

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2016**

The April 11, 2016 Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jon Evenson at the Biron Municipal Center. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

PRESENT: Jon Evenson, Mark Honkomp, Tammy Steward, Bob Walker, Dan Muleski, Susan Carlson and June Siegler were present. Also present: Public Works Supervisor Bill Vruwink, Treasurer Pam Witt, Cindy Henke, and Dan Borchardt, MSA representative

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed from the Regular Board Meeting held March 14, 2016. **Motion** Carlson, second Muleski to approve the minutes as presented. M.C.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Bob Walker reporting. The committee met April 11. All bills were in order. **Motion** by Evenson, second Walker to approve submission of paperwork for the purpose of divesting Village shares of Principal Group. M.C. **Motion** by Walker, second Muleski to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. The totals reported to the Finance Committee are: receipts for March 2016 were \$13,919.20. Expenses were \$73,143.73. General checking account bills were paid on check #~~ç~~ 18827-18881 with 5 auto pays to pay IRS, Deferred Comp and State Retirement for payroll deductions. A list of all March bills was included for the board to review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$842,239.06. **Water Utility:** Checking \$158,767.40. Money Market \$450,392.28. Water bills were paid on check #~~ç~~ 3775-3781. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$64,803.18. Non-Lapsing Fund \$14,356.68. Wastewater bills were paid on check #~~ç~~ 2810-2814. A list of all checks paid for water & wastewater was included for the board to review. **Motion** by Walker, second Steward to accept the Treasurer~~ç~~ report. M.C.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee did not meet in March.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Muleski reviewed an estimate for lighting at Gateway Park and Shore Acres Drive. Vruwink reported he~~ç~~ working with the Emergency Management Director to obtain a lighted sign through a sheriff~~ç~~ department grant. A Village resident is claiming damage from work done on S. Biron Drive, which resulted in having a lower level bathroom cleaned. **Motion** by Evenson, second Steward to pay Service Master for the cleaning service. Motion carried, with Muleski casting a no vote. **Motion** by Walker, second Steward to accept the Public Works Committee report. M.C.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mark Honkomp reporting. Discussion was held on the failure of contractors and homeowners obtaining building permits. Permits are always required for any structural change and the building inspector is to be notified. The committee will be meeting soon to revise fees for Operator~~ç~~ licenses and Electric Permits. **Motion** by Muleski, second Evenson to accept the Legislative, Ordinance & Zoning Committee report. M.C.

WATER UTILITY UPDATE: Chairperson Susan Carlson reporting. **Water Superintendent's Update -** Vruwink reported the transfer switch will be installed April 18. **Motion** Muleski, second Honkomp to accept the Water Utility Committee report. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION REPORT: Committee Chairperson June Siegler reporting. Dan Borchardt of MSA reported Janke has been installing plantings along the S. Biron Drive shoreline and will be pressure washing the rocks. Borchardt reported Earth, Inc. was the low responsive bidder for completion of Gateway Park site work. **Motion** Muleski, second Walker to approve Earth~~ç~~ Base Bid of \$87,144 and Additive Alternate 1 of \$7,965. M.C. **Motion** Walker, second Muleski to approve the Public Property, Safety & Recreation Report. M.C.

WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: 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.* Minutes from the April 6 wastewater commission meeting were not provided by the city for review and will be added to the May committee report.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE: Jon Evenson provided a report to the Board of Trustees about a meeting attended by Phil Cosson . Ehlers & Associates, Rob Sigler . Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank, Anne Arndt and himself, on April 6th at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the conversion of the TID #3 temporary loan of 1.5M, to a longer term bond type borrowing. It is the

recommendation of Phil Cosson to pursue a revenue bond type issuance, instead of a general obligation (Go) bond, in an effort to preserve Biron's GO capacity. Phil prepared a cash flow analysis for TIDs 2 and 3, which demonstrated that excess revenue from TID 2 being generated by Mid-West Cold Storage could satisfy payment requirements on a 10yr, 1.5M bond issue. Phil also suggested that to provide sufficient revenue coverage for added bank security, Biron should pursue additional shortfall revenue from Classic Development. It was also suggested during the meeting that Phil should approach Banker's Bank about possibly splitting the bond issue among several banks to minimize risk and security concerns. Jon Evenson will discuss with Classic Development, and Phil will discuss with Banker's Bank. Both will report findings to each other and Rob Sigler. Correspondence regarding Verso bankruptcy was available for review and is being forwarded to the Village's attorney. A request from Wisconsin Rapids City Band requesting sponsorship of an ad in the City Band program was reviewed. **Motion** by Honkomp, second Walker to sponsor the same ad as in 2015 for \$250. M.C. The Clerk reported the April 5th election went smoothly with no concerns. There were 36 new registered voters and high voter turnout. The annual Village of Biron Organizational Meeting will be April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Muleski, second Walker to accept the President's report. M.C.

ADJOURN – **Motion** Honkomp, second Walker to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Jon T. Evenson, President