

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2008**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET,**  
**SPECIAL VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING**  
**AND REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING**

The Public Hearing on the Village of Biron Proposed 2009 Budget was brought to order by President Jon Evenson on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Biron Municipal Center. The proposed budget was properly published and posted as required by State Statutes.

**PRESENT:** Trustees: Tammy Steward, Dan Muleski, Jan Gaber, June Siegler, Margaret Billman and Wayne Lambert by phone, Treasurer Joyce Komppa, Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, one resident and one interested party.

**PROPOSED BUDGET:** The proposed budget for 2009 was presented and reviewed. Expenses: General Government – \$322,000.00, Public Safety - \$184,500.00, Public Works - \$251,500.00, Health & Human Services which includes Humane Society - \$1,250.00, Culture, Recreation and Education - \$14,500.00, Conservation and Development – \$10,500.00, Debt Service – \$100,000.00, Misc. - \$500.00 for total budgeted expenses of \$884,750.00. Receipts: Village Tax Levy \$696,036.00, Other Taxes - \$55,000.00, Intergovernmental - \$135,491.75, Licenses & Permits - \$5,040.00, Interest & Misc. \$25,000.00 for total budgeted receipts of \$916,567.75. A cash balance of \$121,817.75 is expected at the end of 2009. The assessed value of the Village is 78,707,200.

**DISCUSSION:** A question was raised about the increase in election expenses. Currently Wood County supports the central count whereby the Village of Biron takes the ballots to the courthouse on election night and the ballots are counted. The central count machine is older and Wood County will no longer support the maintenance. Therefore the Village will need to purchase a precinct counter. The precinct counter will tally the votes as the voter places their ballot in the counter and at the end of the election day a printout will display the totals. With the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) this will also allow residents the opportunity to re-vote and destroy their initial ballot if the counter sees an over-vote for a race or some other error in the vote. This will be useful in a straight party election if the voter tries to vote in more than one party the voter will be notified that their ballot will not count and will be given the opportunity to destroy that ballot and vote on a new ballot if desired.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion** Gaber to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded Steward. M.C.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

The Special Board meeting was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing. The special board meeting was properly published and posted as required by State Statutes.

**ADOPT LEVY: Motion** Billman to adopt the 2008 tax levy of \$696,036.00 which is a tax rate of \$8.84 per thousand of assessed value, for taxes to be paid in 2009, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**GENERAL LEVY BUDGET: Motion** Siegler to accept the general levy budget as presented, seconded Muleski. M.C.

**WATER BUDGET: Motion** Muleski to accept the water utility budget as presented, seconded Steward. M.C.

**WASTEWATER BUDGET: Motion** Muleski to accept the wastewater department budget as presented, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion** Muleski to adjourn the special board meeting, seconded Billman. M.C.

**REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2008**

Immediately following the Special Board meeting the Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Jon Evenson. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed from the regular board meeting held on November 10, 2008 and the Special Board meeting held on November 17, 2008. **Motion** Muleski to accept the minutes of the Regular

Board Meeting held on November 10, 2008, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Motion** Siegler to accept the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on November 17, 2008, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**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 Muleski. M.C. **Review Non-Lapsing Funds** – Committee will hold a final year end meeting to review balances and non lapsing funds deposits. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand November 30, 2008 is \$266,452.25 which includes total receipts of \$63,444.80 and expenditures of \$54,379.04. Investment accounts through November: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$272,926.39. **Water Utility:** Checking \$133,428.42, Money Market \$14,878.87, Non-Lapsing Fund \$301,948.26. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$23,350.65, Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,791.58. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Steward reporting. **Chairperson's Update on the following – Public Works Supervisor's Update** – The new truck is working well. For snowplowing we use the GMC, the new truck, the water utility pickup truck and the end loader can be used. We are not using the little blue truck for snowplowing as it is too hard on the transmission. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee minutes and Chairperson's Update on the following – Fluoride Testing** – New equipment is needed to comply with state mandates for fluoride testing. The cost is approximately \$432.00 plus \$350.00 every six months. **Review Policy for Delinquent Water Payments – Shutting Off Service vs. Placing the Delinquent Payments on the Tax Roll** – Committee reviewed the procedure and agreed to go back to shutting off the water service for delinquent payments. An ordinance change will be done and brought before the board for approval in January. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Billman. M.C.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Jan Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update on the following – Planning for Chili Cook-off** – The Chili Cook-Off and Chocolate Challenge will be held on February 28, 2009. **Miscellaneous Purchases for Municipal Center** – Committee may be purchasing more Christmas lights to replace lights as needed and is looking to purchase a projector. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Property, Safety & Recreation Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairperson's Update on the following – Review Ordinance Complaints & Violations** – One complaint was received and handled through the office. **Update on Trailer 13 at 3151 Plover Road** – We are looking at various options for removing the trailer. **Minimum Housing Standards & Wireless Ordinance** - Committee chairperson is working with samples from other municipalities and will draft ordinances for committee to review. **Motion** Billman to accept the Legislative, Ordinance & Zoning Committee report, seconded Gaber. 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 November 12, 2008 meeting Commission members approved the purchase of security cameras for the outside of the plant and discussed the plant expansion project. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Wastewater Treatment Commission report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Evenson reporting. **South Wood County Humane Society Contract - Motion** Muleski to approve the South Wood County Humane Society Contract at a cost of \$1,266.00, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Report on Meeting Activity** – Wood County Executive Committee approved the Intergovernmental Government Agreement with the short term assistance removed. This agreement will be brought before the Wood County Board at the meeting to be held on December 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President's report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Gaber to adjourn the December 8, 2008 board meeting, seconded Steward. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk