

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – August 9, 2021**

The August 9, 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, Mike Guillemot, Mark Honkomp, and Dan Muleski. Also present: 7 guests

MINUTES: Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as printed. M.C. Motion Honkomp, second Steward to approve minutes of the July 14, 2021 Special Board meeting. M.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. The committee met August 9 prior to the Board meeting. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments were in order. Evenson requested reimbursement for a lunch receipt. The committee recommends one-time reimbursement for \$53.78 not including tip, and committee pre-approval in the future. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve all bills and journal entries for July, to approve reimbursement of the lunch receipt and approve the committee report. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee are: Receipts for July: \$103,665.89. Expenses: \$501,672.24. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23345-23406 with 6 autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of July bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$933,411.42. Utilities Checking: \$245,849.96. Money Market \$24,499.75. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4589-4607. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$289,456.76. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Clerk Arndt reported an interest payment of \$1,059.68 is due September 1 on the docks line of credit loan and Board approval is needed to use funds from dock revenue. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the interest payment using funds from the dock revenue account. M.C. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the Treasurer's report. M.C.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Dave Kerkman reporting. July training consisted of driver operator and pump training with the new fire engine and testing fire hose. There were 6 medical and 4 fire calls in July. Active roster is at 15. There will be a "Sportsmen's Night" fundraiser held at Anchor Bay on October 25. Tickets are \$75 each, limited to one hundred sold. Tickets are available from any fire department member. The new engine needs a few repairs and Custom Fire will take care of them. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the fire department report. M.C.

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substantially in the older part of the Village. Evenson will communicate Trustees' concerns to the county.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. A request to rezone property at 2411 Plover Road has been made by Rev. Robert Schaller of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. They would like to purchase the property for cemetery expansion. The property is zoned Industrial and would need to be rezoned to G-1 Institutional. The Plan Commission will meet to conduct a public hearing September 12 prior to the Board meeting and the Clerk will make all necessary notifications.

Discussion was held regarding accessory building size limits. The committee recommends revising the ordinance to a percentage of the lot size. Another option is to leave the ordinance as is and a resident could apply for a conditional use permit. This will be referred back to the committee.

The committee recommends paying the new building inspector 90% of the previous building inspector's permit fee schedule through the end of 2021 and in January 2022 the rate would increase to 95%.

The Clerk issued provisional operator licenses for Joseph Bowman, Jessica Richards, Chloe Lane, and Jacqueline Keelor and requests the Board grant regular operator licenses to them. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to grant regular operator licenses to these four individuals. M.C.

Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. M.C

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. Zach reported he is looking into redoing aprons on alley ways, which will cost approximately \$300 each. Zach is also studying infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement to reduce water infiltration. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot to approve the Public Works Committee report. M.C.

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A Biron Rental Docks/Slips Management Policy was reviewed. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the policy, effective August 9, 2021. M.C.

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WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. Zach reported Well 2 is offline so the casing can be cleaned, and the shaft will be redone. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the Water Utility Committee report. M.C.

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.* Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to accept minutes of the July 7, 2021 Commission meeting. M.C. Evenson reported there is a conference call August 10 and a face-to-face meeting later in August regarding the Wastewater Agreement. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve Wastewater Treatment Commission report. M.C.

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CLERK'S REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Evenson would like to attend the League of Municipalities Chief Executives Summer Workshop, August 19-20, in Fond du Lac. Registration is \$190. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve Evenson's attendance. M.C. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the President's report. M.C.

ADJOURN: Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Jon T. Evenson, President

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