

## **REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

The February 11, 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 by phone. Also in attendance were Treasurer Joyce Komppa, Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, and one resident.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 14, 2008 and the special board meeting held on February 5, 2008 were reviewed. **Motion** Muleski to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 14, 2008 and the Special Board Meeting held on February 5, 2008 seconded Gaber. M.C.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Chairperson Minutes & Update:** Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008 to review all bills for the Village, Wastewater Department and Water Utility. **Motion** Muleski to pay all approved Village, Water Utility and Wastewater bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded Steward. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand January 31, 2008 was \$964,727.95 which includes total receipts of \$801,049.14 of which \$785,765.33 is tax collections. Expenditures were \$383,148.50 which includes payment to taxing entities for their share of the December tax collections. Investment accounts through January: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$279,420.91. **Water Utility:** Checking \$48,537.96, Money Market \$74,173.95, Non-Lapsing Fund \$227,034.47. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$8,762.09, Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,704.92. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Steward & Muleski reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairpersons Update on the following – Utility Extension on Johnson Parkway off of Kahoun Road** – Committee is evaluating the extension of 270' of utilities and will report to the board when project costs are available. **Removal of Dead Trees Along River Bank** – **Motion** Steward to hire Bob Hoffman, Hoffman Tree & Stump Service, for removal of dead trees along South Biron Drive at a cost of \$2,750.00, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Projects at Garage** – The tile at the municipal garage needs to be replaced, committee will be checking on various flooring. **Vehicle Maintenance** – With the amount of snow this year the plow blades have needed to be replaced more often. **Water Superintendent & Supervisor's Update** – A tire needed to be replaced on the 1986 Ford Truck. Committee also discussed the pros and cons of salt versus the use of salt/sand. Salt does not break down when the weather is less than 18 – 20 degrees and in those colder conditions sand would work better. Committee will continue to discuss this. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Works Committee and Water Utility report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the Following: Marquee Display Boards** – Mike Fickey, Rapids Sign Shop, presented proposals for marquees. Committee will review the proposal and possibly budget for a future purchase. **Winter Event** – A chili & brownie cook-off will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Committee will continue to work on details for this event. **Motion** Steward to accept the Public Safety, Welfare & Recreation Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

**LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Billman reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the following: Ordinance Violations & Complaints** – Committee continues to work on ordinance complaints. Letters have been written to the resident that allows their dog to run at large and committee is in contact with the mobile home park residents and the local car dealer for parking in the road right-of-way. **Fee Based Ordinance Enforcement & Building Inspection Services** – A job description was presented for the building inspection services offered by Bruce McMiller. **Motion** Muleski to accept the job description presented for the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator with amendments as discussed, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Permits Fee Structure** – Committee has reviewed the inspection services that Bruce McMiller has offered. **Motion** Gaber to accept the permit fee schedule for residential building permits, seconded Steward. M.C. The commercial building permit fee schedule will be acted on at the March board meeting. **Rental Code & Minimum Housing Standards** - Committee is continuing work on this. **Discuss Possible Condemnation of Trailer in the Mobile Home Park** – Committee feels that Wood County is the regulatory body for mobile homes and therefore will be handling the condemnation of trailer 13. **Census of Animals** – Committee would like to conduct a special animal census in spring or early summer to determine the number of animals that are currently held at each residence. This will probably be done utilizing a postcard type return and if not returned the resident will be listed as having no animals at that time. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee Report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Evenson reporting. **Appoint Members for Town of Grand Rapids and Biron Study Committee** – Trustees interested in serving on this committee volunteered. **Motion** Billman to appoint Tammy Steward and Dan Muleski as Biron's members for the Feasibility Committee, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Conference Phone** – This is being referred back to committee for consideration. **Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids** – This agreement is the same as last year and will allow Biron residents the opportunity to purchase tags from the municipal center at a cost of \$35.00 to use the City of Wisconsin Rapids east side compost site. **Motion** Evenson to accept the agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids for use of the East side compost site at a cost of \$35.00 per tag, seconded Billman. M.C. **Review 2007 Fire Department Annual Report** – Fire Chief Mike Wilke submitted an annual report to the board for review. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Fire Department annual report, seconded Muleski. M.C. **Meeting Report** – A report was given on the meetings that the Village President had attended. **Motion** Gaber to accept the President's report, seconded Muleski. M.C. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Lambert reporting. **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board voted to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), to discuss employment and compensation of public employees over which the Board of Trustees has jurisdiction and exercises responsibilities, and to conduct specified public business related to the annual review of non-union employees wage and benefits. **Motion** Lambert to go into closed session, seconded Steward. M.C. by roll call vote with all in favor. **OPEN SESSION** – The board voted to return to open sessions. **Motion** Steward to implement immediately the dental coverage proposal as presented in closed session for the clerk and utility clerk, seconded Lambert. M.C. **Motion** Sigler to accept the Personnel Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Gaber to adjourn the February 12, 2008 board meeting, seconded Lambert. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichstadt, Clerk

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007**

The Biron Volunteer Fire Department was called out fifty two times in 2007. Of those fifty two calls; forty were EMS calls to assist Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance. The remaining ten calls were fire related and consisted of a false alarm at StoraEnso Mill, a leaky natural gas line, a tree branch burning from a power line, an electrical short in a wall, three structure fires and three R.I.T. (Rapids Intervention Team) calls. The Rapid Intervention Teams include a few members from each Department from South Wood County. These members are specially trained in firefighter rescue. When a structure fire is paged out in South Wood County, the R.I.T. members are also paged, they will stand by in the event that a firefighter has a problem or gets trapped in a burning building. The Biron Volunteer Fire Department gives and receives mutual aid from Grand Rapids and also other departments. Together we can pool our resources and become stronger.

Training sessions for the year include; reviewing standard operating procedures, practical actions for structure fires, chimney fires, wild land suppression and E.V.C. training (Emergency Vehicle Driving Course). Training also included pump training on all three fire trucks. Biron Fire Department Engine #1 was in Greater Wisconsin Rapids Area Parade and the Final Alarm Procession. There are 26 business fire inspections done bi-annually in the village; we also kept in attendance with Wood County Fire Chief meetings. Our "Street Dance" was a "wet" success due to all the Village residents and people from the surrounding communities coming out to support our efforts. Thank You Again.

An average of 67% of the fire personal responded to each call. We've had an average attendance at meetings of 73%. As of January 2008, we have a current roster of twenty members. The Fire Department is always looking for new members interested in joining the Department. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Department, please let me know.

Mike Wilke, Fire Chief  
Biron Volunteer Fire Department  
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**P.S. Please check and replace your smoke detector batteries; a battery is an inexpensive cost to save a life.**