

VILLAGE OF SIREN
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2022
SIREN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on February 10, 2022, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Janet Hunter, Rudy Mothes, Steve Young

Members Absent: Jim Pearson, Sara Reimann

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Chris Sybers, Siren Police Chief; Eric Barclay, MSA; Edwin Johnson; Cindy Mickelson, Inter County Leader Reporter; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Buzz Byrnes; Michael Rossow; Theresa Rossow; Trevor Thiex, Siren Police Officer

President Alden called for Public Comments. None were offered.

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

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting of January 6, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting of January 27, 2002
- Special Village Board meeting of February 2, 2022
- Personnel & Finance Committee meeting of February 3, 2022

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Steve Young to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$118,204.88 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$55,404.07 for a grand total of \$173,608.95. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave the President's Report. He apologized to the Board for how the Committee of the Whole Meeting was conducted; the format was new but now that he has a handle on it the next one should be much smoother.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson had nothing for the Clerk's Report.

Chief Sybers gave the 2021 Year End and January Police Reports. January DMV totals were \$556. January income included the sale of the Dodge Charger; the Department has been busy with incidents at the Siren Schools.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rick Engstrom to allow one handicapped parking spot on First Avenue at the customer's expense. MSA has provided a cost estimate of \$600 for slope verification and construction costs between \$1000 and \$2500. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to replace six trees on Main Street with flowerpots. The Board discussed that Public Works Director Jaskolka received a quote of \$1980 to fill in the grates with cement that would be included with this motion. Trustee Hunter indicated she would bring this change to the Tourism Commission to see if they would be interested in contributing toward the cost of the pots. Audience member Michael Rossow advised the Board that they may want to place cigarette ashtrays near the pots, or the pots could become impromptu ashtrays. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rudy Mothes to replace four gas monitors in the Village Shop. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rick Engstrom to allow the Webster Senior Center to hold a garage sale in Crooked Lake Park over Labor Day weekend. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to send a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requesting the Glacial Lake Grantsburg Properties Master Plan be opened for review. This area includes both Crooked Lake and Larson Lake within the Village. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by and seconded by to purchase body and in-car cameras through Visual Labs at a cost of \$15,825. Motion carried without negative vote.

Personnel & Finance Committee

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to hire Dylan Lippert at a starting wage of \$19.50 per hour with an increase of \$0.50 once he acquires his CDL and that he agrees to move within 8 miles of Siren within one year of employment. If Mr. Lippert were to not accept the position, then the position will be offered to the #2 Candidate – Devin Rand at a rate of \$20.00 per hour as Mr. Rand already has his CDL. Motion carried without negative vote.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Board, Chief Sybers and Michael Rossow and Theresa Rossow discussed the application for the CUP for a multi-family apartment complex. The Rossows explained that there will be 17 to 20 apartments with either one or two bedrooms. They have a home health company that will come in to meet with residents if needed. There will be someone on staff 24 hours per day in case help is needed. On the staffing side of the business they are mandated by the State of Wisconsin to do background checks and they will also do these background checks on applicants as well which will include verifying they are not on the sexual offender registry list. Theresa Rossow indicated she owns the building and she is not sure why Sarah Stadler (former owner of Kapes Lakeside Assisted Living Center) has stated in court that she runs an assisted living center at that location. Theresa and Dennis confirmed that Lakeview Senior Apartments have new Federal Tax ID, etc. since it is a new business. The Rossows confirmed that they did not need any state permits for construction since it was remodeling and not new construction and that all state permits have been done; including having the Department of Health inspect the kitchen area. All current and past due Real Estate Taxes have been paid in full and the current Personal Property Taxes as well. The past due Personal Property Taxes are Sarah's responsibility as the owner of Kapes Lakeside Assisted Living Center. A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Multi-Family Apartment Complex for ages

55+ on the condition that all background checks are completed including checking the sexual offender registry and all State requirements are met. Motion carried 4-1 (Young voting nay).

Discussion/Action on Industrial Park Street Project Phase 2

MSA provided the Board with a proposed bidding schedule that would allow bids to be awarded at the March 10th Board meeting with construction to begin in the spring. They have an estimated construction cost of \$133,000. The plan will have two 18” culvers installed by the Lift Station and no stormwater pond will be needed. Eric Barclay of MSA will confirm that the proposed cul-de-sac meets all current Village and state guidelines. The bid will include an alternate to use the Village’s crushed blacktop. A motion was made by Rudy Mothes and seconded by Steve Young to approve going out for bids for Phase 2 of the Industrial Park Street project. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Rick Engstrom to approve a liquor license for Little Mexico Cantina LLC d/b/a Little Mexico for a period ending June 30, 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to appoint Trevor Thiex to the Ball Park Committee. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve closing Main Street and State Road 35/70 for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 12th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve waiving Village of Siren Ordinance §330-22(E): Leaving Licensed Premises with Open Container for Saturday March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve the event permit for the Shamwalk on March 12th.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole: | To be set if needed. |
| b. Plan Commission & Board of Appeals: | February 22 nd at 10:00 a.m. |
| c. Tourism: | February 16 th at 9:00 a.m. |
| d. Ball Park Committee: | March 7 th at 6:00 p.m. |
| e. Board of Review: | May 17 th ; 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. |

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Dave Alden to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer