

VILLAGE OF SIREN  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2022  
SIREN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on January 6, 2022, was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Janet Hunter, Rudy Mothes, Jim Pearson, Sara Reimann (2:10); Steve Young

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Chris Sybers, Siren Police Chief; Teresa Anderson & Eric Barclay, MSA; Edwin Johnson; Cindy Mickelson, Inter County Leader Reporter; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Donna Hunter; Harry Hunter

President Alden called for Public Comments. None were offered.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rick Engstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board meeting of December 9, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$194,890.63 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$40,481.02 for a grand total of \$235,371.65. The Board discussed the clothing allowance payment to Paul Cornelison for 2021 expenses. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden had nothing for the President's Report.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson gave the Clerk's Report. CliftonLarsenAllen, the Village's Auditors, will be here the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> and the Workman Comp Audit is scheduled for Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Sybers gave the December Police Report. December DMV totals were \$446.50. There were a few more accidents than normal in December. The Department did sell the seized camper. The Dodge Charger had been listed on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site in December and sold for \$11,600. That income will show in the January 2022 Report and be put back into the Squad Outlay Fund.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Planning Commission

A motion was made by Rudy Mothes and seconded by Steve Young to amend Village Ordinance §595-18(C) R2 Multiple Family Residence District Conditional Uses. This change will allow health and wellness businesses as a Conditional Use. President Alden called for a roll call vote:

Alden	aye	Pearson	aye
Engstrom	aye	Reimann	aye
Hunter	aye	Young	aye
Mothes	aye		

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve the Conditional Use Permit for 7678 Bradley Street to be used as a Wellness Business (day spa). Motion carried without negative vote.

Conditional Use Permit Application for 23926 Fourth Avenue to be used a Multi-Family Apartments for ages 55+.

Trustee Young brought up concerns about turning the building into apartment style rooms. They have pulled a building permit that has been approved by Village Building Inspector Dale Dornburg. Chief Sybers wanted to ensure that there were guidelines put in place that would prohibit sexual offenders from being placed within the facility. He is also wondering about the short-term placement openings from Burnett County and how those will be handled. President Alden indicated that someone from the facility did indicate that they would attend the meeting; however, no one was in attendance. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to table this decision until we can have a representative from the facility attend a future meeting. Motion carried without negative vote

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Sara Reimann to approve the Conditional Use Permit for 23970 State Road 70 to be used as a residence with the stipulation that the yard and service sales are conducted at the same site by the owner and that a barrier fence be erected along the rear yard. Donna Hunter wanted assurance that any fence erected would be on his own property. President Alden indicated that he must follow the fence ordinance and that requires placement on his property. She also inquired if he would be allowed to bring his sawmill to the Village. A sawmill is not allowed under the Village Ordinances. Motion carried 6-1 (Hunter opposed).

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jim Pearson to charge double the building permit fee when construction begins prior to obtaining proper permits. The Board discussed what would happen if an individual builds illegally. The Village does have the authority to have the building removed at the owner's cost. Motion carried without negative vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve Pay Request #1 for A-1 Construction for Industrial Park Utility Extension in the amount of \$138,972.08. Eric Barclay from MSA gave a brief update on the project – there was some seed and topsoil put down, but that amount is not included in this pay request. There is a retainage of \$4229 withheld to ensure the seed comes through in the spring. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion/Action on curb style for Industrial Park Project.

Teresa Anderson from MSA talked with the Board about the upcoming bid for a gravel road. The style of curb & gutter that will eventually be put in does affect how the gravel road is constructed because of elevation needs. There is a type of curb and gutter system called a ribbon curb that allows more swales within the property and could result in less stormwater ponds. The ribbon style curb would not be installed until the road is paved. The Village of Minong has used this style of curb and they are happy with it. Teresa has spoken with Public Works Director Jim Jaskolka about this; however, he did not give an opinion. There may be some minor erosion problems that could occur in the future that might require some maintenance. There would be defined driveways for access to the properties if needed; it would not be an entire drive-over curb. A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Sara Reimann to recommend the ribbon style curb for the Industrial Park Road. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion/Action on hiring Public Works Department Employee

Public Work Employee Paul Cornelison resigned his position from the Village as of January 5, 2022. A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to proceed with hiring a new Public Works Employee. Applications will be due back January 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried without negative vote.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole:             | January 27 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  |
| b. Plan Commission & Board of Appeals: | January 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. |
| c. Tourism:                            | January 19 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  |
| d. Ball Park Committee                 | January 10 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  |

A motion was made by Sara Reimann and seconded by Steve Young to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer