

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – March 13, 2023**

The March 13, 2023 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, Mark Honkomp, Jamie Biegel, Mike Guillemot, Dan Muleski, Patty Gapen. Also present: Anne Arndt, Samantha Daugherty, Kayla Lumaye, Peggy Doughty, Chief Kerkman, 7 guests

MINUTES: Motion Guillemot, second Muleski to approve minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments are in order. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve all bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments and to approve the Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Samantha Daugherty reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for February: Receipts: \$616,111.95 and Expenses: \$540,298.96. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 24601-24651 with nine autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of February bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$1,143,396.33. Utilities Checking: \$418,195.08. Water Money Market \$330,115.07. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4858-4870. Wastewater Non-Lapsing Fund: \$34,123.03. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Evenson reviewed an updated loan chart. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief David Kerkman reporting. Wildland training was conducted by the WI DNR in January. There were six medical and two fire calls made in January. The department provided assistance for the Polar Plunge and Kellner Knights Radar Run. Members completed SCBA mask fit tests. Two replacement MSA G1 SCBA harnesses were delivered. Two members attended the WI EMS training conference. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mark Honkomp reporting. The committee did not meet in February.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. A resident asked if the Village had plans to open Village roads for ATV/UTV use. Village Ordinance 7.11.3 states ATV/UTV operation shall be permitted on designated routes and trails approved by the Village Board and designated on the Village Snowmobile Trail Map or Village ATV/UTV Trail map. Designated streets are 80th Street North, County Highway U/North Biron Drive from Huffman to 80th Street North, Anchor Landing Drive, Bridgewater Drive, Waterview Drive, Bridgeview Drive and Sunset Point Drive. All county roads are open and each municipality can

decide if their section can be designated for ATV use. Other residents present stated Biron Drive is very busy with kids walking to the park, walkers, bicycles, and car traffic. The residents feel adding ATV/UTV use would not be a good idea. Muleski stated he was contacted by an area business owner wanting to expand his building across a Village road and onto a second lot he owns. This section of Village road was abandoned when HWY 54 was rebuilt. He would like the Village to deed this unused road to him. There is a water line under the road from HWY 54 to the 30th Street North cul de sac. The owner needs to initiate the process. Motion Gapen, second Biegel to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. The Village received a letter from Waste Management regarding a price increase. Tammy contacted Tim Miller at WM and he assured that is not the case. Discussion was held regarding recycling waste at the bathrooms along the recreational trail. Visitors at the boat dock area need to be more attentive to separating recyclables from trash. The committee discussed once a month the crew pick up large items and take them to the landfill. No action taken at this time. The committee had approved purchase of an elbow for the vac truck. Kayla found another vendor who quoted several hundred dollars less and she ordered the elbow from them. Xylem will begin work on the lift station in early May. Copies of the Village Information Booklet were distributed. Each committee should update their section by early May. Evenson stated he and Kayla have a meeting March 14 with Highway Commissioner Roland Hawk to discuss the CTH U project. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the Public Works Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. Mike has reached out to the Chairs of the Towns of Linwood and Rudolph regarding their adoption of an ordinance similar to Biron's for the Slow No Wake Zone. Mike will be meeting with MSA Docks and Boat Lifts regarding a contract for boat slip installation, removal, and possibly additional docks. There are thirteen boat slips available for rent. Muleski received a quote to replace three entry/exit doors in the municipal center hall for \$4,650 each. The committee was requested to obtain another bid. Evenson presented a bid of \$9,139 for new municipal center entry doors. The committee will obtain another quote. Kayla presented bids from Unifirst and Cintas for lobby entry mats. Guillemot recommended a decision on mats be left up to Village staff. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the Public Property Committee report. Motion carried.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Jamie Biegel reporting. Kayla presented a list of commercial businesses that need cross connection inspections. Motion Muleski, second Steward to approve HydroCorp to complete commercial inspections, appointments, customer care service, providing service line material inventory, and program administration, not to exceed \$6,768. Motion carried. Letters will be sent to residents that require meter replacement. Cross connection surveys will be conducted at the same time by Village crew members. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the Water Utility Committee report. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: *Note: The Wastewater 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 reviewed communication that will sent to the Commission requesting the Village be heard at its next regular meeting. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot to send the City of Wisconsin Rapids a \$140,000 good faith contribution toward 2022 wastewater services. Motion carried, with one no vote. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the February 8, 2023 Commission meeting minutes and the Wastewater Commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of blocking entry by vehicles and ATV/UTVs to pedestrian trail near boat docks

CLERK'S REPORT: Arndt reviewed the Spring Primary. This was the first election in the Village using the Express Vote. All comments were positive. An annual audit of worker's compensation was conducted. All is in order and the Village received a \$2,818 premium rebate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The annual reorganizational Board meeting will be April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion Muleski, second Steward to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Jon T. Evenson, President