

SIREN TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2024

The Town of Siren held their monthly board meeting on March 14th, 2024, immediately following the Sanitary District meeting at the Siren Town Hall

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

Open Meeting Notices were verified

TREASURERS REPORT

US Bank Savings 2/29/2024	\$173,445.63
Community Bank Savings 2/29/2024	\$ 2,500.23
US Bank Checking 1/31/2024	\$1,853,956.38
Deposits	\$ 318,266.65
Withdrawals	\$1,561,213.84
Ending Balance 2/29//2024	\$ 611,009.19
Community Bank Checking 1/31/2024	\$1,500.00
Withdrawals	\$ 122.31
Interest	\$ 0.04
Ending Balance 2/29/2024	\$1,377.73
Total Checking and Savings	\$788,342.78
Equipment Hold	\$250,000.00
Tree Hold	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 533,342.78

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

Motion by Phil Stiemann to approve February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

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

Clerk gave an update on the migration of accounting to Town Hall Software. Current budget has been entered into the software for tracking.

Public Input: None

Rescinded Taxes: Shortly after the February 2024 meeting the Clerk was advised of an error to the assessment of the property located at 24687 Whitetail Trl. As a result, the Town is liable for the incorrect balance of taxes owed, \$4,380.11. A check will be sent to the owner and Clerk will file for a charge back with the State.

Banking Changes: As a result of US Bank closing their Siren branch in May, 2024, the Town has opened new accounts with Community Bank. Motion by Wayne Wiberg to close the Town of Siren checking account currently open at US Bank – Siren. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried. Motion by Wayne Wiberg to close the Town of Siren savings account currently open at US Bank – Siren. Seconded by Phil Stiemann. Motion carried.

Beaver Trapping Contract: Motion by Wayne Wiberg to continue to have Kyle Lindquist take care of any beaver or other nuisance animal problems for the Town. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

Land Use:

- a) Comprehensive Plan: Maps are done. Nothing new to report.
- b) Short Term Rental Room Tax Committee: Diane reported all municipalities in the County have now signed on with the STR Room Tax Ordinance. Letters will be sent to STR operators explaining process for paying taxes.
- c) ROW easement request – retaining wall: Board is requesting additional information from landowner before approving or denying request.
- d) ROW easement request – septic/mound system: After discussion the Board determined there are likely better areas to locate the new mound system. Motion by Phil Stiemann to deny the request for mound system encroaching into the road ROW. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

UDC Inspector: Necessary changes and new ordinance has been forwarded to the State Department of Safety and Professional Services. Changes on their end will occur in early April prior to Jon Mattson taking over inspections.

Ordinance Review: Motion by Wayne Wiberg to have Benson Law Office review any fine or fee related ordinances for the Town to determine validity. Seconded by Diane Lund. Motion carried.

Records Retention Discussion: Discussion on how the Town should handle the retention of old files, etc. This process will be ongoing.

Open Book & Board of Review: Open Book will be from 9:00am – 11:00am on April 12th. This will be a phone-in process to the assessor. Due to a scheduling conflict the time of the Board of Review has been pushed back one hour. Will now occur on May 2nd, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Roads:

- a. Burnikel Road Bridge: County/State inquiring what the Town would like done with the old bridge. Decision will be made at the April meeting.
- b. Bids for Road Projects: Board will work up a list of works for the summer to be published for bids.
- c. WISDOT Culvert Program: Does not appear the Town has any culverts large enough to meet the minimum requirements of this project.
- d. Equipment Update:
 - i. New Plow Truck: Matt and John met with Monroe regarding placement of equipment.
 - ii. New Tractor: Possibly a May delivery
 - iii. Other Equipment: 1 ton needs new hydraulic pump for the plow. Matt and John will work on getting replacement.

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 Phil Stiemann. Motion carried. Wayne and Chris will meet with Benson Law Office regarding the insurance claim made by Scott Abbott.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Wayne Wiberg to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Phil Stiemann. Motion carried.

Chris Tewalt – Clerk
Town of Siren