

SIREN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2023

The Town of Siren held their monthly board meeting on August 10th, 2023 immediately following the Siren Sanitary District Board Meeting at the Siren Town Hall

Chairman Wayne Wiberg called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

Open Meeting Notices were verified

Motion by Phil Stiemann to approve July 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. / Second by Diane Lund. / Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMA Savings Balance 7/31/2023	\$173,270.38
Checking Balance 6/30/23	\$394,604.61
Deposits	\$354,022.09
Withdrawals	\$ 57,830.16
Ending Balance 7/31/2023	\$690,796.54
Total Checking and Savings	\$864,796.54
Equipment Hold	\$110,000.00
ARPA Funds Hold	\$ 99,644.46
Tree Hold	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$654,422.46

Motion by Philip Stiemann to approve Treasurers report. Second by Diane Lund. Motion carried.  
Motion by Philip Stiemann to transfer \$90,000 from savings to the equipment fund as part of the purchase cost for the new tractor. Seconded by Wayne Wiberg. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Stiemann to approve paying of bills. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Richard Costerisan commented Nyren Rd is the best he's ever seen it and was curious when shouldering would begin.
- Karen Laqua inquired into the possibility of a stipulation that the Hopkins gravel pit on Godfrey Lake Rd revert back to A-2 when they are done removing gravel.

2% FIRE DUES

- Issue has been resolved for this year and the 2% payment will be made as normal. If Siren FD fails another audit then payment will be withheld.

TOWN OF SIREN WEB PAGE

- Domain name will be provided at no cost through the State of Wisconsin, "tn.siren.wi.gov"

- Web hosting, design, static IP address and 6 email accounts can be purchased through GoDaddy at a cost of approximately \$790.92/year.
- Motion by Wayne Wiberg to proceed with developing the Town of Siren website through GoDaddy. Seconded by Philip Stiemann. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER & CLERK COMPUTER REPLACEMENT

- Clerk and treasurer have received their new laptops along with Microsoft Office 365.\
- TownHall accounting software installed on the Clerk's laptop. Will arrange for time to get installed on Treasurers machine as well. Next have to schedule training with TownHall Inc. Goal is to have everything ready to go and start fresh with 2024 budget.

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Burnett County is conducting a countywide inventory of existing land use in support of the Burnett County Comprehensive Plan update.
- The County is asking all towns to review and update any incorrect land use classifications.
- The Town of Siren will be assembling a planning committee to review. Deadline to have changes to Burnett County is October 1, 2023

#### LAND USE:

- Manufactured Home Update: Some signs of activity at the proposed manufactured home location.
- Short Term Rentals: A resolution is required to join in on the Tourism Coalition agreement on the handling of short term rentals. Matter tabled until some wording clarification can be made on the agreement with the BCTC. Motion by Diane Lund to table until clarification of item #11 of the resolution is received. Seconded by Philip Stiemann. Motion carried.

#### BOARDER ROADS:

- More to come

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- Brushing: Estimates coming for Tewalt, Nyberg, John Nelson and Waldora roads.
- Chipper machine: Not used much anymore. Expect it will be used even less once the new tractor arrives with the mulching head. Motion by Wayne Wiberg to put the chipper up for bid on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site with no reserve. Seconded by Philip Stiemann. Motion carried.
- Tractor: Still on schedule to be delivered in October.
- Sweeper machine: Not used as much as originally thought. Motion by Philip Stiemann to place the sweeper machine up for bid on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site with no reserve. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.
- Patching: Caught up for now – will make one more round before winter.
- Shouldering: County will shoulder the new asphalt as soon as they are done chip sealing elsewhere in the county.
- Chip Sealing: County will be chip sealing Tyler Rd.
- East Landing Road – Clam Lake: Questions on the correct name of the road. County doesn't have it listed as a town road at all. Board will check into it.

Motion by Wayne Wiberg to purchase pre-buy propane not to exceed 2,000 gallons for the 2023-24 heating season. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried. Phill will check with Polk-Burnett on the summer fill before making the pre-buy.

Wayne gave an update on the Burnett County Unit meeting of the WTA. County LRIP committee and WTA is going to administer the LRIP grants for the northern counties of Wisconsin for the biennium. Fall workshops in Cable and Eau Claire again. Wayne and Diane are planning to attend the WTA convention in Wisconsin Dells in October.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Wayne Wiberg to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Diane Lund.  
Motion carried.

Chris Tewalt – Clerk  
Town of Siren