

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 11, 2024

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on August 8, 2024, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Kelly Gunderson, Janet Hunter, Ed Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Steve Young

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Trevor Thiex, Police Chief; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Neal Griffin, Inter County Leader; Becky Strabel, Burnett County Sentinel; Kianna Lindh, MSA (via phone); John Magnuson & Helen Wilkie, Big Doctors Lake Association

President Alden called for Public Comments. Helen Wilkie and John Magnuson from the Big Doctors Lake Association gave an update on the phosphorous mitigation efforts in Big Doctors Lake. They are applying for a second grant through the DNR which will require confirmation of how the Association will cover their portion of 25% of the grant. They would like to meet with the Streets & Utilities Committee to discuss their efforts. President Alden indicated that when the Association has a dollar amount that they are requesting to reach out to get on the agenda. The Village will write a letter of support for the grant application as a show of support. Clerk/Treasurer Peterson will work with the Lake Association for the letter.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the agenda with the change of moving New Business Letter A to immediately following approval of the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by to Jeff Johnson approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting of July 11, 2024
- Committee of the Whole meeting of August 1, 2024

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$84,127.24 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$38,075.75 for a grand total of \$122,202.99. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden had nothing for the President's Report.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson gave the Clerk's Report. The Village did not receive the Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant. There were 61 applicants, and 13 projects were funded.

Chief Thiex presented the July Police Report. The Department will be assisting St. Croix Tribal Police at some upcoming musical events in Danbury and Hertel as well as Grantsburg Police Department with the Grantsburg Fair.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Jeff Johnson to award the bid for the Molly Engstrom Drive Project including alternates to Stout Construction for a total cost of \$113,264. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to have Stout Construction crush the entire additional concrete pile while working on the Molly Engstrom Drive Project. The material will be used as part of upcoming Village projects. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA for Alden Road Improvements (MSID). The approximate cost will be \$61,750 for design, bidding, construction administration, staking & observation. Motion carried without negative vote.

Planning Commission

A motion was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Rick Engstrom to deny the Conditional Use Permit Application for 7728 Main Street by Indianhead Medical Center to use the property as Residential Housing in a C1 Commercial District. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Ed Johnson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA for CDBG Administration. The award is \$1,000,000 for the water projects. The lump sum payment for grant administration will be \$28,000 and the payment for Labor Standards Monitoring Work will be \$17,000. These funds are not included in the grant funds and would be a part of the Village's portion of the matching grants. The administration fee would be billed out over the course of the project. If the Village is awarded the Safe Drinking Water Loan/Grant through the DNR the Labor Standards Monitoring could be covered by those funds. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion/Action on changing nomination method for Village Offices

The Board discussed the option of changing the nomination method for Village Offices from a Village Caucus to requiring nomination papers. If a change is made the Village must pass a resolution prior to the November Class A Election Notice is published. The Board discussed the pros and cons of both methods. A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Janet Hunter to remain with the Caucus method. Motion carried 6-1 (E Johnson voted nay).

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Buildings, Grounds & Parks Committee: | August 20 th at 10:00 |
| b. Personnel & Finance Committee: | August 21 st following Tourism |
| c. Public Safety Committee: | August 21 st at 9:00 |
| d. Streets & Utilities Committee: | August 20 th following Parks |
| e. Planning Commission & Board of Appeals: | To be set if needed. |
| f. Tourism Commission: | August 21 st at 9:00 a.m. |
| g. Ball Park Committee: | August 26 th at 6:00 p.m. |
| h. Board of Review: | August 15 th at 10:00 a.m. |
| i. Joint Review Board: | August 20 th 9:00 – 10:00 am |

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.



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