

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

MINUTES

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

Members Present: Dave Alden, Janet Hunter, Rudy Mothes, Sara Reimann-Hill (via Zoom), Steve Young (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Rick Engstrom, Jim Pearson

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Trevor Thiex, Siren Police Chief; Edwin Johnson; Mark Wagner, Wagner Surveying; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Kevin Shetler, Lisa Seaman, Peggy Moore, Rick Larson, Carrie Herman, Robert Blithe, Jim Kopecky, and Katie Tewalt, Siren School District; Scott Karagiorgas & Andy Gabbert, RIC-Consult; Corey Bauer, Cordell Fisher, and Molly Brown, Bauer Investment Group, Jason Evenson, Polk Burnett Electric Coop; Wayne Wiberg, Town of Siren; Alex Hopkins

President Alden called for Public Comments. None were offered.

The Siren School District gave a presentation on the two referendums that the School Board will have on the April 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot. One is for \$400,000 recurring for three years for operating and maintaining buildings and facilities. The second is for up to \$5,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds for school and facility improvements including reconstruction of a playground, football, and track facilities.

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 Rudy Mothes and seconded by Steve Young to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting minutes of February 9, 2023
- Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 28, 2023

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$76,946.89 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$373,976.35 for a grand total of \$450,923.24. 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 February Police Report. February DMV totals were \$417.50. The Department has been busy with work in the Towns of Meenon & Oakland and at the Siren Schools. The gentleman with the junk vehicles on Johnson Street has pled not guilty to the ticket so a trial has been scheduled in May.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

- a. Sale of Tewalt Property to Bauer Consulting Group  
President Alden tabled this issue until the full Village Board is present for the discussion. The plan is for the Village to keep moving forward with the project. Corey Bauer indicated that his group is eager to keep moving forward with the project.
- b. Drainage Exhibit and Stormwater Management Plan for Tewalt Property  
A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve the contract with MSA for the Drainage Exhibit and the Stormwater Management Plan for the Tewalt Road Subdivision. The drainage exhibit and stormwater management plan is the first step in getting the correct State approvals. Motion carried without negative vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Siren Covenant Church Special Assessment  
Attorney Benson has provided a letter informing the Village that the Special Assessment for sidewalk against the Siren Covenant Church was legally assessed. A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Sara Reimann-Hill to continue to charge the Special Assessment against the Siren Covenant Church. Motion carried without negative vote.
- b. Wagner Survey CSM of Corrigan/Neumann property  
A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve the CSM for Corrigan/Neumann as prepared by Wagner Surveying. Motion carried without negative vote.
- c. Family Dollar Site Plan  
Scott Karagiorgas and Andy Gabbert addressed the Board regarding the proposed site plan for the Family Dollar Store. The stormwater from the project has been designed so that all water coming off the building is directed into gutters at the rear of the property so just over 50% of the runoff generated from the proposed project will be directed toward First Avenue. The remaining amount will be split between Works Progress Street and State Road 35/70. There is a small swale on the north side of the property that will take some of the run-off. All the downspouts off the building will be on the west side of the building. There is some green space on the west side of the building towards the rear of the building. A motion was made by Rudy Mothes and seconded by Steve Young to approve the site plan for the Family Dollar Store. Motion carried without negative vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Action on opening Village Street between James Street to behind the Pinewood Motel for ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Traffic  
There is a fence that blocks access to the Pinewood Motel from James Street and there is an issue with how individuals can access the Gandy Dancer Trail and other trails from the south end of the Village. By opening the fence, it will allow for the machines to access Village routes and not have to drive on the new sidewalks. The Public Works Department will work with the Police Department this spring to move the fence and allow that access.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

- a. Committee of the Whole: To be set if needed.
- b. Board of Appeals & Planning Commission: March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

c. Tourism:

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

d. Ball Park Committee:

April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Dave Alden to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 3:14 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson  
Village Clerk/Treasurer