

SIREN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Town of Siren held their monthly board meeting on December 14th, 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 November Board Meeting minutes / Seconded by Diane Lund / Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMA Savings Balance 11/30/2023	\$173,398.24
Checking Balance 10/31/2023	\$544,342.77
Deposits	\$ 14,047.65
Withdrawals	\$150,804.93
Ending Balance 11/30/2023	\$407,585.49
Total Checking and Savings	\$580,983.73
Equipment Hold	\$200,000.00
Revaluation Hold	\$ 50,000.00
Tree Hold	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$375,983.73

Motion by Phil Stiemann to approve Treasurers Report / Seconded by Diane Lund / Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Stiemann to move the \$50,000 Revaluation Hold into the Equipment Hold. (Revaluation is complete and paid for). Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Wiberg recommended the Town look into investing some of the money in savings. Will gather more information.

Public Input:

- None

Land Use:

- Conditional Use Permit: 7506 Woodland Estates Dr. Applicant has advised project is on hold. Is looking at the possibility of performing some gun smithing and some gun sales out of his home.
- Manufactured Home Update: Project appears to be cancelled. Acreage will possibly be sectioned off into six lots. No new information from property owners.

- Burnett County Tourism Coalition – Short Term Rental Ordinance: Motion by Wayne Wiberg to adopt Town of Siren Ordinance 2023-12-14, Ordinance For the Collection of Tax on Short Term Overnight Lodging. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Election Officials for the 2024-25 Election Cycle

- A list of election of officials was presented to the Board. With the retirement of Audrey Costerisan we will be in need of at least one chief election inspector. Motion by Philip Stiemann to approve list of election officials. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

UDC Building Inspector:

- Wayne has been in contact with Jon Mattson – Mattson Inspections who will be sending over an updated fee schedule as well as information on potential ordinances the Town may want to pass.
- A complaint on current building inspector, James Price was filed with the State by Cory Anholt. The State mistakenly sent the information to the Village of Siren but we have a copy. At this time the Board will not take any action as they have already decided to contract with a different UDC inspector.

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

- Committee met again at 5:30pm before the Sanitary District meeting. Will work on getting color maps that are easier to update / re-color to match the Towns wishes for rezoning.

Snow Plowing for Fire Department:

- The Town of Siren will plow the fire station until they have a contract with another service in place. Meeting at the FD on Tuesday 12/19/2023.

Land Use:

- Nothing new to report on the proposed manufactured home park or short term rentals

Roads:

- Equipment Update
 - Plow Truck Replacement: Board has met with Monroe Truck Equipment to determine what they want on the new truck. Next step will be sourcing chassis. Earliest delivery is likely 2025.
 - New Tractor / Long-Arm Mower: No updates
 - Other Equipment: Sweeper is at Len Knauber's. Possibly injection pump issue. Will see what cost to repair is and decide whether to sell or repair.
- Road Maintenance / Winter Operations:
 - Matt and John have been cutting trees
 - John will look at ordering heated wipers for the orange plow truck and the 1-ton.
 - Signs and posts for upcoming year: Motion by Wayne Wiberg to purchase new signs from BCE and posts from Lange Enterprises. Seconded by Philip Stiemann. Motion carried.
 - Backhoe is in need of new tires. Motion by Wayne Wiberg to order new tires for backhoe from Poms. (County will install). Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Wiberg to move into Closed Session per Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) (f) (g) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Seconded by Philip Stiemann. Motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Wiberg to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

Clerk and Treasurer will continue to track their time for book-keeping for the Sanitary District and get paid at a rate of \$25.00/hour (No change from 2023).

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

Chris Tewalt – Clerk
Town of Siren