

## REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The February 9, 2009 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 and Wayne Lambert attended by phone. Absent: Trustees Margaret Billman due to an illness and Trustee Dan Muleski due to a scheduling conflict. Also in attendance were Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, Treasurer Joyce Komppa, Boy Scout Matthew Riebe, resident John Siegler and Mike Schoenholz.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed from the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2009. **Motion** Lambert to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2009, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Committee Member Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes & 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 Gaber. M.C. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand January 31, 2009 is \$1,055,272.96 which includes total receipts of \$969,324.27 of which \$954,658.56 was tax collections and expenditures of \$291,069.96 of which \$179,905.55 was December tax collection payment to taxing jurisdictions. Investment accounts through January: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$388,699.42.

**Water Utility:** Checking \$29,831.19, Money Market \$15,521.75, Non-Lapsing Fund \$308,269.19. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$969.41, Non-Lapsing Fund \$4,292.46. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Evenson. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORK'S SUPERVISOR & WATER UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Rick O'Keefe reporting.

**Bluebird Right-of-Way & Possible Purchase of Land Where Existing Utilities are Located** – The maps for the area were reviewed. The 60 foot markings are for the easement agreement that NewPage has with the owner of the land. Our 25 foot road right-of-way is shown only on the north side of the property and follows the line west from the stub of blacktop on Bluebird off of Kahoun to VanSlate. The road area from VanSlate to Chapman Road is not owned by the Village even though there are manholes and a storm water system in that area. The owner of the property is concerned about liability issues on that drivable stretch of property and has offered to sell that piece of land to the Village. Public Works Committee will review this at their next meeting to determine if there is a need for the Village to own this piece of property and then the Plan Commission will also review and consider Public Work's recommendation. **Update on Water Line Freeze Ups**

– There have been several water line freeze-ups due to the steady cold this winter. One main froze and three areas from the lateral to the main. Several residents were told by the Water Utility to run a steady stream of water to prevent a freeze up. It is important for those residents to continue to run that steady stream as the frost goes deeper as the air temperature warms.

**Update on Removal of Trailer 13 at 3151 Plover Road** – The crew has started on the preparation work for the removal of trailer 13. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Public Work's Supervisor & Water Utility Superintendent report, seconded Steward. 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.* - The treatment plant expansion is progressing well. Minutes from the Commission meeting were available for review. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Wastewater Treatment Commission report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**MULTI-METRO DEER MANAGEMENT REPORT:** **Update and Report to Communities** – The report was available for the board to review. The following is a brief summary of the report: *The total group harvest in 2008 was good with a total of 105 deer harvested of which 99 were antler less. The total harvest in the Village of Biron was 14 with 4 being in the rural area. The group received a 50/50 matching grant for 2008 deer harvest. The cooler was helpful in keeping the donated venison cool. The group had a problem with theft as \$1,500.00 worth of equipment was stolen.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report Submitted by Fire Chief Mike Wilke – **Annual Report for 2008** – The report was available for review and is printed at the end of these minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Evenson reporting. **Recycling Education Agreement with the City of Wis. Rapids** – The City of Wisconsin Rapids in cooperation with area municipalities compiles a recycling booklet that can be distributed to constituents. The cost is about 15 cents per copy. This cooperative agreement allows the Village to be eligible for the recycling efficiency grant. **Motion** Gaber to accept the recycling education agreement with the City of Wis. Rapids, seconded Evenson. M.C. It was agreed that these booklets would be mailed to residents and maybe could be

included when a newsletter was mailed. **Compost Site Agreement with the City of Wis. Rapids** – Village of Biron residents are offered the opportunity to use the City of Wis. Rapids east side compost site by purchasing an annual permit at a cost of \$35.00. **Motion** Siegler to sign the compost site agreement with the City of Wis. Rapids, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Update on Meetings** – The regional meeting of chief elected officials was attended at the Wisconsin Rapids City Hall. At this meeting the group discussed possible changes in state funding in the shared revenue and / or transportation aids. Area municipality expenses for pool maintenance and life expectancy of the area pools was reviewed and the group discussed the possibility of a regional pool facility. A meeting was also attended to discuss areas of the Bridgewater residential project and a meeting to discuss timing of TIF amendments and areas of the Business Park such as annexation, preliminary planning and engineering activities. **Motion** Steward to accept the President’s report, seconded Siegler. M.C. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** Siegler to adjourn the February 9, 2009 board meeting, seconded Steward. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk

## Biron Fire Department Annual Report for 2008

The Biron Volunteer Fire Department was called out forty eight times in 2008.

Of those forty eight calls; thirty were EMS calls to assist Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance. The remaining eighteen calls were fire related. Starting the end of October 2008, we are now assisting Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department with structure fires and G.R.V.F.D. is doing the same for us. Both departments are working towards combining our services to better serve our communities and save on budgeting shortfalls. This conjoining may take some time to accomplish, but with both departments in favor of the move it should work out fine. We are now training together on a monthly basis. The more we train together the closer the two departments will become. Training sessions for the year include; search and rescue, practical actions for structure fires, chimney fires, wild land suppression, water rescue and E.V.C. training (Emergency Vehicle driving Course). Training also included pump training on both B.V.F.D. and G.R.V.F.D. fire trucks.

The Biron Volunteer Fire Department’s Engine #1 was in Greater Wisconsin Rapids Area Parade and the Final Alarm Procession. There are 24 fire inspections done bi-annually for all businesses in the village. Our 2008 “Street Dance” was a “big” success due to all the Village residents and people from the surrounding communities coming out to support our efforts. **“Thank You Again”**.

This years “Street Dance” will be held Saturday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00p.m.to Midnight and the band will be “RUMOURS”. Weather permitting we will also have a car cruise in, (Public Welcome).

An average of 61% of the fire personal responded to each call. We’ve had an average attendance at meetings of 71%. As of January 2009 we have a current roster of nineteen 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, (715) 423-6585

**\*\*\*\*\*Please check and replace your smoke detector batteries;  
a battery is an inexpensive cost to save a life.\*\*\*\*\***

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### CHILI COOK OFF & CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE

Village of Biron Municipal Center

Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

All you can eat chili and all the fixings plus assorted chocolate goodies.

Sample the cook off chili and chocolates, then cast a vote for your favorite.

\$5.00 Adults \$2.50 Children (Ages 6 to 10) \$2.00 Hot Dog Plate

**\*\*\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\*\*\***

