

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – October 11, 2021**

The October 11, 2021 Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jon Evenson at the Biron Municipal Center. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

PRESENT: Jon Evenson, Tammy Steward, Sue Carlson, Patty Gapen, Mark Honkomp, and Dan Muleski. Mike Guillemot is excused. Also present: 3 guests

MINUTES: Motion Honkomp, second Gapen to approve minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. The committee met October 6. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments are in order. The committee recommends adoption of Ordinance 3.11.16. Legislative Committee chairperson Muleski will discuss under his committee report. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve all bills and journal entries for September, and to approve the Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for September: \$107,333.69. Expenses: \$292,140.36. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23467-23544 with nine autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of September bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$855,536.57. Utilities Checking: \$259,572.68. Money Market \$24,505.99. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4626-4637. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$293,031.01. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Dave Kerkman reporting. Nine emergency responses were made in September. There was a structure fire in the Village and four area fire departments assisted. Active department roster is at fifteen. Kerkman is developing a Youth Explorer program with Lincoln and Assumption High Schools. The fire department will be at the park on South Biron Drive on October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will pass out candy to trick or treaters. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Mark Honkomp reporting. The committee will be meeting soon to consider 2022 wages. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance has partnered with Stafford Rosenbaum law firm to provide human resources legal services at no cost. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Personnel Committee report. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. The Plan Commission met before the Board meeting this evening and recommends rezoning Lot 1 of Wood County Certified Survey Map No. 10981; part of Lot 3, CSM 10574 as recorded in Volume 39 on page 74 as Document No. 2019R05531, being part of Government Lot 5, Section 25, T23N, R6E, Village of Biron, Wood County, Wisconsin. Lot currently zoned R-4 Multiple

Family Residential and will be rezoned to B-1 Business/Commercial District, to allow for business expansion of Rapids Prop. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the rezoning request. Motion carried. Muleski reviewed an amendment to Ordinance 3.11 Tax Payments. The amendment is *3.11.6 Overpayments - Property tax overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded unless such refund is specifically requested in writing*. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Ordinance as amended. Motion carried. Muleski provided an update of ordinance violations. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. Zach reported four alley aprons were redone. The balance will be completed in the Spring. ND has repaired one set of railroad tracks. The new lawn mower is in service. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Public Works Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee member Muleski reported there are twenty-six on the dock rental wait list. There has been damage to some of the docks and those renters have been contacted for payment of damages. It was suggested if payment is not received, they will not be allowed to rent a dock for the coming year until they pay for the damage. The DNR Recreation Warden responded to our request for a no wake zone on the Biron flowage and has requested further information. The committee will continue working through the process. There have been a few complaints about boaters coming in too fast to the boat landing. It was suggested contacting the Sheriff's Department requesting more patrol in the area on high volume weekends. Larger signs are needed in the slow no wake area. The smaller ones could be posted in the kiosk near the boat landing. Motion Muleski, second Steward to approve the Public Property Committee report. Motion carried.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. The budget has been finalized. Zach reported the well is back online. A valve needed to be replaced. A new locator was ordered for \$250 and the cost will be split with Public Works. Highway Commissioner Roland Hawk and Dave Gale of Westwood will be attending the November 8 Board meeting to discuss CTH U reconstruction. The water revenue bond payment will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to accept the Water Utility Committee report. Motion carried.

WASTE WATER COMMISSION REPORT: *Note: The Waste Water Treatment Plant is operated & staffed by the City of Wisconsin Rapids. One member of the Village of Biron Board of Trustees is an acting member of the Commission.* Evenson reported he will be attending the Commission meeting this week and will report on the wastewater agreement history. Motion Honkomp, second Evenson to approve Wastewater Treatment Commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLERK'S REPORT: Arndt requested direction to set Trick or Treat hours. They will be Sunday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Arndt reported on the recent Aspirus Lights of Love Benefit Walk held along the recreational trail. There were 180 walkers. Aspirus has requested to hold this event in the Village again in 2022. The Wood County Board has completed their work on redistricting and each municipality must adopt a Resolution for Ward division and designating a polling place. The Village is one (1) ward, which consists of all census blocks located within the boundary of the Village of Biron. Motion Muleski, second Gapen to adopt Resolution 21-10 Resolution for Ward Division and Designating Polling Place. Motion carried. The chargeback of taxes process was discussed. Arndt will continue to work with a Department of Revenue Local Government Services

Auditor to ensure the process is followed accurately. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Clerk's report. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

South Wood County Airport Commission funding was tabled. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the President's report. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion Honkomp, second Steward to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Jon T. Evenson, President