

VILLAGE OF SIREN
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022
SIREN VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

The Regular Village Board meeting held on March 10, 2022, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Village President Dave Alden.

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

Members Absent: Rick Engstrom, Sara Reimann-Hill

Others Present: Ann Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer; Chris Sybers, Siren Police Chief; Teresa Anderson, MSA; Cindy Mickelson, Inter County Leader Reporter; Greg Marsten, Burnett County Sentinel; Jim Jaskolka, Public Works Director

President Alden called for Public Comments. None were offered.

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

A motion was made by Janet Hunter and seconded by Jim Pearson to approve the February 10, 2022 Regular Village Board meeting minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$78,035.40 general vouchers and checks cut since the last regularly scheduled board meeting in the amount of \$496,277.40 for a grand total of \$574,312.80. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave the President's Report. The Village received a thank you from the Siren Senior Center for the donation of \$800.

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson reminded the board that she would be on vacation starting tomorrow and all the following week.

Chief Sybers gave the February Police Report. February was a slower month; Cadet Mangen is doing well at the academy. February DMV totals were \$553

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Robbins Apartment Complex

Clerk/Treasurer Peterson reported that the Village has sent a letter to the Robbins that they will include with their permits stating the Village will accept ownership of the water and sewer mains as long as they are constructed within the recorded easements and built to the DNR and Village specifications. The Developer's Agreement still needs to be signed.

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa Anderson from MSA and the Board discussed the possibility of extending the proposed road to intersect with State Road 70. Teresa indicated the Village will need a DOT permit for this connection and she is not sure if the DOT will allow a connection to a

gravel road. Her suggestion was to let the new proposed businesses get established and for the Village to start receiving tax payments before doing this connection. The Village could also do the connection as a change order under the proposed contract, but permits would have to be acquired first. There will also be additional design and stormwater costs. Teresa will approach the DOT about the permits. A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Steve Young to award the bid to A-1 Excavating LLC for the Industrial Park Street Extension. There were four bids received and A-1 had the lowest bid at \$65,675. This amount includes A-1 using the Village's stockpile of crushed blacktop for the road. Motion carried without negative vote.

President Alden gave an update on the Airbnb situation. Burnett County Tourism Coalition has formed a task force to look at the Airbnb situation in the County and produce options for the County. The task force was formed on March 1st so it will be some time before they have anything to bring back as suggested protocols. The Board discussed waiting to see what is brought forth from the task force before making any changes to the Village's handling of Airbnb's. Trustee Young wondered if the existing Airbnb's would be "grandfathered in" or would need to follow any new guidelines. Trustee Hunter felt it was important to be aware that currently all the known Airbnb's in the Village are in commercial districts where they are not allowed under current ordinance.

A motion was made by Jim Pearson and seconded by Rudy Mothes to approve amending Ordinance §511-25 Disturbing the Peace; Use of Compression Brakes. The ordinance change allows the signs to be put back up at the entrances to the Village as it complies with DOT regulations. President Alden called for a roll call vote:

Alden	aye	Pearson	aye
Hunter	aye	Young	aye
Mothes	aye		

Motion carried.

Chief Sybers asked that this discussion be tabled as changes have occurred that are still being discussed by the Towns. Trustee Hunter indicated she had some concerns about portions of the proposed contract.

The meeting schedule was set as follows:

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| a. Committee of the Whole: | March 24 th at 2:00 p.m. |
| b. Plan Commission & Board of Appeals: | To be set if needed. |
| c. Tourism: | March 16 th at 9:00 a.m. |
| d. Ball Park Committee: | March 14 th at 6:00 p.m. |
| e. Board of Review: | May 17 th ; 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. |

A motion was made by Dave Alden and seconded by Jim Pearson to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Submitted by Ann L Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer