

SIREN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2024

The Town of Siren held their monthly board meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, immediately following the Public meeting on the replacement of the Burnikel Rd. bridge 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 December 2023 Board Meeting minutes / Seconded by Diane Lund / Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

MMA Savings Balance 12/31/2023	\$173,427.21
Checking Balance 11/30/2023	\$407,585.49
Deposits	\$339,409.26
Withdrawals	\$ 84,954.80
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$662,039.95
Total Checking and Savings	\$835,467.16
Equipment Hold	\$250,000.00
Tree Hold	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$580,467.16

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

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

Public Input:

- None

Land Use:

- Wayne is going to have the Town's attorney review the citation and driveway ordinances to make sure they are looking okay before the potential of issuing fines for un-permitted driveways.
- Short Term Rental: The County has issued licenses: 6487 Hideaway Rd and 24732 Taylor Lake Rd
- Manufactured Home update / Municipal Permit Fee: With the elimination of the personal property tax in Wisconsin the Town will now not collect any tax revenue from manufactured homes. Those homeowners will also lose out on the lottery credit on their taxes. The Town will explore the implementation of a municipal permit fee to recoup some of that lost revenue.

#### UDC Building Inspector:

- A certified letter was sent to James Price, dba Alder Engineering, advising of the contractual ninety day notice that the Town of Siren was cancelling his contract to perform UDC inspections.
- Jon Mattson, dba Atlas Inspections attended the meeting to discuss the services he will provide the town as the new UDC inspector.
- Motion by Phil Stiemann to enter into agreement with Jon Mattson / Atlas Inspections to perform UDC inspections for the Town of Siren. Contract will renew automatically annually. Mattson Inspections will take over on or about April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 unless James Price agrees to end his agreement sooner.

#### Comprehensive Planning Committee:

- Committee met again at 5:30pm before the Sanitary District meeting. Motion by Wayne Wiberg to adopt ordinance 2024-1-11 amending the comprehensive plan. Seconded by Phil Stiemann. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Roads:

- A public meeting was held prior to the regular board meeting – no public came to the meeting – to discuss the replacement of the bridge over the Clam River on Burnikel Road. Bridge replacement is scheduled for summer 2025. The State of Wisconsin will cover nearly all costs.
- Equipment Update
  - Plow Truck Replacement: The Board met with Mid-States Truck Services on Monday and ordered a new International HV patrol truck. Plow equipment will be provided Monroe Truck Equipment. Truck should be delivered before winter 2025.
  - New Tractor / Long-Arm Mower: No updates
  - Other Equipment: Len Knauber has advised the engine needs to be overhauled on the sweeper. Estimated cost of \$5000. New broom will be approximately \$1000. Board decided to have Len go ahead with overhaul and the Town will keep the sweeper.
- 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.

#### Closed Session:

- Original plan to move into closed session to discuss position of Deputy Clerk – Elections. Due to original candidate turning down the position Board determined no need to move into closed session.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Phil Stiemann to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

Chris Tewalt – Clerk  
Town of Siren