RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIREN TO EXCEED THE STATE LEVY LIMIT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CHARGES ASSESSED BY THE SIREN FIRE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin imposes limits on the property tax levies of local governments under Wisconsin Statute § 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h) provides an exception to these levy limits, allowing a municipality to exceed its limit by the amount that its charges for joint fire department services or joint emergency medical services increase over the prior year's charges; and

WHEREAS, the Siren Fire Association provides critical fire protection and emergency medical services to the Town of Siren and its neighboring member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Siren Fire Association has assessed charges for the year 2027 that represent an increase over the prior year's charges; and

WHEREAS, the percentage increase in the total charges assessed by the joint department does not exceed the maximum percentage allowed under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h)2.a. (equal to the consumer price index plus 2 percentage points, or a total of 5.3%; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h) requires that the governing body of each municipality served by the joint department adopt an identical or matching resolution in favor of the levy limit increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Siren, Burnett County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of its members-elect, that:

1. The Town hereby approves an increase in its 2026 tax levy (to be collected in 2027 by the amount of $3,948.93 to pay for its portion of the increased joint fire department charges.
2. This increase is authorized pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h).
3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to submit the appropriate documentation, and this adopted resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of October 2026.

Wayne Wiberg

APPROVED BY:
Wayne Wiberg, Chairperson

ATTEST:
Chris Tewalt, Town Clerk