

VILLAGE OF SIREN - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024

MINUTES

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

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

Members Absent: Rick Engstrom

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; Teresa Anderson, MSA; Kevin Shetler, Lisa Seaman, and Tom Porter, Siren School District

President Alden called for Public Comments. Kevin Shetler, Lisa Seaman, and Tom Porter from the Siren School District along with Village Trustee Steve Young who is also on the School Board presented information on the referendum question that is on the November 5th General Election ballot. The School is asking for permission to issue General Obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for a school facility improvement project consisting of capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements including roof & boiler replacement and acquisition of related equipment.

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

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting of September 12, 2024
- Buildings, Grounds & Parks Committee meeting of October 2, 2024
- Personnel & Finance Committee meeting of October 2, 2024
- Public Safety Committee meeting of October 2, 2024
- Streets & Utilities Committee meeting of October 3, 2024

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Kelly Gunderson and seconded by Steve Young to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$56,442.74 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$38,536.77 for a grand total of \$94,979.51. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave the President's Report and gave an update that Village Trustee Engstrom is getting moved to a rehab and long-term healing center in the Twin Cities.

For the Clerk's report Clerk/Treasurer Peterson informed the Board that currently the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget has a deficit of \$34,799. She requested a Committee of the Whole meeting within the next two weeks to finalize the budget so the budget hearing can be held prior to the November Board meeting. The Fire Department will be using the Tewalt Subdivision land for a training exercise in either October or November for emergency helicopter landings.

Chief Thiex presented the September Police Report. The last few weeks have been busy for the department.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Buildings, Grounds & Parks Committee

A motion was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Ed Johnson to amend Ordinance 595-87 Accessory Uses and Structures. This amendment will permanently ban storage containers on any Residential or Commercial lots in the Village except temporary placement during new construction or remediation. President Alden called for a roll call vote:

Alden	aye	E. Johnson	aye
Gunderson	aye	J. Johnson	aye
Hunter	aye	Young	aye

Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to amend Ordinance 415 Property Maintenance. The amendment provides updated restrictions on the keeping of junked vehicles and appliances on property in the Village and includes stricter penalties. President Alden called for a roll call vote:

Alden	aye	E. Johnson	aye
Gunderson	aye	J. Johnson	aye
Hunter	aye	Young	aye

Motion carried.

Streets & Utilities Committee

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve Change Order #1 for the Molly Engstrom Drive Project. The change order adds \$2500 to the cost of the project for additional mobilization that will need to occur in the Spring to complete the project. This is to allow Engstrom Siding to have time to rearrange the traffic flow for their business; thereby delaying the opening of Molly Engstrom Drive off State Road 70 until Spring. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to approve the Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping License for Siren Tobacco & Vape Corp at 24154 State Road 35/70. The board discussed the ordinances in place by the Village to make sure that there are no illegal substances or paraphernalia being sold from the business. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Steve Young to approve Pay Request #1 for Stout Construction in the amount of \$64,304.74. This is payment for work done on the Molly Engstrom Drive Project. Motion carried without negative vote.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole: | October 16 th at 10:00 a.m. |
| b. Planning Commission | October 23 rd at 10:00 a.m. |
| c. Board of Appeals: | To be set if needed. |
| d. Tourism Commission: | October 16 th at 9:00 a.m. |
| e. Ball Park Committee: | February 10 th at 6:00 p.m. |

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Kelly Gunderson to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.



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