

## **SPECIAL VILLAGE OF BIRON BOARD MEETING MARCH 21, 2007**

The March 21, 2007 Special Board meeting was called to order by President Jon Evenson at 5:30 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, and Margaret Billman. Wayne Lambert was absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Wilke, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Heineck and two residents.

**CONSIDER FIRE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Mike Wilke presented his research and the need for a new brush / rescue truck. The current brush truck is a 1975 International 1 ton chassis with a Pierce built body that was purchased used on January 11, 1977 at a cost of \$18,707.00. The current mileage is less than 11,000 miles but does not signify the wear and tear on the parts and seals due to the non use time and short trips. The Village is now assisting Wisconsin Rapids ambulance and there is added personnel deployed to fire scenes. The #2 large fire truck needs to be replaced also but the small truck goes out more than the larger trucks and can get into smaller areas. The #1 fire truck has the capability of covering house fires.

The Fire Department is proposing a new 2007 Ford 550 Brush / Rescue truck with a 4 door cab for personnel. The back would be similar to the body of the current brush truck with storage compartments for medical, rescue and fire fighting equipment. After researching many fire truck companies the best quote came from Fouts Brothers located just north of Atlanta, Georgia. Chief Wilke spoke with a company from Haward, WI that has purchased a pumper / tanker from Fouts Brothers and they stated they were impressed with the workmanship and saved money by going with them. As far as possible other equipment that could be added would be a winch at about \$1200.00 but would not be added for a year or so.

**Motion** Gaber to use non lapsing funds to purchase a brush / rescue mini pumper truck from Fouts Brothers at a cost of \$62,500.00 and to pay for the expenses not to exceed \$1,000 for travel of three firemen to pickup the truck from Atlanta, GA, seconded Evenson. M.C. by roll call vote with Muleski abstaining to avoid a conflict of interest and Lambert absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Muleski to adjourn the March 21, 2007 special board meeting, seconded Gaber. M.C.

Respectively submitted,

Debra Eichsteadt, Village Clerk