

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024

MINUTES

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

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

Members Absent: Jeff Johnson, Rudy Mothes, Jim Pearson

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Trevor Thiex, Police Chief; Sarah Radomsky, Inter County Leader; Teresa Anderson, MSA; Becky Strabel, Burnett County Sentinel; Wayne Koball, Siren Chamber of Commerce & Governor's Fishing Opener

President Alden called for Public Comments. Wayne Koball from the Siren Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Governor's Fishing Opener activities that are happening on May 4th at Crooked Lake Park. The Committee wants to work with the Village on getting the park ready for the festivities including use of the pavilions, bathrooms, etc. The group will need garbage cans, temporary handicapped parking spots, etc. The group will work with Public Works Director Jaskolka on coordination.

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

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve the following meeting minutes:

- a. Regular Village Board meeting of January 11, 2024
- b. Public Safety Committee meeting of January 16, 2024
- c. Streets & Utilities Committee meeting of January 16, 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 \$108,106.99 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$49,693.10 for a grand total of \$157,800.09. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden had nothing for the President's Report.

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

Chief Thiex gave the January Police Report. The Department has been increasing coverage in the Towns of Oakland & Meenon. Citations were down for the month. The Department has not heard from anyone official on the Governor's Fishing Opener; however, the Village Department will be able to handle the coverage within the Village.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Planning Commission

The Board discussed the draft ordinance creating a C3-Campgrounds District as recommended by the Planning Commission. Before the ordinance can be officially adopted the Village will need to hold a Public Hearing on the Ordinance. A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rick Engstrom to create a C3 – Campgrounds Ordinance as a part of the Village of Siren Code of Ordinances. Motion carried without

negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve Resolution 2024-01: To Close DMV Checking Account at Community Bank.

President Alden called for a roll call vote:

Alden	aye	Hunter	aye
Engstrom	aye	Young	aye

Motion carried.

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 9th 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 Ordinance §330-22(E): Leaving Licensed Premises with Open Container from March 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Teresa Anderson from MSA discussed with the board the proposed amendment to the Engineering Contract for the Water Improvements Project. After discussion with Public Works Director Jim Jaskolka, it was decided that Well House #1 at Crooked Lake Park should be insulated and have an exterior face-lift. The cost for the amendment is \$5,500 which can be included in the grant expenses. A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to approve the amendment to the Water Improvements Project. Motion carried without negative vote.

The Board discussed the Regular March Board meeting scheduled for March 14th. A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to cancel the regular meeting as most of the Board will be absent. President Alden will call a Special Meeting if needed. Motion carried without negative vote.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole: | To be set if needed. |
| b. Planning Commission & Board of Appeals: | To be set if needed. |
| c. Tourism Commission: | February 21 st at 9:00 a.m. |
| d. Ball Park Committee: | Date to be determined. |

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Steve Young to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.



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