took a 5 minute recess at this time.*

**P) 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 Thoren/Supervisor Stratman.

Chairman Kapanke – yes Supervisor Wolfert-yes Supervisor Donahue-yes Supervisor Thoren-yes Supervisor Stratman-yes. **Motion carried 5 yes – 0 no (8:05 p.m.)**

**A)** Discussion and possible action regarding Lt. Czys employment agreement/contract.

**B)** Discussion and possible action Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Stahl 6-month status review.

**7) Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Supervisor Stratman/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 5-0. (8:26 p.m.)**

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

Motion to review at August 12, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting the employment agreement for Lt. position for possible adoption by the board by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion of six-month performance review of Michelle Stahl, Clerk/Treasurer position to increase annual salary to \$67,000 by Supervisor Wolfert/Supervisor Donahue.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Kapanke commended the Town's maintenance crew for their efforts in maintaining the Town's appearance. He noted how well-kept and welcoming the Town looks when entering or driving by along the interstate. Chairman Kapanke specifically recognized the crew's dedication to mowing and trimming during the recent stretch of hot summer days and expressed appreciation for their hard work in keeping the Town looking fantastic.

**9) Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donahue/Supervisor Thoren.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**(8:30 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Stahl  
Clerk/Treasurer