

REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2008

The March 10, 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 four members of the Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance, Dave Moodie, Keith Helmrick, two residents and one interested party.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 11, 2008 were reviewed. **Motion** Siegler to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2008 seconded Billman. M.C.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Chairperson Minutes & Update:** Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 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 Gaber. M.C. **Consider Amendments to Biron-Wood County Business Park Proposal & Consider Use of State Of Wisconsin Trust Fund for Economic Development Incentive** – Committee discussed changes to the Biron – Wood County Business Park proposal. Wood County is reluctant to assume 1/3 of the long term risk of the industrial park as they do not share in the ability to recoup investment through the special assessment tools as the Village does. It was determined if that element was removed the bonding resolution with Wood County would become more favorable. The \$500,000.00 incentive fund borrowing would also be removed from the Wood County bond as those funds could easily be borrowed by Biron from the State Trust Fund. These funds would only be borrowed as necessary with the Village Board approval to encourage development. Wood County would still assist in the planning and promotion of the business park and the Wood County name would be used on the business park facility to reinforce the regional recognition of the facility. Wood County would also attempt to attract grants to assist with business park planning, promotion and infrastructure. Biron would agree to repay any borrowed shortfall at the end of the TID life but would also have a developer's agreement in place with Classic Development to cover any risk. **Motion** Muleski to approve the adjustments to the Wood County – Biron business park partnership as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded Billman. M.C. **Motion Consider Funding Strategy For Replacement of Public Works Patrol Truck** – Mid-State Trucking has a payment option at 3.98% with the first installment of \$25,000.00 to be paid upon delivery and then a payment of \$23,197.24 would be made for the next four years. The first installment would be made from the non lapsing funds. The payment schedule could be reviewed at future meetings if additional dollars were available for payment. **Consider Funding Source for Feasibility Study – Motion** Evenson to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to retain \$50,000.00 of the share that was allotted for an extra payment on loan 9009 (New Hall Loan) for the Village's portion of the feasibility study, seconded Gaber. M.C. The amount needed for the study would depend on grants available and if both phases of the study were completed. This amount could be placed on the hall loan at a later date if available. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Finance and Budget 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 February 29, 2008 was \$432,940.88 which includes total receipts of \$87,803.12. Expenditures were \$619,590.19 which includes payment to taxing entities for their share of the January tax collections. Investment accounts through February: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$279,420.91. **Water Utility:** Checking \$52,900.12, Money Market \$74,964.71, Non-Lapsing Fund \$231,480.14. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$11,498.15, Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,723.17. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairperson Steward reporting. **Committee Minutes & Chairpersons Update on the following – Road Projects** – The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) has some road projects listed that committee will be reviewing to determine where the funding could be used. This needs to be submitted to the County by April 15th and the project needs to be completed by June 2009. Committee will review this further. **New Patrol Truck** – Committee reviewed several quotes for plow trucks and is recommending the 2009 International with a hydro turn plow from Mid-State Truck Service at a cost of \$108,191.00. **Motion** Muleski to purchase the 2009 International plow / patrol truck at a cost of \$108,191.00, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Motion** Muleski to finance the purchase of the truck on the program offered by Mid-State Truck Service and according to the schedule presented, seconded Steward. M.C. This program will allow for easier budgeting. The old plow truck will be put out on bids. **Snow Removal from Sidewalk Along Highway 54** – Residents along Highway 54 will be charged \$65.00 per hour with a minimum of a two hour charge if the Village has to remove snow from the sidewalk on Highway 54. Ordinance #8.05 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL – (1) SIDEWALKS TO BE KEPT CLEAR. The

owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the Village fronting or abutting any street shall clean, or cause to be cleaned, the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such building or unoccupied lot of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm.

Utility Extensions on Johnson Parkway off of Kahoun Road – The person questioning the utility extension for a possible home on Johnson Parkway would be charged \$15,000.00 for the extension to the corner of his property. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Committee Chairperson Update** – Extra water tests need to be performed this year and the pipe at the well will be replaced next week. **Motion** Steward to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Billman. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairperson Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update on the Following:** **Chili Cook-off** – An ad will be placed in the Buyer’s Guide and in the local newspaper. Committee is looking for volunteers. **Conference Phone** – **Motion** Gaber to purchase a conference phone from Staples at a cost of \$499.99, seconded Siegler. M.C. **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 Chairperson Update on the following:** **Resolution to Raze Trailer 13** – **Motion** Muleski to approve resolution #3-08 authorizing order to raze building at 3151 Plover Road lot 13, with the stipulation that it could be changed if the Attorney had a better legal description, seconded Steward. M.C. **Commercial Building Permit Fee Structure** – Committee will review at a future meeting. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee Report, seconded Steward. M.C.

BIRON-GRAND RAPIDS FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE: Presented by Committee Members Steward and Muleski – **Discussion on the Proposals Received from Various Firms on Conducting a Feasibility Study of Shared Services** – **Motion** Steward to authorize the expenditures between \$20,000.00 - \$27,500.00 that would represent our share of 50% of the Ruekert Mielke proposal to perform a feasibility study for shared services with the Town of Grand Rapids, seconded Gaber. This motion was not carried and the board discussed the possibility of reviewing the 50% share based on population or valuation. **Motion** Evenson to authorize up to \$10,000.00 of expenditure to Ruekert Mielke for the start of the Biron – Grand Rapids feasibility of shared services study and that we request of the Town of Grand Rapids consideration of determining a funding strategy that would take into account the Village of Biron and Town of Grand Rapids capita, the Village of Biron and the Town of Grand Rapids annual budget sizes, the Village of Biron and the Town of Grand Rapids equalized valuation or a combination thereof, to create a more equitable funding strategy, seconded Lambert. M.C. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Biron-Grand Rapids Feasibility Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Evenson reporting. **Presentation from Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance** – Chris Starks, Bob Ebben, Dave Pryor and Jackie Dietsch, representatives from the Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance presented information about the organization and a formula that they would like to utilize a formula for contributions based on population and industrial park acreage. This is a collaboration effort and they will be meeting with other municipalities with their proposal. Based on the formula the proposed contribution from the Village of Biron would be \$4,355.00. This is based on the 2005 population of 890 at 50 cents per person and 230 acres in the industrial park at \$17.00 per acre. **Update on the Biron-Wood Business Park** – Keith Helmrick presented the revised business park lot size layout map that they have been using for the meetings with the Wood County board. The preliminary site plan for phase 1 has 3 business use categories – a highway commercial zone, mixed used commercial zone and an industrial/manufacturing/warehouse zone in the back. All lots shown can be adjusted to various sizes. **Report on Meetings** – President Evenson presented the board with an update on the meetings he has attended. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President’s report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT: Biron representative Muleski presented the board with an update on the urban deer management program. The group had a total of 81 deer harvested last year through 1/3/08. There were 12 deer taken in Biron with 9 deer from the urban area.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Steward to adjourn the March 10, 2008 board meeting, seconded Muleski. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk

