

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2025

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on March 13, 2025, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

Members Present: Dave Alden, Kelly Gunderson, Ed Johnson (via Zoom), Jeff Johnson

Members Absent: Rick Engstrom, Janet Hunter, Steve Young

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Trevor Thiex, Siren Police Chief; Neil Griffin, Inter County Leader; Becky Strabel, Burnett County Sentinel; Teresa Anderson MSA (via Zoom); Aaron Bentley, Burnett County Emergency Management Director; Dick Hartman, Burnett County Economic Development Director; Tim Michel & Kevin Duncan

President Alden called for Public Comments. None were given.

A motion was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting of February 13, 2025
- Committee of the Whole meeting of February 19, 2025

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Ed Johnson to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$67,130.02 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$52,530.94 for a grand total of \$119,660.96. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave the President's Report. Trustee Janet Hunter has been moved to a rehabilitation facility in Frederic. Her husband Bill Hunter has passed away.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson reported that Open Book will be held on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Board of Review will be Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. Training materials are available for any Village Board members who will still be on the Board in May. The Village did receive the Recreational Boating Facilities Grant for the Clear Lake Boarding Dock Replacement. The grant will fund 50% of the project up to \$6,962.50. Work on the project can commence as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town of Oakland is hosting a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss their transfer station and anyone who is interested in how that operates is invited.

The February Police Report was included in the packet. Chief Thiex had nothing further to add. Chief Thiex will be attending the Town of Oakland meeting tonight and will invite them and the Town of Meenon to attend the April Board meeting to discuss the contracts.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Transfer Station for Garbage: Tim Michel and Kevin Duncan are starting a new company that will offer a transfer station for garbage in the area. They will be operating out of the

Siren Hockey Arena parking lot until a permanent location can be established. They will be open on Tuesday & Thursdays beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The garbage will all be removed daily from the parking lot and hauled to a transfer station by Hinckley Minnesota. They have contacted Republic Services about acquiring the current transfer station owned by Republic Services and they are not interested in selling the property. They have acquired the proper DNR and DOT permits to use the hockey arena parking lot on a temporary basis. There is a long-term goal to include collection of appliances, tires, etc. Public Works Director Jaskolka inquired if there was a possibility of having a drop-off on the weekends for those people returning home on weekends. That is something that is being discussed for the future.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA for 2025-2027 TIF Services. This is for assistance with the annual reporting requirements and Joint Review Board meetings. The estimated cost is \$2500 per year for three years for a total cost of \$7500.00. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA for GIS Services for 2025-2026. This is for the mapping of the water/sewer inventories for the Public Works Department. The estimated cost is \$2,940 per year for a total of \$5880. Motion carried without negative vote.

BCTY Emergency Management Director Aaron Bentley and the Board discussed the need to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a requirement of FEMA to review the action plans on a five-year basis and update if needed. Northwest Regional Planning Commission is working with the County on this update. There are some worksheets that need to be updated and submitted. Clerk/Treasurer Peterson and Public Works Director Jaskolka will work on the required forms for submittal. Chief Thiex has attended one of the required meetings and the documents are due back by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole:                 | To be scheduled with MSA              |
| b. Planning Commission & Board of Appeals: | To be set if needed                   |
| c. Tourism Commission:                     | To be set at a later date             |
| d. Ball Park Committee:                    | May 5 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.      |
| e. Board of Review:                        | May 12 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. |

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Jeff Johnson to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.



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