VILLAGE OF SIREN – VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2026

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on June 10, 2026, was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Village President Steve Young.

Members Present: Kelly Gunderson, Sara Reimann, Eileen Thiex, John Tinman, Steve Young

Members Absent: Aaron Bentley, Nick Haessly

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Becky Strabel, Burnett County Sentinel; Sarah Radomsky, Inter County Leader; Teresa Anderson, MSA; Pat Morrow, MSA (via Zoom); Angie Sapik, Candidate for State Senate District 25; Karen Laqua-Anderson; Chris Sybers, Siren Lions Club

President Young called for Public Comments. Angie Sapik, candidate for Wisconsin State Senate District 25 introduced herself as a candidate for the State Senate. She is a former State Representative and member of the Douglas County Board.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Committee of the Whole
A motion was made by Eileen Thiex and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA for WPDES permit application and final phosphorous reporting. Pat Morrow from MSA gave a brief synopsis of the overall scope of the project. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by John Tinman and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve the Regular Village Board minutes of May 13, 2026. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Eileen Thiex and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 3, 2026. Motion carried (Tinman abstain).

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $192,365.75 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of $42,710.59 for a grand total of $235,076.34. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Young gave the President's Report. He has been attending the weekly progress meeting for the State Road 35/70 Reconstruction project. The temporary detour along Ellis Avenue and Main Street has been extended for an additional week. There are some signage issues that need to be corrected to properly show the detour and those have been brought to the contractor's awareness.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson gave the Clerk's Report. She has talked with Brian Reilly from Ehlers about financing the Village's portion of the State Road 35/70 Reconstruction Project. A representative from Ehlers will attend the July Board meeting with initial information with the final borrowing hopefully being finalized at the August Board meeting. He will be talking with Community Bank as well as looking at alternative financing sources. She also received a quote from an individual interested in doing the cleaning at Village Hall. The individual comes with references, and the quote is within

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the same price range as previous individuals who have done the job. The individual will go through a background check through the Police Department and if there are no issues will be hired.

Chief Thiex could not attend the meeting. The May Police Report will be included in the July agenda packet.

Board member John Tinman reported that the Siren Fire Association are still waiting for one of the Townships to sign off on the Association bylaws that were brought to the Board earlier this year. The changes will be listed in an addendum. The Fire Department will do some staging during the July 4th Holiday to make sure they can respond to any calls for service.

Board member Sara Reimann had nothing to report on the Burnett County Towns Association Meeting as they have not met since the last Board meeting.

Board member Kelly Gunderson reported that the final Burnett County Housing Committee will be in July. The Committee toured the Clear Lake Estates, which are now a cooperative.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Siren Lion's Club letter to the Village concerning the earlier board decision to set dates for the Christmas decorations in the parks. The Lions tries to begin setting up the decorations in mid-October. The Lion's Club has lost several members that normally assisted with the project. The Board and Lion's Chair Sybers discussed options to make it more of a community event for the decorating. Chair Sybers indicated he would discuss the issue with the Club and bring some other options for dates to the Village for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by John Tinman to approve Resolution #2026-02: A Resolution Accepting the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. This is the annual report on the Sewer System to the DNR. President Young called for a roll call vote:

Gunderson	aye	Tinman	aye
Reimann	aye	Young	aye
Thiex	aye		

Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Tinman and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve renewal of the Village Alcohol; Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping; and Short-Term Rental licenses for the period of July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2026. Background checks were completed on all applicants. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by John Tinman and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to Approve Pay Request #10 for B & B Electric in the amount of $30,020 for Wellhouse Improvements Project. MSA recommended approval of the pay request. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Eileen Thiex to approve Change Order #4 for Wellhouse Improvements Project – a generator fence and moving the emergency stop button inside the wellhouse. The cost of the change order is $13,394. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Eileen Thiex to approve

Change Order #5 for Wellhouse Improvements Project – Well Transducers at a cost of $12,738. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve Pay Request #1 for DeSantis Excavating for the Third Avenue Water Looping project in the amount of $292,099.51 with the contingency that they turn in their funding documents to MSA. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by John Tinman to approve Change Order #1 for the Water Looping Project in the amount of $21,404.24. This project was bid as a unit quantity project, and the quantities were estimated and this change order brings the estimated quantity to actual. There was also an error in where one of the water services was located and additional work needed to correct that error. There will also be an additional fire hydrant installed near the water tower by DeSantis during that portion of the overall water project All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

a.	Committee of the Whole:	June 30th at 4:00 p.m.
b.	Planning Commission & Board of Appeals:	To be set if needed.
c.	Tourism Commission:	September 9th at 9:00 a.m.
d.	Ball Park Committee:	August 26th at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Sara Reimann to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ann L Peterson

Submitted by Ann L Peterson, WCMC/CMTW
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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