

**REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING AUGUST 11, 2008**

The August 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. Also in attendance were Treasurer Joyce Komppa, Public Works Supervisor Rick O'Keefe, four residents and one interested parties.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed from the regular board meeting held on July 14, 2008. **Motion** Siegler to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 14, 2008, seconded Muleski. M.C.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Everett Anderson questioned if the village would be able to continue meeting with Wood County Executive Committee if the Village did not have the audit results. The audit is not required for the meeting with Wood County but the draft audit may be available by then. Mr. Anderson also questioned our borrowing power and if we would be maxed out if we go ahead with the financing options with Wood County. According to the limits set by the state statutes the village has 4 million in general obligation borrowing power available. With our current debt we would still have 3.7 million available. Mr. Anderson also questioned if there was someplace in our ordinance that allowed the Village to deviate from the section of the ordinance that states the total assessment for any public improvement shall be based upon the total cost. John Siegler also questioned the assessment process and was concerned if the ordinances had any meaning if they were not followed.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Billman reporting. **Committee Chairperson Minutes & Update:** Committee met, reviewed, and approved all the bills for the Village, Wastewater Department and Water Utility. **Motion** Siegler to pay all Water Utility, Wastewater and Village Bills, seconded Steward. M.C. A question was raised on the high fund balance in the water utility checking account. Water Utility will be paying some larger bills in August. **Review Non-Lapsing Funds –** Committee reviewed non-lapsing funds. The format of the form is approved. Committee is recommending that the banquet and facility supply fund be removed. There is a zero balance in this fund and no money has been set aside for it for the last couple of years. Committee felt that future purchases could be handled through the budget process. Budget Committee will review this recommendation during the budget process. **Motion** Steward to accept the Finance and Budget Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand July 31, 2008 is \$189,246.01 which includes total receipts of \$97,693.38, a transfer from non lapsing funds of \$15,000.00 and expenditures of \$79,396.24. Investment accounts through July: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$267,277.80. **Water Utility:** Checking \$135,802.18, Money Market \$12,629.13, Non-Lapsing Fund \$301,948.26. **Wastewater Department:** Checking \$15,283.60, Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,772.54. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Steward reporting. **Committee Chairperson's Update on the following – Request for Review of Charges for Wastewater Not Entering Sanitary System –** referred to committee. **Public Works Supervisor's Update –** Cleaning of the storm sewers is 95% complete. Several storm sewers need to be replaced this year. The crew has replaced the smaller ones. **Motion** Muleski to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

**WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Chairperson's Update on the following – Review Water Charges Associated with Water Leak -** referred to committee. **Water Superintendent's Update –** The crew has been flushing the hydrants and will need to replace a hydrant on Deer Street. The report from the 2008 annual waterworks inspection was reviewed. The 10 sites for the lead and copper tests have been updated. Residents are no longer able to abandon their own private well, a licensed plumber or village crew member is needed. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

**SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE (FIRE SERVICES):** Committee members Muleski and Lambert reporting. **Update on Discussion of Fire Services** – Committee discussed various aspects of fire protection including leadership – who would make the calls at a fire, training schedules, and compensation for firemen. Committee decided to proceed with these steps: 1) have each fire chief talk with their firemen, 2) have just the officers meet and discuss shared services, 3) have a joint officers and firemen meeting to view equipment etc., 4) mutual training. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Shared Services Committee report, seconded Steward. M.C.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** President Evenson reporting. **Audit Report** – The audit has been finalized on site and the report should be here soon. **Discuss Scheduling of a Conference Call with Kevin Ruland Concerning the Transportation Impact Analysis** – The board reviewed various dates to hold a conference call with Kevin Ruland, MSA. **Report on Meeting Activity** – President Evenson discussed the meetings he had attended. The regional meetings are being expanded to include the highest elected official and maybe one or two others. Trustee Siegler agreed to attend. **Copier** – Several copiers were reviewed. **Motion** Muleski to purchase a copier with options as needed, seconded Steward. M.C. The budget will be reviewed to determine which areas should be supporting the cost of a copier. **Motion** Billman to accept the President’s report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

**CLOSED SESSION:** **Motion** Muleski, seconded Siegler to go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) which reads as follows: “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” In closed session, the Village Board will review the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. M.C. by roll call vote with all in favor.

**OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made and seconded in closed session to return to open session. M.C.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Lambert to adjourn the August 11, 2008 board meeting, seconded Gaber. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Clerk