

REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2008

The October 13, 2008 Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Jon Evenson at 6:30 p.m. at the Biron Municipal Center. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

PRESENT: Trustees: Tammy Steward, June Siegler, Jan Gaber, Dan Muleski, Margaret Billman and Wayne Lambert. Also in attendance were Treasurer Joyce Komppa, Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, nine residents and two interested parties.

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed from the regular board meeting held on September 8, 2008, the special board meeting held on September 10, 2008, the special board meeting held on September 17, 2008, and the special board meeting held on October 6, 2008. **Motion** Muleski to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 8, 2008, seconded Siegler M.C. **Motion** Muleski to accept the minutes of the Special Board Meetings held on September 10, 2008, September 17, 2008 and October 6, 2008, seconded Steward. M.C.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: It was requested that the board consider that their decisions are in the best interest for the Village and that the Board is representing the residents. It was also questioned what the financial burden would be to the taxpayer if the business park did not generate the revenue to repay the debt. The Developer Agreement will guarantee security and no construction will be started unless there is a major business that wants to locate in the business park to generate revenue or the Village of Biron is successful in obtaining a major grant.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Billman reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update:** Committee met, reviewed, and approved all the bills for the Village, Wastewater Department and Water Utility. **Motion** Siegler to pay all bills as recommended by Finance Committee, seconded Steward. M.C. **Review Non-Lapsing Funds** – Due to the economy, Committee members are reviewing the Village's investments and options. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report, seconded Evenson. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand September 30, 2008 is \$387,738.37 which includes total receipts of \$85,977.80 and expenditures of \$61,324.95. Investment accounts through September: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$272,921.66. **Water Utility:** Checking \$65,039.74, Money Market \$13,415.60, Non-Lapsing Fund \$301,948.26. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$15,404.42, Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,787.80. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Steward. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairperson Steward reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update on the following – Policy for Wastewater Charges for Water Not Entering Sanitary System** – Committee discussed options on the procedure for handling requests for reduction of wastewater charges when the water does not enter the sanitary system. This was referred back to committee. **Review Shore Acres Road Project** - Committee is requesting that the Public Safety & Welfare committee pay 1/3 of the engineering costs for this project as it includes a parking lot area for the park. Committee will not be able to utilize the LRIP program money as the whole project would need to be completed by the end of June 2009. This is being referred back to committee to review the engineering costs. **Preliminary Budget** – Committee worked on the budget for Public Works departments and it is ready for review by the Budget Committee. **Public Works Supervisor's Update** – Grass & leaf pickup started October 13th and will run through November 13, 2008. Infratech will be coming yet this fall to rebuild some sanitary manholes and one storm sewer manhole. The culvert was replaced on the end of Buffalo Street and the blacktopping necessary to complete that project was done. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update on the following – Water Superintendent's Update** – The lead and copper tests were completed at 90% compliance. One house was not in compliance but the DNR was not concerned. A fire hydrant on the end of Deer Street was replaced. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairperson Jan Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update on the following – Cranberry Breakfast** – The Cranberry Breakfast was a success and a big thank you went out to all of the volunteers with a special thank to Bill and Shirley Carpenter for the countless hours that they helped with the planning, set up, serving and cleanup. They, along with all the volunteers, helped to ensure that the breakfast was a success. **Preliminary Budget** – Committee completed the budgets for the municipal center and park and they are ready for review by the Budget Committee. **Shelter House for Park** – The board reviewed the proposal along with price estimates. Some funding ideas were discussed. Committee will continue to work on this and will bring it back to the board for approval. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Property, Safety & Recreation Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE: Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Review Ordinance Complaints & Violations** – Committee reviewed complaints on ordinance violations. **Update on Condemnation of Trailer 13 at 3151 Plover Road** – The case went to court and the party was given until the end of October to fix the trailer to our standards. **Minimum Housing Standards** – Committee is in the process of writing new minimum housing standards. **Review Zoning Ordinance for Possible Update** – Plan Commission previously had done work on updating the zoning ordinance. Committee is reviewing past Plan Commission meeting minutes and then will decide on what needs to be completed yet to finish updating the ordinance. **Wireless Ordinance** – Committee chairperson is researching the wireless ordinance and this will be discussed at the next committee meeting. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Legislative, Ordinance & Zoning Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

WASTEWATER COMMISSION: Commission Member Tammy Steward reporting. *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.* - At the September 10, 2008 meeting the plant expansion project was awarded to Miron Construction. At the October 7, 2008 meeting the revised Ocean Spray and Urban Cranberry Processing Agreements were approved. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Wastewater Treatment Commission report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Evenson reporting. **Request for Contribution for Public Access** – No representative from Public Access appeared to present this request so the board did not discuss it. **Wood County / Biron Intergovernmental Agreement** – The Wood County Executive Committee accepted the latest version of the agreement with an addition of the wording for the interest rate on short term assistance to be at the federal fund rate plus 2 percent. **Motion** Muleski to accept the latest version of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the addition of the interest rate on short term assistance to be at the federal fund rate plus 2 percent, seconded Steward. M.C. by roll call vote with Lambert against. County Executive Committee will vote on a resolution accepting this agreement on October 21st and following that meeting the County Board will meet. **Report on Meeting Activity** – President Evenson discussed the meetings he had attended. Plan Commission members met with Greg McDonald about a possible rail spur and expansion for business on his property. This will be presented to the board when more detail of the project is available. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President's report, seconded Steward. M.C.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Muleski to adjourn the October 13, 2008 board meeting, seconded Gaber. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk