

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on February 9, 2023, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Jim Pearson (via phone), Steve Young

Members Absent: Janet Hunter, Rudy Mothes, Sara Reimann-Hill

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Trevor Thiex, Siren Police Chief; Edwin Johnson; Mark Wagner, Wagner Surveying; Corey Bauer; Cordell Fisher; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Sarah Radomsky, Inter County Leader; One additional guest

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 Steve Young and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting minutes of January 12, 2023
- Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of January 13, 2023

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$106,356.93 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$50,937.78 for a grand total of \$157,294.71. The Board discussed the heater that was purchased from Jenneman's. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave the President's Report. Burnett County Tourism is hiring a company to investigate the short-term rentals in the County. They are willing to also investigate rentals in the Village. President Alden has contacted Andy Hursch on the brush piles on his property. They are scheduling them to be burned on February 22nd.

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

Chief Thiex gave the January Police Report. January DMV totals were \$422.50. The Department has continued to be busy. A citation has been issued to the property on Johnson Street with the junk vehicles. There is a court date of March 8th for this situation.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village is waiting to hear back from Attorney Benson on the Siren Covenant Church Special Assessment so the issue will be brought back to the March Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Action with Mark Wagner on gap area between Village of Siren and Town of Siren properties.

Mark Wagner of Wagner Surveying informed the Board that there is a gap in the properties on the south end of Larson Lake between property in the Village of Siren and the Town of Siren. Each parcel will get some property added with some of the

Village and some in the Town. The Village will need to approve the CSM for the property in the Village. A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to allow Wagner Surveying to move forward with the CSM process. Motion carried without negative vote.

- b. Discussion/Action on Tewalt Road Property with Corey Bauer.
Corey Bauer expressed his interest in the development of the Tewalt Road Property. He has some connections with investors and a realtor to develop the project. They would like to operate three different homes ranging from 12,000 to 20,000 square feet with either a two or three car garage. Their plan would be to get four spec homes built this summer to be used as models for future development as well as being for sale. They are looking at the possibility of some twin-homes along the less desirable lots along the State Highway. They are targeting a cost between \$200,000 to \$400,000 per home. They would like to complete the projects in phases with four to six homes per year for the first couple of years. The Village needs to decide on the cost of the property as well as whether the property owner and/or the Village is responsible for the cost of the infrastructure. MSA did provide the Village with an estimated cost of \$2.2 million for the infrastructure.
- c. A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve closing Main Street and State Road 35/70 for St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.
- d. A motion was made by Rick Engstrom and seconded by Steve Young to approve waiving the Village of Siren Ordinance §330-22(E): Leaving Licensed Premises with Open Container for Saturday March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.
- e. CDL Discussion
The board discussed having a contract with Public Works Employee DeMarre for covering the cost of obtaining his CDL, water and wastewater licenses. Burnett County has a contract they use that could be used as a model for the agreement. A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Dave Alden to have Public Works Director Jaskolka put together a contract for this purpose. Motion carried without negative vote.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

- a. Committee of the Whole: February 28th at 10:00 a.m.
- b. Board of Appeals & Planning Commission: To be set if needed.
- c. Tourism: February 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
- d. Ball Park Committee: April 10th at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson
Village Clerk/Treasurer