

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – September 12, 2022**

The September 12, 2022 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, Jamie Biegel (via telephone), Patty Gapen, Mike Guillemot, Dan Muleski. Also present: Clerk Anne Arndt, Treasurer Samantha Daugherty, Utility Clerk Peggy Doughty, and thirteen guests.

MINUTES: Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Works Committee chairperson Steward spoke about garbage collection and possible contracting with Waste Management. Residents that were present stated they don't want a change. Other concerns are: will this change cause any crew member to lose their job. Currently, large items are picked by the crew on garbage day (a \$10 fee per item is payable at the Municipal Center). Trustee Muleski said there are safety issues for Village crew members while picking up garbage on HWY 54.

The Public Works Committee wants to keep some services the crew currently provides. Leaf pick-up would still continue but only with residents using paper bags. The Village does not want to add garbage collection to the tax roll.

A ten year contract with Waste Management to pick up garbage only costs \$671,800. For garbage and recycling pick up a ten year contract costs \$671,500. Garbage cans/bins are 95 gallons and are chipped so they are traceable. A Waste Management truck is front loading and will be used until they purchase a new side loading truck. Waste Management recycling containers now in use in the Village will most likely be replaced with 95 gallon containers.

It was suggested a special Board meeting be held for further discussion and input from residents.

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 Steward 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 August: \$639,793.15 and Expenses: \$222,803.90. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 24217-24274 with eight autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of August bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$1,075,963.28. Utilities Checking: \$311,597.77. Water Money Market \$321,003.28. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4765-4785. Wastewater Non-Lapsing Fund: \$34,051.32. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief David Kerkman reporting. August training was hose testing. During the process members performed and practiced running the pump on Brush 4. Six medical calls were made in August. The Association will hold a fundraiser October 24 at Anchor Bay. All proceeds this year will be going to the Fire Department. Members are attending MSTC Entry level, Driver/Operator, Officer, and First Responder classes. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mark Honkomp reporting. TeamCare Health Plan audit report is complete. We agreed to a settlement where the measurement period used for the calculation in determining if an employee averages 30 hours per week, will be 12 months. Notice was received from General Teamsters Union Local 662 of its desire to continue the Agreement, but also open the Agreement for purpose of negotiating changes or revisions in wages, hours, and working conditions. Honkomp reported on significant damage at the Biron Park, Anchor Bay and Aqua Skiers restrooms. Clerk Arndt filed a claim with MPIC and was notified there is coverage for the loss. She will be obtaining a quote for three restrooms for all new stainless fixtures, toilets, mirrors, hand dryers, and electrical and plumbing work that is required. Discussion held regarding hourly compensation for former Treasurer Witt training new Treasurer Daugherty. A limit of five hours per month beginning in August and continuing through tax season is agreed upon. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the Personnel Committee report. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Karen L. Mercer was issued a Provisional Operator's License, good for sixty days. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to grant Karen L. Mercer a regular Operator's License. Motion carried. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. The lift station on North Biron Drive and in the Business Park need repairs. Rich Schaez will be contacting Xylem for quotes. After discussion with Village crew members, the Committee is recommending revising the Brush Policy. They suggested tree limbs, logs or brush be no greater than six inches so they can be fed through the chipper. If a service removes a tree, the service is responsible for removing the brush. If the resident removes a tree, the Village crew could pick up the brush. The piles need to be small in size and brush piled in one direction. Paper bags are to be used for leaf pickup. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Public Works Committee report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to adopt Resolution 22-04 Amending Chapter 11 of the Village of Biron Code of Ordinances – Slow-No-Wake Area on the Wisconsin River in the Village of Biron. Motion carried. End of Ramp signs are installed on the boat landing. Rich asked if the crew is to be taking care of the area along the trail from Sunset Point Park to the boat landing area. Brush and invasive weeds need to be removed. Rich will also contact CWPCo for permission to add more rock barriers at the end of the trail. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Public Property Committee report. Motion carried.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Jamie Biegel reporting. On August 23 a DNR audit was conducted. A Rural Water representative will be meeting weekly with Rich to assist with reporting requirements. Motion Guillemot, second Evenson 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. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the August 8, 2022 Commission meeting minutes and the Wastewater Commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Classic Development incentive

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Anne Arndt reporting. There was forty percent turnout at the August 9 Primary Election. Arndt reported on Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association training attended. A tax settlement refund was mailed to ND Papers on 8/22/2022. I will be filing the Chargeback of Taxes form with the Department of Revenue by October 1. By November 15, the Department of Revenue will determine whether the municipality can chargeback the refunded taxes to the other taxing jurisdictions and notified the municipality of each affected taxing jurisdiction of the amount owed. Each jurisdiction must pay the municipality the amount owed by February 15 of the year following the determination. The chargeback must be reported on the Levy Limit Worksheet. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Clerk's report. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Evenson reported he's received several calls from a resident wanting to build a new house on a lot that has no through street. That area may be in a wetland. If a street and utilities were installed the cost would be assessed to the lot owners in the area. Incentive Agreement payments have been made to Freeberg Auto. Mariani will be paid by October 1. Membrane Systems needs to file an incentive agreement and approved by the Board before any payments are made.

Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve Resolution 22-05 In Recognition of Curt Witynski and Gail Sumi. Both are long term employees of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities are retiring at the end of 2022. Motion carried.

Notice has been received by the Wood County Treasurer that she will be accepting bids on Parcel 24-00424 until September 23 at 4:00 p.m. The parcel is on Huffman Road.

Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the President's report.

ADJOURN: Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Jon T. Evenson, President