

# **Information Booklet**

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## FIRE, AMBULANCE, and POLICE EMERGENCIES DIAL 911



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Village of Biron Board of Trustees holds a Board meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Municipal Center.

#### **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Maintain appropriate job descriptions for all Village of Biron personnel. Oversee the completion of employee evaluations. The Public Works Supervisor/Water Superintendent will evaluate the crew and report to the Personnel Committee. The Public Works Supervisor/Water Superintendent will be evaluated by all committees and input to Personnel Committee for final evaluation by Personnel Committee. Review wages and benefits of all non-represented Village personnel. Monitor the completion of all required training and maintenance of required certifications. In coordination with Village of Biron Committees and Board of Trustees, maintain appropriate levels of staffing for Village services. In coordination with supervisory/management staff, recruit, screen and submit recommendations to Village Board for open positions or positions created by the Village Board. In coordination with the Village of Biron Board of Trustees and their appointed legal representation, negotiate labor agreements with represented Village of Biron labor groups.

#### FINANCE & BUDGET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Review monthly all purchases made by Village personnel, departments, and committees. Review compliance of Village purchasing policies. Review investment accounts as submitted by Village Clerk or Treasurer. Make recommendation to the Village of Biron Board of Trustees regarding the monthly payment for approved purchases. At the Request of Village of Biron Committee Chairpersons, review bids and purchase recommendations exceeding \$1,000.00. Oversee purchase impacts on Village and Committee budgets. Review and submit preliminary budget proposals to the Village Board annually. Review funding needs and submit proposals to the Village Board. Submit preliminary budget adjustments as necessary to the Village Board. Authorize the examination, review or audit of Village financial records.

#### LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Make recommendations to the Village Board for necessary revisions of Village of Biron ordinances. Oversee enforcement of all Village ordinances and codes as designated by the Village Board. Establish policy/procedure to assist Village staff in handling ordinance violations and the issuance of ordinance citations. Oversee all contractual agreements with inspectors contracted by the Village. Coordinate Village legal activities pertaining to ordinance enforcement with the Village designated attorney(s). Review all building permits issued.

## PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Responsible for the management of Village of Biron public use property and facilities, excluding Village of Biron property that serves as road rights-of-way. Oversee the rental activity of Village property. Oversee all contracts and services pertaining to Village safety including Village of Biron fire department.

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Responsible for planning and oversight pertaining to the maintenance, repair, and construction of Village streets, sanitation sewer systems, storm drainage systems, landfills, public lighting, solid and recyclable waste disposal and services. Maintenance of Village public works equipment, buildings, and property. Assist in the identification and prioritization of Village public works crew activities.

### WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

Responsible for all maintenance, repair, and construction pertaining to the Village owned Water Utility. Monitor Biron Water Utility financial performance. Prepare and submit proposed Water Utility budgets to the Budget Development and Personnel Committee. Oversee the activities of the Village Water Superintendent.

#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS & PLAN COMMISSION**

Zoning Board of Appeals is appointed by the Village President and is confirmed by the Village Board. It shall consist of five (5) citizen members with staggered three-year terms and two alternate members with staggered two-year terms.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear and decide all appeals and make their recommendation to the Village Board concerning variance request and zoning regulations. All meetings are open public meetings.

To request a variance to the zoning ordinance, please call the Village Clerk at 715-423-6584. Be advised there is a non-refundable fee.

Plan Commission members consist of the Village President; one Trustee appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board for a one-year term; the Director of Public Works; two citizen members appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board for a staggered three year term. The Village of Biron Plan Commission shall perform all duties, responsibilities and statutory requirements of Village Plan Commissions as identified in Wisconsin State Statutes 61.35 and 62.23 and the requirements identified in Village of Biron ordinances.

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses and permits from the Village <u>are required</u> for various activities. Permits are <u>always required</u> for any structural change or new construction, remodeling, additions, roofing and siding, driveways (new or replacing), decks, accessory buildings and sheds, garages, fences, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC. For permit and license fees please contact the Village Clerk's office at 715-423-6584 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or you may access the information on the website <u>www.biron.wi.gov</u>. If your contractor does not obtain the permit, it is the property owner's responsibility to do so. Any work done prior to obtaining a permit will result in double permit fees. Village of Biron contracts with Josh Volz for building inspection.

Any ordinance questions such as setbacks etc. should be directed to the Village Clerk. Following are some of the permits and licenses required in the Village:

New Construction of HomesRemodeling and AdditionsDrivewaysAccessory BuildingsGaragesDecksRoofingSidingFencesWindows (if "replacement" windows, no permit needed)Electrical

Plumbing HVAC Bartenders license

Chicken Alcohol and Cigarette sales license

After the building permit request is made, any new construction or additions will need to be staked and reviewed by the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee Chairperson, the Public Works Supervisor or the Building Inspector prior to the building permit being issued. *Work started before obtaining a permit will result in permit fees being doubled*.

If you are in a floodplain area of the Village, certain restrictions will apply.

#### POLLING PLACE AND VOTING

The polling place for all Village of Biron residents is at the Biron Municipal Center located at 451 Kahoun Road. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election days.

Election for Village President, Village Treasurer and three (3) Village Trustees are held on the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years. Election for three (3) Village Trustee positions are held on the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years.

Primary elections are held as necessary the third Tuesday in February and the second Tuesday in September. In a presidential election year, the presidential preference primary election is held in February.

Wisconsin requires a photo ID to vote. Please bring it with you to the polls. Absentee ballots and further information on voting is available at the Village Clerk's office by calling 715-423-6584, visiting the website at www.biron.wi.gov, or MyVote.wi.gov.

#### PROPERTY TAXES

Village of Biron collects property taxes each year to help cover costs of providing Village services. The Village also receives other sources of revenue from state aid, recycling grants, licenses and permits. Included on your tax bill are taxes for State, County, Local (Village of Biron), Mid-State Technical College, and the Wisconsin Rapids School District. These are all listed separately on your property tax bill and combined into one tax payment figure.

Your tax bill payments can be made in two installments. The first installment, which may or may not include special assessments or special charges, is to be made at the Village of Biron Treasurer's Office located at the Biron Municipal Center or mailed to 451 Kahoun Road by January 31st of the current year. If you mail your payment and would like a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. Your second installment is due by July 31st and must be paid at the County Treasurer's Office in the Wood County Courthouse.

#### RECREATION

The Village has a beautiful park located on South Biron Drive. Along with the park equipment there is a tennis court, basketball hoops and a volleyball court. The shelter house at the park is available for rental. Call 715-423-6580 to make reservations. Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. Village of Biron curfew for anyone under age 18 is 10:00 p.m. Pets are not allowed in the parks at any time.

A recreational trail extends from Kahoun Road to South Biron Drive. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Pet waste stations are installed at each entrance. Please pick up after your pet.

Along South Biron Drive, fish from the pier or relax and enjoy the river view from Gateway Park. The Village has two boat docks on the Wisconsin River. One is located just north of Kahoun Road and the other is located on North Biron Drive.

The Village has two public boat landings on the Wisconsin River. One is located just north of Kahoun Road and the other is located on North Biron Drive. Boat slip rentals are available May 15 – October 15, weather permitting. Call 715-423-6580 for rental information.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSING**

Village Ordinance requires that dog owners obtain licenses for their pets. Every dog must be licensed each calendar year. Licenses are available through the Village treasurer's office located at the Biron Municipal Center. Village of Biron contracts with the South Wood County Humane Society. They accept stray dogs and cats and provide pickup of tied or contained animals.

**License costs are:** Neutered or spayed dog - \$5.00 per year Unneutered or unspayed dog- \$15.00 per year

Dog licenses for the calendar year must be purchased by March 31st of each year or a \$5.00 late fee will be charged per license. There is no license required for cats. To receive your pet license, owners must show their pet's current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian at the time of purchase of the license. Anyone who wants to keep more than three dogs must obtain a kennel license. Kennel licenses are only allowed as a conditional use permit after a public hearing is held by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ordinance 12.08 of the Municipal Code states: The maximum number of dogs and cats shall be as follows: a) Single Family Residential Areas...no residence shall have more than 3 dogs, 3 cats or any combination of such dogs and cats exceeding four. B) Multi-Family Residential Area including the Mobile Home District – no residence shall have more than 2 dogs, or 2 cats, or any combination of such dogs and cats to exceed 3.

All dogs and cats which are off the premises of the owner must be on a leash. If the owner of a dog, negligently or otherwise, permits the dog to run off the premises of the owner without a leash or permits a dog to be untagged, the owner shall forfeit \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second offense, \$150 for the third offense and an additional \$50 for each subsequent offense, together with the cost of prosecution and with any cost of securing the animal and, in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding 90 days.

Keeping of Vicious Dogs Regulations: A vicious dog is any dog or hybrid dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, assault, cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals as evidenced by its habitual or repeated chasing or snapping or barking and/or snarling in a threatening manner. This includes but is not limited to pit bull dogs, pit bull terrier breed of dog, Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog, American pit bull terrier breed of dog, the American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog and any other mixed breed or other breeds whose breed or mix are commonly known as pit bull. All vicious dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed (no longer than 4 feet) and muzzled. Indoor confinement shall <u>not</u> be allowed when windows are open or when screen windows or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the dog from exiting the structure. All owners of vicious dogs shall display in a prominent place on their premises a sign easily readable by the public with letters not less than 2 inches in height stating "Danger – Vicious Dog." A similar sign is required to be posted on the kennel or pen of the dog. For a copy of the ordinance listing further restrictions on vicious dogs and the penalty involved in not adhering to the ordinance please call 715-423-6584.

### **VEHICLES – UNLICENSED, INOPERABLE, OR ABANDONED**

According to Village ordinances, unlicensed/inoperable/abandoned vehicles are prohibited in the Village of Biron. No person shall accumulate, store or allow any unlicensed, disassembled, inoperable, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors or trailers in the open upon any public or private property in the

Village for a period exceeding 10 days. No person, except a junk dealer licensed in the Village of Biron, shall accumulate, store or allow any junk outside of any building on any public or private real estate located in the Village.

## WINTER SNOW, ICE, AND PARKING

Village of Biron property owners must clear snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. When ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the property owner or occupant shall keep it sprinkled with salt or sand. If the snow and ice is not cleared or salted/sanded the Village will clear the walk when time allows and will charge the property owner a fee for the use of Village labor and equipment. Parking of all vehicles shall be prohibited on all Village streets when snow has accumulated to one inch or more. This prohibition shall remain in effect until the snow is cleared. Remember to run water (a thin steady stream) when there are freezing temperatures, so your pipes do not freeze.

#### **SNOWMOBILES**

It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile or any other motor-driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off-highway use on private property or on the Village streets, alleys, parks, parking lots, or on any public lands or private lands or parking lots held open to the public, except on the snowmobile trail designated by the Village Board as follows: Snowmobiling shall be permitted along Huffman Road. The trail will be clearly marked and signed. No person shall operate a snowmobile anywhere within the Village between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. All state snowmobile laws have been adopted.

### ATV/UTV

All Village streets, except 80th, are open to ATV/UTV traffic. ATV/UTV, golf carts, scooters, or any motorized vehicle are not allowed on any bike, pedestrian, or recreational trail at any time. No person shall operate an ATV/UTV or golf cart anywhere within the Village between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

## LAWN, LEAF AND BRUSH DISPOSAL

## Village ordinance prohibits burning of leaves and trash of any kind.

Spring grass and leaf pickups are the second week in April through the second week in May. Fall grass and leaf pickups are the second week in October through the second week in November. Grass clippings and leaves are to be placed in **paper bags** at the curbside.

## **Compost Sites**

The City of Wisconsin Rapids has offered to the Village of Biron the use of the East side compost site available to residents (April through November) interested in purchasing a tag, which are \$65.00 each. The **East Side**, located on CTH W & STH 54 near the water tower, is open during the following hours (except holidays):

Monday & Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accepted material: grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, brush and tree limbs.

Hours may change to accommodate daylight savings time. For Fall hours call 421-8288 or check the City of Wisconsin Rapids web site for updates: <a href="mailto:streets@wirapids.org">streets@wirapids.org</a>

The Village has a compost site for residents to use. The site is located behind the municipal garage. Accepted material: leaves, grass clippings and garden waste.

Wolosek Landscaping located at 3531 Plover Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Accepted material: grass clippings and garden waste

### Grass & leaves must be kept separate from the brush piles

Brush pile pick-up will be done during the last week of each month, April through October. In case of large storm events, this schedule may be extended. Scheduled weeks are posted on Biron's website. The last week of the month is determined by the week in which the final day of the month falls.

Biron asks brush/limbs to be placed for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the scheduled pick-up week. Brush must be piled in one direction, with cut ends facing the road, and placed near but not on the road. Please limit brush to a maximum of 10 feet in length, 4 feet in height, and 6 feet in width. (10'L X 4'H X 6'W). Keep brush piles away from mailboxes, lawn ornaments, streetlights, signs, power poles or any other objects that would prohibit pick up.

Biron brush chipper is limited to brush 6" in diameter. If you have tree limbs, logs, or brush that exceeds that, you will need to dispose of those items yourself. Passes for the City of Wisconsin Rapids compost site are sold at the Village Municipal Center. The pass fee (\$65 for 2024) is established by Wisconsin Rapids and allows disposal of lawn waste & brush of any size, as well as access to recycled black dirt/compost.

Biron asks when removing an entire tree, residents contract the services of a professional tree service and as part of that service to have the entire tree removed. Biron's brush pick-up program is for resident generated brush only, not contracted tree removal or trimming. If removing a smaller tree on your own, please check with the Village of Biron Public Works staff to determine Biron's ability to assist in removing brush and limbs. It is likely the larger portions of the tree, such as the trunk and large limbs, will need to be disposed of by the resident.

#### WEEDS

Any grass/weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches in height from the ground surface are prohibited. If the owner/occupant fails to control the growth of such grass/weeds as required by ordinance, the Weed Commissioner of the Village shall serve upon him notice as to this fact. If such owner fails to abate this nuisance within five (5) days after service of the notice, the Weed Commissioner shall take action to abate such public nuisance. If the Village causes a nuisance to be removed as provided in the ordinance, the actual cost thereof, together with an administrative fee equal to 10% of the actual cost, shall be charged to the property owner.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Christmas trees are picked up curbside during January. Trees are to be <u>clean of all decorations and free of all plastic wrap</u> and should be set out on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on Monday of each week.

#### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Garbage is picked up weekly on Mondays by Waste Management. Each home in the Village was provided a garbage bin. All garbage must be placed in garbage bags. The use of clear bags is encouraged. Garbage should be placed by the edge of the curb before 5:30 a.m. but no sooner than 24 hours before pickup. If a holiday falls on Monday, garbage will be picked up on the following work day.

## Carpeting, Mattress, Box Spring, Large Furniture Items

There will be a twice a year bulk pickup. Bulk pickup will be done on the last full week of October and April. This will be done Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

There is a bulk item collection form that must be submitted prior to any item being picked up. The form lists the fees for each item. All items must be paid for in advance at the Municipal Center. If the fee is not paid in advance, those items will not be picked up.

As of September 1, 2010, Wisconsin's electronic recycling law prohibits disposal of certain electronic devices in Wisconsin landfills, burning in an incineration facility, or placing these devices in a container intended for disposal or incineration. Further information may be accessed at http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin.The following is **no longer** be accepted with the garbage collection: televisions, computer monitors, desktop and laptop computers, computer peripherals which includes keyboards, mice and speakers, desktop printers, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's & digital video recorders and cell phones. Information on where to recycle products is listed on pages 11 and 12.

#### RECYCLING

Recycling is picked up every other Monday by Waste Management. Each home in the Village was provided a recycling bin. Recycling should be placed by the edge of the curb before 5:30 a.m. but no sooner than 24 hours before pickup. If a holiday falls on Monday, recycling will be picked up on the following work day.

Please call the Municipal Center at 715-423-6580 if you have any other questions regarding recycling.

Items accepted for pickup include newspapers, magazines, corrugated cardboard, Plastic #1 through #7, tin cans, aluminum cans, container glass. Paper, cardboard, glass, and cans are to be recycled. Do not mix with garbage.

Items NOT accepted: soiled/contaminated items, plastic bags, windows, mirrors, light bulbs and tubes, Pyrex dishes, drinking glasses, chemical bottles, medical containers, laboratory glass, foil and bottle caps, cardboard sides, aerosol cans, paint cans, Styrofoam, hard plastic (toys, pails, etc.), medicine bottles and syringes, bathroom waste paper (paper towels or toilet paper), wrapping paper, carbon paper, cellophane, cloth, cork, foil, polystyrene, Styrofoam, anything waxed, candy wrappers, napkins, paper cups, Styrofoam or paper food containers, photographs, fiberboard, labels and label backings.

## **APPLIANCES**

| Waste Management          | 715-997-3161 |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| DK Recycling              | 608-564-7387 |
| Express Recycling         | 715-423-4999 |
| Fox Valley Iron & Metal   | 715-423-8988 |
| Nekoosa Auto Iron & Metal | 715-886-4716 |
| NK Scrap                  | 715-572-0083 |

## **BATTERIES**

| Ace Hardware           | 715-421-1550 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Express Recycling      | 715-423-4999 |
| Port Service           | 715-887-4100 |
| Schierl Tire & Service | 715-423-1600 |
| Walmart                | 715-423-5877 |

## **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

Waste Management 715-997-3161

## **E-WASTE** (electronics, computers, tv's etc.)

| Express Recycling           | 715-423-4999 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| NK Scrap                    | 715-572-0083 |
| Northside Computers         | 715-384-5125 |
| Zaxx Technology Specialists | 715-424-5153 |

## **FLOURESCENT BULBS**

| Express Recycling | 715-423-4999 |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Home Depot        | 715-421-1510 |
| Ace Hardware      | 715-421-1550 |

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Antifreeze – Schierl Tire 715-575-9320

Other Items - Wood County Clean Sweep

Wood County UW Extension 715-421-8440 Wood County Health Dept 715-421-8911

## **MEDICATIONS**

Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, 444 W. Grand Ave. (drop off during lobby hours) Wood County Health Department 715-421-8911

### OIL

| Wisconsin Rapids City Garage | 715-421-8218 |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Port Service                 | 715-887-4100 |
| Schierl Tire & Service       | 715-423-1600 |
| Walmart                      | 715-423-5877 |

### **PAPER**

Corenso 715-422-7800

| Express Recycling | 715-423-4999 |
|-------------------|--------------|
| ODC               | 715-424-2750 |

## PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

 Walmart
 715-423-1900

 Pick 'n Save
 715-423-1620

 Quality Foods
 715-423-8350

**REUSE** 

Baker Street Wesleyan Church 715-421-5335 (clothing, shoes, small household goods)

Family Center 715-421-1511 (household supplies)

Career Closet 715-424-7544 (clothing)

Goodwill 715-421-2991 Love Inc 715-424-5683

## **SOUTH WOOD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

Accepts aluminum cans & Christmas tree lights year 'round for recycling 715-423-0505

## **TIRES**

Waste Management 715-223-2581
Matthews Tire Center 715-423-2010
Port Service 715-887-4100

## **WASTE WOOD PRODUCTS**

Adeal Wood Recycling 715-421-2212

2820 Plover Road, Wisconsin Rapids

Will also take yard waste and brush. Painted or treated wood is not accepted. Small charge of \$3.00 a pickup load or small trailer

## LANDFILL (Please check for current prices)

Advanced ES Cranberry Creek Landfill LLC, 2510 Engel Road, Wisconsin Rapids (715)421-3966

Solid Waste - \$22.50 minimum

Construction & Demolition - \$22.50 minimum

### **Appliances**

| stoves, washers, dryers, etc            | \$20.00 each |
|---|--------------|
| microwaves                              | \$30.00 each |
| refrigerators, air cond., dehumidifiers | \$30.00 each |
| water heaters                           | \$20.00 each |
| mattresses/box springs                  | \$14.00 each |

Tires Off Rim
automobile \$4.00/each
truck \$8.00/each
tractor & large truck \$25.00/each
\$30.00/each

Car batteries \$3.00/each

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Biron Fire Department has 20 paid volunteer members. Membership is open to any person; 18 years of age, that lives within 5 miles from the Village of Biron and who possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license. Youth ages 14 to 17 are eligible to apply to the fire department's explorer program, in which explorer members will be paid to take fire related courses. The Fire Chief is Dave Kerkman and the Assistant Fire Chief is Shawn Dillingham.

The Fire Department has three vehicles: Engine #1 is a 2021 Spartan Metrostar, Engine #2 is a 1998 Pierce Lance, and Brush Truck #4 is a 2007 Ford F550.

#### **BURNING REGULATIONS:**

#### **BURNING LEAVES OR TRASH**

It shall be unlawful to burn leaves and trash of any kind in the Village of Biron

#### RECREATIONAL BURNING

Recreational burning is permitted in a fire pit; a minimum 3-sided enclosure; or a gas, electric or charcoal kettle. Recreational burning is subject to the safety requirements listed below.

### **BURNING BY PERMIT**

Permits for burning brush may be issued by the Fire Chief. All permits are subject to Department of Natural Resources regulations and are issued annually. Once the permit is issued the DNR website dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire or 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) will need to be checked for burning conditions prior to burning. Burning may not be done before 6:00 p.m. and must be completed by 12:00 midnight. No burning is allowed on Sundays or holidays. To obtain a permit you may call the fire chief at 715-423-6585.

## All Burning is subject to the following safety requirements:

- 1. The fire is monitored by a responsible person until the fire is extinguished or burns out.
- 2. The fire is not lit on windy days or when atmospheric conditions will endanger the public health or safety.
- 3. The fire is located off the public right of way and in excess of 30 feet from the residence of another.
- 4. The fire is not used for the covert burning of plastic, rubber, garbage or other offensive materials.
- 5. The fire must be located off the public streets, curb, gutters and sidewalks.

Any person burning in the open, whether permitted or not, which results in a response by the Village Fire Department shall be billed for the cost of such response.

#### **WATER UTILITY**

The Village has seventeen (17) miles of water lines, two operating wells, a water treatment plant, and a 250,000 gallon water tower. Water system users are billed monthly.

Water and Wastewater Utility payments may be made at Baker Street IGA or at the Biron Municipal Center between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and

7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday. Late payments can only be made at the Biron Municipal Center. Call 715-423-

6580 for the utility clerk or 715-323-2001 for the Water Superintendent with any water or wastewater utility question.

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT

The Village has fourteen miles of wastewater lines and five lift stations. The Village wastewater is sent to the City of Wisconsin Rapids Treatment Plant. Users of the wastewater system are billed monthly for use of the system. The amount of water used in your home or business is the amount used to figure your wastewater bill.

#### **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AND ONLINE BILL PAY**

The Village is now able to accept credit or debit card payments in person or online for utility bills. Either download the app at: <a href="https://app.heygov.com/biron.wi.gov/quick-pay">https://app.heygov.com/biron.wi.gov/quick-pay</a> or scan the following QR code to start that process

#### MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTAL

The Biron Municipal Center has a 3,000 square foot assembly area and kitchen. This area is available for rental for both Village residents as well as non-residents. Following are some of the rules:

- 1. No smoking on premises.
- 2. Must be over 21 to rent the Municipal Center. If not, a co-signer is required.
- 3. No Cash Bar is allowed. No tip jar or donations allowed. No selling tickets to purchase alcohol allowed.
- 4. Event is to be over by 11:30 p.m.
- 5. Decorations can be mounted with poster putty only.
- 6. No confetti. No balloons.
- 7. All garbage is to be placed in furnished containers. Recyclables must be placed in proper containers.
- 8. Renter is responsible for kitchen cleanup.

A complete list of regulations and fees for the rental of the Municipal Center is available at the Municipal Center Office at 451 Kahoun Road between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday or on the website <a href="www.biron.wi.gov">www.biron.wi.gov</a>. Please call 715-423-6580 for more information or to reserve a date.

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