

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 10, 2023

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on August 10, 2023, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Village Trustee Janet Hunter.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Janet Hunter, Jeff Johnson, Rudy Mothes, Jim Pearson, Steve Young

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Andy Hursch; Sarah Radomsky, Inter County Leader; Jeff Howe; Edwin Johnson

Trustee Hunter called for Public Comments. Jeff Howe spoke about the Family Dollar Store and the reduced street yard variance given to them on Works Progress. He is concerned that you cannot see his commercial lot on First Avenue from State Road 35/70. The placement of the dumpster blocks the view of his property; and he feels that it should have been placed behind the building. Public Works Director Jaskolka indicated that the dumpster was included in the plans for the property. President Alden indicated the Board will have one of the Committees look at the placement.

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 Rudy Mothes and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve the following meeting minutes:

- a. Regular Village Board meeting of July 13, 2023
- b. Buildings, Grounds & Parks Committee meeting of August 2, 2023
- c. Streets & Utilities Committee meeting of August 3, 2023
- d. Public Safety Committee meeting of August 3, 2023

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$48,108.36 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$46,083.92 for a grand total of \$94,192.28. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden had nothing the President's Report.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson gave the Clerk's Report. The Legion, which had previously indicated they did not need the use of the second hallway in the closet, has now asked about using it as Veterans Closet whereby home and medical items could be stored that may be used by veterans in a time of need. Trustee Pearson gave an update on the Fire Association and their 2024 budget. The Association is looking at increasing their operating budget by approximately \$43,000 which would result in an increase for the Village's portion of just over \$7,200.

Chief Thiex gave the July Police Report. June DMV totals were \$550.50. At the Public Safety Committee meeting it we discussed doing a comprehensive study of the crosswalk enforcement. There was a pedestrian hit this weekend; however, that person was outside the crosswalk area. There are continued cases of fraud happening to local businesses. The Town of Meenon and Oakland enforcement is going well. The Public Safety Committee has discussed having Administrative Assistant Luhman and/or Building Inspector Dale Dornburg look at ordinance enforcement which would also

include the issue that is happening with signs throughout the Village. This issue is continuing to be discussed.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Buildings, Grounds & Parks Committee

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Rick Engstrom to move the burning site to the old seepage cells at the WWTP and to apply for a woodburning permit from the DNR. Public Works Director Jaskolka explained that during the recent site visit of our brush dump the DNR indicated that the present location and past practice of burning the brush pile is not allowed. This option is agreeable to the DNR if the Village has approval from any homeowner within ¼ mile of the site. Motion carried without negative vote.

Streets & Utilities Committee

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Jim Pearson to abandon the alley that runs east/west south of Capes Street to the west of Third Avenue. The alley has not been used by the Village. Each of the adjoining property owners would be granted one-half of the alley property. Motion carried without negative vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Action with Andy Hursch on plans for 23793 State Road 35

Andy Hursch provided a conceptual site plan of his proposed site development for the property at 23793 State Road 35. He is proposing seven 8-unit apartment complexes with a storm pond at the rear of his property. The property is currently zoned C2 Highway Commercial so the property will need to be rezoned to R2 Multiple Family Residence District and a Conditional Use Permit applied for the Multiple-family dwellings. These acts would require a public hearing before the Planning Commission with a recommendation to the Board.

Discussion/Action on drainage studies for Molly Engstrom Drive and Tewalt Subdivision

MSA has received two quotes for the soil testing that is required for Molly Engstrom Drive and Tewalt Subdivision drainage study. The quote from A.C.E. Soils and Site Evaluations was for \$2400 and the quote from American Engineering and Testing was \$4528. A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve the soil testing quote from A.C.E. Soils and Site Evaluations. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco License for Family Dollar Store #33616 for the period of August 10, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Family Dollar Store has an anticipated opening date of August 24, 2023. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jeff Johnson to accept the Voluntary Recognition Forms for Teamsters Unions 346 and 662 for Village of Siren employees. Motion carried 6-1 (Mothes voted against).

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole: | August 24 th at 9:00 a.m. |
| b. Public Safety Committee: | August 24 th after C.O.W |
| c. Board of Appeals & Planning Commission: | To be set if needed. |
| d. Tourism: | August 23 rd at 9:00 a.m. |
| e. Ball Park Committee: | August 14 th at 4:00 p.m. |

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Jim Pearson to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ann L. Peterson, WCMC/CMTW

Submitted by Ann L Peterson
Village Clerk/Treasurer