

REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2007

The October 8, 2007 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, and three residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Carpenter thanked the board for placing the tether ball at the park as it seems to be an enjoyable addition. John Siegler questioned whose responsibility it is to take care of the street lights that are not working. Since street lights are Consolidated Water Power Company's (CWP) responsibility when one is not working it can be reported directly to CWP. If a non working street light is reported to the village office the office will then report it to CWP. Since CWP has reduced staff it may take a while for the light to be fixed. If a week or two has gone by and the light is not fixed it would be best to report it again. John Siegler felt that it may be beneficial for the Village President to contact CWP.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 10, 2007 Board of Review meeting and the September 10, 2007 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. **Motion** Lambert to accept the minutes of Board of Review held on September 10, 2007, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Motion** Lambert to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 10, 2007, seconded Muleski. M.C.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Chairperson Update:** Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2007 to review all bills for the Village, Wastewater Department and Water Utility. **Motion** Lambert to pay all approved Village, Water Utility and Wastewater bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded Muleski. M.C. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Finance Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand September 30, 2007 was \$251,017.68 with September receipts of \$31,998.65. Expenditures were \$69,282.29. Investment accounts through September: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$271,088.10. **Water Utility:** Money Market \$70,998.35, Non-Lapsing Fund \$222,727.66, Checking \$67,646.39. **Wastewater Department:** Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,565.49, Checking \$9,145.34. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairperson Steward reporting. **Committee Chairperson Update on the following – Wastewater Budget –** The wastewater budget has been completed and is being turned over to Budget Committee for review. **Road Right-of-Way on South Biron Drive –** Public Works Director Rick O'Keefe is working on determining the road right-of-way on South Biron Drive. From Cranberry Creek to the City of Wisconsin Rapids limit there are 16 trees that need to be removed. Seven of those trees are in our road right-of-way and one tree by our lift station is questionable. **Recycling Bids –** Committee will be bidding out the recycling contract this year. **Family Resource Center –** Committee is reviewing the possibility of having a collection day for items that could benefit the Family Resource Center. The details need to be worked out further. **50/50 Road Aid –** Using the 50/50 Road Aid Program through Wood County we were able to have the approach blacktopped to North Biron Drive off of Marsh Road. **Supervisor's Update –** Seven windows at the garage have been replaced and the entry ways need to be done yet. Grass & leaf pickup started today and will run through November 8th. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Billman. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the following: Meeting with Glenn Falkowski, DNR.** Glenn reviewed the annual inspection report with committee. Every five years a more intense inspection is done. The PVC pipe will need to be replaced with a rigid pipe such as ductile iron, copper, steel or galvanized and the crew will be able to accomplish this. The crew will also install a shroud over the aerator vent to prevent precipitation from entering the aerator. The fire hydrants that have a low flow need to be color coded or tagged and the fire department needs to be notified. A program will also be put in place to replace the antiquated fire hydrants. An updated sampling site plan needs to be submitted to the DNR. The airline that enters the pump base at Well #2 has been sealed and the drain line from Well #3 has been extended. The possibility of an emergency use only connecting main and isolation valve between the City of

Wisconsin Rapids and the Village of Biron is being looked into. **Follow Up on Cross Connections** – Follow up letters will be sent to the Biron mill and Community Christian Academy as a reminder that their comprehensive cross connection inspection and documentation needs to be done by the end of the year. **Budget** – Committee is working on budget and will be taking into consideration the extra testing for lead and copper that needs to be done next year and the hydrants that need to be replaced. **Water Superintendent's Update** – A report on the inspection performed by Layne North-West should be received by next committee meeting. **Motion** Billman to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairperson Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the Following: Planning for Cranberry Breakfast** – Committee updated the board on the progress of the plans for the Cranberry Breakfast which will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All help and donations are appreciated. **Light Pole at Municipal Center Parking Lot** - Committee will be reviewing estimates. The pole does need to be ordered and will take about 3 weeks before delivery. **Budget** – Committee worked on budget and is forwarding it to Budget Committee for review. **Purchase of Tables and Chairs** – Committee is looking at purchasing a few lighter weight tables to replace some of the heavier ones that are harder to set up. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Safety, Welfare & Recreation Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Billman reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the following: Ordinance Violations & Complaints** – At the court appearance for the barking dog the Judge asked the Village to try to reach a settlement prior to another court date being set. The car dealership is again parking cars for sale on 32nd Street. A letter will be written to him due to safety concerns. Some of the bicycles on 32nd Street are being cleaned up and the area is looking a lot better. The Tribune ran an article about a resident who has been doing repair work / remodeling in their home for the past seven years. This is being worked on for building permit violations. **Building Permits from Damage Repair Work** – An updated list of building permits and list of contractors with signs in the village was reviewed. To date there have been 129 permits issued, 90 of which are from storm damage and more that will need to be issued. **Ordinance Amendment to Increase Dog License Fees** – An ordinance increasing the license fees for dogs was reviewed. **Motion** Gaber to adopt ordinance #1-07 Amending regulation and licensing of dogs, seconded Muleski. M.C. (copy at end of minutes) **Ordinance Amendment Concerning the Maximum Number of Cats & Dogs Allowed** – **Motion** Steward to adopt ordinance #2-07 Amending regulation and licensing of dogs and cats, seconded Gaber. M.C. (copy at end of minutes) **Rental Code, Rental Inspection & Housing Code** – Committee is working on a rental & housing code. **Budget** – Committee worked on a budget and is forwarding it to Budget Committee for review. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee Report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: Commission Representative 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.* The minutes from the September 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. The DNR has approved the facilities plan. Soil borings are being started. Evergreen trees will be planted to block the view of the plant for the neighbors. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Wastewater Commission Report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Evenson reporting. **Update on Meeting Activity** – An explanation summary of meeting attendance by the President was presented. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President's report, seconded Lambert. M.C.

CLERK'S REPORT: **Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Plan** – Currently the employees have an option to voluntarily contribute money to a deferred compensation plan. The Village withholds their contribution from the pay check and makes that payment to the deferred compensation plan. The State of Wisconsin deferred compensation plan offers employees an option to invest at a lower administration cost and a higher payback to them. **Motion** Steward to accept the resolution for inclusion under the State of Wisconsin deferred compensation plan, seconded Lambert. M.C.

Update on 2008 Elections and Training Requirements – The presidential preference primary will be moving from September to February starting in 2008. There will be four elections in 2008 – February 19th will be the presidential primary, April 1st will be the spring election, September 9th will be the partisan primary, and November 4th will be the general election. The state is mandating training requirements for all clerks. The initial core training needs to be attended prior to the end of the year and then another 3 hours of training sometime during 2008. **Motion** Steward to allow the clerk to attend the mandated election training in Green Bay with reimbursement for mileage and a meal, seconded Lambert. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Muleski to adjourn the September 10, 2007 board meeting, seconded Lambert. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk

ORDINANCE # 1-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS

The Village Board of the Village of Biron does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12.08(2) LICENSE FEES of the Zoning Code is be amended to read as follows: The license fee for a dog shall be as follows:

a) Unneutered Male Dog.	\$15.00	\$8.00
b) Unspayed Female Dog	\$15.00	\$8.00
c) Neutered Male Dog	\$5.00	\$3.00
d) Spayed Female Dog	\$5.00	\$3.00
e) Duplicate License	\$2.00	

~~In the event a dog becomes 5 months of age after July 1, 1/2 of the appropriate fee shall be charged.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2007.

ORDINANCE # 2-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS

The Village Board of the Village of Biron does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The Title of Sec. 12.08 be changed from Regulation and Licensing of Dogs to Regulation of Dogs and Cats and Licensing of Dogs.

SECTION 2. The Title of Sec. 12.08 (11) be changed from Number of Dogs per Household Limited to Maximum Number of Dogs and Cats.

SECTION 3. Section 12.08(11) of the Zoning Code is repealed and re-created as follows:

The Maximum number of dogs and cats shall be as follows:

a) Single Family Residential Areas. No person shall, either individually, or in combination with one or more other persons, keep, possess, harbor or routinely allow the presence of more than 3 dogs over 5 months of age, or 3 cats over 5 months of age, or any combination of such dogs and cats exceeding four, within the residential unit in which the person resides or upon the lot or portion of a lot upon which such residential unit is located, within a zoning district classified as either R-1 or R-2 Single Family Residential District.

b) Multi-Family Residential Areas. No person shall, either individually, or in combination with one or more other persons, keep, possess, harbor or routinely allow the presence of more than 2 dogs over 5 months of age, or 2 cats over 5 months of age, or any combination of such dogs and cats exceeding 3, within the residential unit in which the person resides or upon the lot or portion of a lot upon which such residential unit is located, within a zoning district classified as R-3 Two Family Residential District, R-4 Multiple-Family District or R-MH Mobile Home District.

c) In determining the limitations on the numbers of dogs and cats provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) above any specific dog or cat which was owned and/or licensed on or before the effective date of this ordinance will be grandfathered in. Any owner having more than 3 dogs or cats on or before effective date of this ordinance will comply with this ordinance as the excess dog or cat dies, is given away or sold.

~~No person, except a kennel licensee, shall own, harbor or keep more than 3 dogs that are more than 5 months of age. No kennel license shall be issued in any residential district or within 100 feet of any residential district. If a total of more than 3 dogs are owned, harbored or kept in or by any one household, the head of the household shall be deemed the person so owning, harboring or keeping such animals, notwithstanding that the dog license or licenses may be issued to other members of the household as owners of such animals. Persons who have more than 3 dogs which are licensed on the effective date of this section are exempt from the provisions of this section; however, no further licenses shall be issued until fewer than 3 dogs are owned, harbored or kept in the household.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2007.