

Siren Fire Association Meeting  
August 9, 2023  
Siren Fire Hall

Members present: Jim Pearson V Siren, Darwyn Brown T Lafollette, Bob ViltzT Daniels, Wayne Wiberg T Siren, Paul Cornelison Siren Fire Chief, Jenelle Lindquist Treasurer, Siren Fire Dept members.

Darwyn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion made by Jim seconded by Bob to approve last meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report; 60 fire calls calendar ytd, 69 fiscal ytd. Last year's fiscal year total was 69. 1 Fire member left so there are now 24 active and 2 inactive members. The new tanker delivery is going to be delayed because of a delay getting the tank, delivery estimated late Sept-Oct. Fire Inspections, 195 initial inspections scheduled, 40 sites were not inspected due to not being able to get interior access. 112 sites had violations noted and were given 30 day notices to correct. 92 sites didn't get all violations corrected.

Discussion on next steps for sites that didn't correct violations. Inspection company notifies them they have violations that haven't been corrected. The Fire Dept has met the State rules on inspection and is not penalized for non-compliance. If a fire occurs the insurance company will deal with any repercussions with the businesses.

Natfire reports are being done and a process is in place to handle reports in the future.

Received a quote from Maurer Power for electric work needed, \$1,155.00. Estimate for curb repair is \$1,200.00. Darwyn will contact Derek to have his liability insurance Pay.

Motion made by Bob seconded by Jim to have Derek repair or pay for repair by October 1, 2023, motion carried.

Treasurer report: Jenelle gave the treasurer report and noted last year's 2% was \$11,940.00.

Motion by Jim second by Wayne to approve treasurer report, motion carried.

Motion was made by Wayne second by Bob to open 2 CD's for \$5,000.00 each for a 6 month term and a 12 month CD for \$20,000 from Community Bank in Siren with Jenelle Lindquist, Darwyn Brown, Jim Pearson, and Wayne Wiberg's name on each CD. Motion carried.

Discussion on budget: Discussed if we should keep budgeting money for truck replacement every year or just maintain our savings at \$50,000 and borrow for the total purchase when we get one. Even if we budget each year we still end up borrowing the difference when we purchase. Discussion on replacement of protective clothing and gear. Gear and clothing have a use life, if a firefighter enters a structure they must have up to date clothing. Currently 12 members have the gear needed to do this. Not all members need to have updated gear.

Discussed if we purchased 3 units and 1 pac a year what effect on the budget would be if we couldn't get grants. Determined to be \$20,500.00.



Motion by Jim second by Wayne to maintain savings at \$50,000.00, budget \$20,500.00 for equipment if grants don't apply, set the budget at \$147,500.00 and approve.

T Siren; \$72,286.65 increase \$18,848.9

T Daniels; \$35,824.61 increase \$9,341.38

V Siren; \$27,834.00 increase \$ 7,257.80

T Lafollette; \$11,569.75 increase \$3,016.85

Vote; Yes V Siren, T Siren, T Lafollette. No T Daniels.

Old Business; 6x6 DNR loaned truck was returned to the DNR. County has a permit process for solar panels but doesn't have a process to notify Fire Departments of locations or disconnect information. Wayne will look for possible ordinances or examples of a process that will notify Departments. Village of Siren will be lowering the fire siren, Village will be paying for the work.

Motion by Jim second by Bob to adjourn at 8:30 pm, motion carried.



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Treasurer Report  
10/03/2023

General Checking:	\$ 74,598.79
Savings	<u>\$161,706.47</u>
Total:	\$236,305.26

We will be moving \$30,000 to CD's from the savings account once we get the signers all updated at Community Bank.

\$109,000.00 will be used to pay for the remainder owed on the truck.

Documents included in your packets:

- 1 – Estimated assessment with no increase, increase we approved in August, and a 7.4 % increase.
- 2 – 2024 original projected budget vs 2023 current budget
- 3 – 2024 original projected budget
- 4 – 2023 budget vs actual report



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2024 Estimated projections with budget increase - Siren Fire Association

Keeping it the same	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total Valuation	Percentage of Total	Municipality's Share of Budget	
Town of Daniels	82,633,000.00	105,700.00	82,738,700.00	0.24	26,483.23	1,959.76
Town of LaFollette	26,704,300.00	16,600.00	26,720,900.00	0.08	8,552.90	632.91
Town of Siren	166,238,200.00	711,400.00	166,949,600.00	0.49	53,437.68	3,954.39
Village of Siren	63,395,200.00	888,800.00	64,284,000.00	0.19	20,576.20	1,522.64

TOTALS	338,970,700.00	1,722,500.00	340,693,200.00	1	109,050.00	8069.7
			340,693,200.00			117119.70
				109050.00	7.40%	

Approved in August  
35.2728 increase  
(\$38465.00)

old 307

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TOTALS	338,970,700.00	1,722,500.00	340,693,200.00	1	147,515.00	38,465.00
			340,693,200.00			

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7.4 % increase \$8069.70

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