

REGULAR VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 2007

The March 12, 2007 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, Dave Grutzik, Central Wis. Engineers, four residents and a representative for the Multi Metro Deer program.

MINUTES: Motion Muleski to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on February 12, 2007, seconded Gaber. M.C.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Siegler reporting. **Committee Chairperson Update:** Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007 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 Billman. M.C. Committee is working on a policy for handling non lapsing funds that would include an annual review and possibly a cap based on a percentage of the budget. This will be presented to the board for approval upon completion of the policy. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Finance Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Komppa reporting. The report of expenditures and receipts was reviewed. The checking account balance on hand February 28, 2007 was \$369,419.76 with February receipts of \$40,414.46. Expenditures were \$616,111.70. Investment accounts through February: Village Non-Lapsing Fund CD's \$308,689.25. **Water Utility:** Non-Lapsing Fund \$221,146.18, Checking \$24,998.69. **Wastewater Department:** Non-Lapsing Fund \$10,261.97, Checking \$42,106.38. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Steward. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairperson Steward reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update – Window & Door Replacement at Garage – Motion** Lambert to replace the doors and windows at the garage at a cost not to exceed \$1700.00, seconded Gaber. M.C. **Logo Decals for Vehicles – Motion** Gaber to put the village logo on the three newer trucks at a cost of \$165.00 each, seconded Steward. M.C. **Cell phones for Crew –** Committee discussed several problem issues regarding the current radios that the crew uses for communication and notification of problems at lift stations and the well site. Committee is recommending the purchase of cell phones for the village crew. **Motion** Muleski to purchase five cell phones at a cost of \$100.00 per month plus tax, seconded Gaber. Motion Carried with Evenson opposed. A personal cell phone use policy will be drafted. **Supervisor's Update –** Utility Extension on Van Slate – The village received a request for possible utilities on Van Slate. This is the second party that has requested utilities in this area. Dave Grutzik provided some cost information for the possible utility extension on Van Slate and will break this information down further to see what the actual costs are for the water, wastewater and road replacement. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Public Works Committee report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Muleski reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update and Water Superintendent's Update –** Committee is continuing with the exploratory drilling and possibly a test well this year. Committee is also doing a 5 year planning process for improvements and GIS capabilities. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Water Utility Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairperson Gaber reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update –** Committee is reviewing various shelter house styles and grants for the park. This year the port-a-potty for the park will come from Gotta-Go-Rentals. **HVAC Maintenance -** The heating maintenance at the hall includes replacement of three fresh air damper motors, two electric wall heaters, and installation of traps in the exhaust vents, changing the height of the exhaust and intake pipes on the roof, installation of air circulation grills in the hallway and conference room doors and installation of light motion and heat sensors in the bathroom. **Motion** Steward to authorize the expenditure up to \$630.00 for the replacement of three air damper motors by Ron's Refrigeration, seconded Muleski. M.C. **Status of the Recreation Survey:** The recreation survey is being worked on and will be brought before the board and plan commission for approval prior to sending the survey out to residents. **Motion** Billman to accept the Public Safety, Welfare & Recreation Committee report, seconded Siegler. M.C.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE: Chairperson Billman reporting. **Committee Minutes and Chairperson Update Including Ordinance Violations** – The court appearance for the barking dog violation went well. The Village attorney was able to obtain court costs plus the fine. A letter will be sent to the resident in the trailer park with the barking dog. Committee is working on the housing and rental codes. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Legislative, Ordinance & Zoning committee report, seconded Evenson. M.C.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSION REPORT: Commission Representative 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 minutes from the March 7, 2007 meeting have not been received as of yet but will be provided to board members when it is received for their review. Commission members discussed the plant expansion, the agreement with Schreiber-Cheese on their surcharge billing, and the high phosphorus readings that were traced back to Ocean Spray. **Motion** Gaber to accept the Wastewater Treatment Commission report, seconded Muleski. M.C.

METRO DEER MANAGEMENT: Biron Representative Muleski reporting. *The Metro Deer Management group consists of the Village of Biron, Town of Grand Rapids, Village of Port Edwards, and the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Trustee Margaret Billman has represented the Village at these meetings and spear headed the deer management efforts in Biron. The hunters in the deer management program have been certified by a testing system and have agreed to a code of ethics. The latest meeting was attended by Trustee Dan Muleski.*

Update and Request for Monetary Assistance - Daniel Hobbs and Josh Volz discussed the multi-metro deer management program with the board. The program is going well and hunting is only being done on lands not hunted by seasonal hunters and lands where the owner requests that a hunt be held. A walk-in cooler was donated to the group to help keep the meat longer before donating it. 4500# of meat was donated last year. The cost of the program for feed, arrows, broad heads etc. was about \$2,660.00 and this cost does not include administration costs. A partial reimbursement of expenses at \$20.00 per deer taken within the municipality is being requested. There were 21 deer taken in the Village of Biron so our share would be \$420.00. **Motion** Billman to approve the expenditure of \$420.00 to reimburse the metro deer management group for partial coverage of expenses based on last years deer harvest, seconded Muleski. M.C.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Billman reporting. At the pre-hearing conference there were three open issues. These issues were to allow Consolidated Water Power Company to sell some service area to Wisconsin Rapids, for Consolidated Water Power Company to remain a public utility with amended territory, and for the rate structure. A public hearing on these issues will be held on April 30, 2007 at the Biron Municipal Center. **Motion** Lambert to accept the Energy Committee report, seconded Gaber. M.C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Evenson reporting. **City of Wisconsin Rapids Compost Site Agreement** – This agreement is the same as last year and will allow Biron residents to purchase tags from the municipal center at a cost of \$35.00 to use the City of Wisconsin Rapids east side compost site. **Motion** Billman to accept the agreement with the City of Wisconsin Rapids for use of the East side compost site at a cost of \$35.00 per tag, seconded Lambert. M.C. **Nature Tourism Workshop** – A workshop is being held on Thursday, April 19th and Friday April 20th at the Portage County annex building. The workshop covers how wildlife enhances communities, how to determine sites that are potential nature tourism areas, how to advertise them and how natural and open spaces can boost a municipality's economic growth. **Motion** Muleski to accept the President's report, seconded Billman. M.C.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Muleski to adjourn the March 12, 2007 board meeting, seconded Lambert. M.C.

Respectively submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Village Clerk