

VILLAGE OF SIREN  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2022  
SIREN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on September 8, 2022, was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Village Trustee Janet Hunter.

Members Present: Janet Hunter, Rudy Mothes, Jim Pearson, Steve Young

Members Absent: Dave Alden, Rick Engstrom, Sara Reimann-Hill

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Eric Barclay, MSA; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director; Brady Mangen, Siren Police Department; Robert Tabern, Inter County Leader; Polk Burnett Electric Cooperative Employees; Edwin Johnson; John Magnuson, Big Doctors Lake Association

Trustee Hunter called for Public Comments. None were given.

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

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Village Board meeting of August 4, 2022
- Streets & Utilities Committee meeting of August 11, 2022
- Public Safety Committee meeting of August 11, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting of August 25, 2022

Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$71,260.86 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$47,515.60 for a grand total of \$118,776.46. Motion carried without negative vote.

Trustee Hunter gave the President's Report. President Alden was stung by bees earlier in the day in the eye, so he was unable to attend the meeting. Trustee Hunter read thank-you's from the family of Doris Kosloski for the plant for her funeral, Joan Daniels for the flowers and pots that are along the Highway and Main Street, and the Burnett County Humane Society for the donation. The Little Red Wagon vendor from the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade sent a donation of \$40 to be used towards children activities.

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

Officer Mangen gave the August Police Report. August DMV totals were \$787. The Department has been working with the Starwire property on their property clean-up. The camera installation company is waiting until the electrical work is done before coming back for final installation. The permit application for installation along the State Highway has been sent to the DOT and is awaiting their approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

Public Safety Committee

A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to sell the existing 40 caliber guns to the officers for \$250 each and to purchase four 9-mms for \$409. The officers would each re-register the 40-caliber guns in their own names. A total of 4 guns will be purchased so there is spare available. Motion carried without negative vote.

#### Committee of the Whole

The Board discussed the Big Doctors Lake Grant Application and their request for the Village to partner with them. Clerk/Treasurer Peterson outlined the grant application process. John Magnuson from the Big Doctors Lake Association brought forth the idea that the Village take responsibility for the status of the Lake. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Rudy Mothes that if the Big Doctors Lake Association receives approval in 2023 of their Surface Water Grant Application to treat the lake with aluminum sulfate the Village pledges to contribute towards the local share, as required for the grant not to exceed \$27,000. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to approve the bid from Moritz Lawncare for 2023 & 2024 Crooked Lake Clean-up in the amount of \$2,904 per year. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve the 2023-2027 North Memorial Ambulance Contract. Motion carried without negative vote.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Action on approval of Maurer Power estimate for providing power for security camera project.  
Maurer Power has provided a quote of \$16,957 for installing power to streetlights for the cameras and installing new conduit in Crooked Lake Park. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Janet Hunter to approve having Maurer Power proceed with the electrical needs. Motion carried without negative vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Board discussed making some changes to the proposed ordinance as brought forth from the Public Hearing. Changes to make would include clarification of Bed & Breakfasts as well as changing the number of days between rentals. A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jim Pearson to table the ordinance for further review. Motion carried without negative vote.
- b. The Board discussed the CUE request to resurface the tennis courts for pickleball. The estimated cost for the resurfacing is \$15,000. The Board discussed how hard it is to resurface concrete so for them to be resurfaced they would first need to be overlaid with asphalt. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to deny the resurfacing request and to continue to paint the lines. Motion carried without negative vote.
- c. Eric Barclay from MSA provided updates on the Industrial Park and Landquist Street Warranty Work. The Industrial Park has been having issues getting the seed to grow. The area was re-seeded last week by hydro-seeding. A1 Excavating has been told that there will be financial penalties if the grass is not growing by the time snow comes. Landquist Street has some concrete deficiencies that will be repaired by the sub-contractor Harmon Concrete. There is also a low spot on Landquist that had a sewer back-up. There will be an invasive fix that is needed to repair that low spot and the project is within the warranty work period. Haas will be covering the cost for these expenses.
- d. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to approve the

UDC Inspection Contract for REM Inspecting LLC to begin January 1, 2023. Motion carried without negative vote.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Building, Grounds & Parks Committee: | September 20 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.                       |
| b. Personnel & Finance Committee:       | September 28 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                        |
| c. Public Safety Committee:             | September 21 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                        |
| d. Streets & Utilities Committee:       | September 21 <sup>st</sup> immediately following Public Safety |
| e. Board of Appeals:                    | September 13 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.                       |
| f. Planning Commission:                 | September 13 <sup>th</sup> after BOA                           |
| g. Tourism:                             | September 21 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                        |
| h. Ball Park Committee:                 | January 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.                           |

A motion was made by Steve Young and seconded by Jim Pearson to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer