

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING REQUEST &  
REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2009**

The June 8, 2009 Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Jon Evenson at 6:00 p.m. at the Biron Municipal Center. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

**PRESENT:** Trustees: Tammy Steward, Jan Gaber, Dan Muleski, Tim Krause, Margaret Billman and June Siegler. Also in attendance were Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, Treasurer Pam Witt, ten residents, Midwest Cold Storage representative Greg McDonald and 1 interested party.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed from the regular board meeting held on May 11, 2009, Board of Review held on May 14, 2009 and the Special Board meeting held on May 21, 2009. **Motion** Krause to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 11, 2009, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Motion** Steward to accept the minutes from Board of Review held on May 14, 2009, seconded Muleski. M.C. **Motion** Muleski to accept the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on May 21, 2009, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The public hearing was opened to hear a request from Haza Mechanical, owner and land contract tenant Greg & Cara McDonald to rezone parcel 24-00124DC from R-2 Residential to Industrial. Questions from residents were addressed such as an overall review of the project, fencing requirements, hours of operation, and lighting. There will be a privacy fence installed along the driveway with some landscaping, the lighting will be directional and faced away from the residential homes. Hours of operation will typically be 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the possibility of longer hours during the peak harvest season in October. Plan Commission will review the fence options to ensure a proper barrier is placed. After discussion President Jon Evenson asked three times if there was any other public comments to be made. Hearing no other comments, **Motion** Muleski to close the public hearing, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**DECISION ON RE-ZONING REQUEST AS HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:** **Motion** Muleski to approve the request to rezone parcel 24-00124DC from R2 residential to industrial, seconded Gaber M.C. by roll call vote with all in favor.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Committee chairperson Margaret Billman 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 the Finance Committee, seconded Steward. M.C. **Reviewed Non-Lapsing Accounts** – Committee reviewed non-lapsing accounts, there will be 3 CD's coming due in July at which time they will need to be reviewed for investment options. **Review Audit Report** – Committee reviewed the audit report and will meet with the auditor for clarification on a couple of items. **Motion** Krause to accept the audit report with the exception of the couple of items that will be clarified by the auditor, seconded Steward. M.C. The July meeting of the Finance & Budget Committee will include a semi-annual budget review and a review of receipts and expenses comparative to previous years. **Motion** Steward to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Witt reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand May 31, 2009 is \$204,468.74. The balance includes total receipts of \$99,342.12 and expenditures of \$61,434.20. Investment accounts through May: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$388,727.82. **Water Utility:** Checking \$10,890.05, Money Market \$18,713.82, Non-Lapsing Fund \$309,719.60. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$38,852.03, Non-Lapsing Fund \$4,293.15. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORK'S COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Steward reporting. **Update on Shore Acres Road Project** – Committee will hold an informational meeting on the Shore Acres road project on an evening in the near future. The County has reviewed the Shore Acres project and could begin early fall. **Repair of Garage Roof** – The shingles on the overhang of the garage roof need to be replaced. **Culvert on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street** – The culvert on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street is rusting and will need to be replaced. Since it is over 4 feet we could replace this culvert under the Wood County 50/50 program next year. **Maintenance on Bauer Road** – A DNR representative notified the Village that there was garlic mustard weed, which is an invasive weed, growing along Bauer Road and has recommended the Village try to take care of it. **Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report** – the Board reviewed the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual report. This report needs to be submitted on-line to the Department of Natural Resources and covers various areas of the wastewater system such as financial management and the collection system including flow information, lift stations, manholes and infiltration / inflow. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual report, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Public Works Supervisor Update** – Crack sealing has been completed. Street sweeping should begin next week. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Work's Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Krause reporting. Chairperson Krause spent time with the Water Superintendent becoming familiar with the water utility system. **Water Superintendent's Update** - The radio for the communication system will be upgraded to 5 watts for a stronger signal which will help fix the communication problem between the tower and the well. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Update on Ordinance Complaints & Violations** – Letters were sent concerning ordinance violations. **Review Response / Request from Ordinance Violations** – Cleanup has started on the junk in the backyard of a property owner. This owner received a letter based on complaints reviewed at the last committee meeting. **Review Mobile Home Park Rules, Regulations & Complaints and Moving in New Trailer** – Complaints were reviewed on barking dogs, etc in the trailer park. The owner of the trailer park has been cleaning up per our request, has hired a new manager to maintain the park and has been addressing the dog problems. Communication with the park owner has been open with immediate responses. **Motion** Muleski to allow Luke Hilgers, owner of the trailer park, to move the trailer into lot 13 but before occupancy can occur a new toilet, bathroom floor and new steps need to be installed and the trailer needs to be re-inspected by the Village building inspector, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Review Invasive Species on Village Property** – The area around the municipal center has buckthorn which is an invasive species. A resident who is licensed to remove invasive species will work with the village. This is being referred to the Public Property, Safety & Welfare Committee to review. **Motion** Siegler to accept the Legislative, Ordinance & Zoning Committee report, seconded Krause. 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.* - **Review Minutes from May 13, 2009 Wastewater Commission meeting** - At the May 13, 2009 commission meeting members discussed the expansion project. The expansion project is going well and the plant is running good. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Wastewater Treatment Commission report, seconded Evenson. M.C.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Committee met to review wages & benefits and the labor contract. In August committee will start working on insurance & benefits for non-union employees. An ad for security personnel will be placed on the website, in the newsletter and in the newspaper.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Chairperson Evenson reporting. **Minutes from the April 23, 2009, May 5, 2009 and May 20, 2009 meetings** – Minutes from the Plan Commission meetings were distributed for review. The primary purpose of those meetings were to discuss the development agreement for Midwest Cold Storage. At the May 28, 2009 Plan Commission meeting, Plan Commission members approved the agreement with Midwest Cold Storage. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Plan Commission report, seconded Krause. M.C.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Evenson reporting. **Developer Agreement with Midwest Cold Storage Realty, LLC & the Village of Biron** – Questions concerning the agreement were discussed. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Development Agreement between the Village of Biron and Midwest Cold Storage Realty, LLC, seconded Siegler. M.C. **Report on Meeting Activity** – The primary meetings attended have been with Plan Commission. **Community Foundation Keys to Workforce Success Program** – Trustee Krause is a member of Workforce Central. The Community Foundation is hosting a series of public forums on understanding the National Fund for Workforce Solutions, Workforce Central, and ARRA Stimulus Resources and how all three are providing local opportunities. The first of the series will be held on June 19, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The goal of the workshop is to determine how we, collectively as area communities, can work together to utilize the available stimulus dollars through ARRA and how it will impact communities. **Approve Alcohol Beverage Licenses, Operators Licenses & Cigarette Licenses** – The alcohol beverage licenses applications, operators applications & cigarette license applications were reviewed. **Motion** Muleski to accept the application requests for combination Class B (beer and liquor) licenses for: Somewhere Else of Wisconsin Rapids, Inc, Robert Larsen Agent; Dennis Moon, Anchor Bay Bar & Grill LLC, CD Place Inc., David Slucas Agent; and an application for a Class A beer license for Kwik Trip, Linda Liebe Agent, seconded Billman. M.C. **Motion** Muleski to accept the applications for Cigarette and Tobacco Products License for Anchor Bay Bar & Grill, LLC, Somewhere Else Tavern, and Kwik Trip, Inc., seconded Billman. M.C. **Motion** Muleski to accept the requests for operator's licenses as presented, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President's report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Gaber to adjourn the June 8, 2009 board meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded Muleski. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk