

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – January 10, 2022**

The January 10, 2022 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, Tammy Steward, Sue Carlson, Patty Gapen, Mark Honkomp, Mike Guillemot, and Dan Muleski. Also present: 5 guests

MINUTES: Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve minutes of the December 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments are in order. Property tax overpayments of \$19.60 by James Larson, \$4.14 by Paul Aschenbrenner, and \$23.61 by Thomas Sorenson were received. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve all bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments, to reimburse tax overpayments to the three individuals listed above, and to approve the Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for December: \$681,396.34. Expenses: \$113,121.99. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23662-23755 with ten autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of December bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$896,325.92. Utilities Checking: \$259,342.15. Money Market \$312,667.90. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4666-4679. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$34,015.37. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Dave Kerkman reporting. There were seven emergency responses in December and a total of 115 medical and fire calls in 2021. Kerkman provided an annual report and it is on file in the Clerk's office. Department roster is at fifteen. The department was injury free in 2021. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: no report

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Kellner Knights snowmobile club applied for a one day picnic license for their Radar Run on February 12. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to grant a one day picnic license. Motion carried. Wisconsin Rapids Firefighters Charitable Foundation applied for a one day picnic license for an Ice Golf event on February 12. Ashlyn Wagner applied for a temporary operator's license for the Ice Golf event. Motion Steward, second Muleski to grant a one day picnic license and temporary operator's license to Ms. Wagner. Motion carried.

The Plan Commission met January 5 and recommends approval of the site plan as submitted for ND Papers Project Eagle. Motion carried. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Public Works Director Zach Trzebiatowski reported the crew plans to reline manholes. The garbage truck needs replacing. Zach had obtained a quote last year and stated the cost has now risen thirty percent. The Committee will meet and develop a proposal comparing purchasing a new truck vs contracting garbage pickup with a disposal service. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Public Works Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: no report

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Zach presented short term project plans: system extension as part of CTH U reconstruction (2023) from South Biron Drive to Fox Street to facilitate future 12" loop to Huffman Road; A loop to Huffman is necessary to provide water security, feeding the tower from two directions; Consider replacing Huffman Road water main with 12" during Huffman Road reconstruction to improve fire flows in Northeastern part of the system; Consider lining existing 6" transit pipe in old part of the Village prior to loop completion, to reduce risk of system failure with increased pressures. The Committee will be meeting January 13 to discuss further. The crew continues to work on cleanup from the December 16th storm. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Water Utility Committee report. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: *Note: The Wastewater 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.* There has been no change in status of the Wastewater Agreement negotiations with the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Motion Steward, second Honkomp to have President Evenson and the utility clerk review an invoice from the City for flow data and apply the Village contract formula. If unable to resolve by the end of January, payment will be sent to the City for the 2021 payment for 2020 flow, not to exceed \$135,000.00. Motion carried. Motion Honkomp, second Evenson to approve the Wastewater Commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Website search function and update from Attorney Abts on Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Anne Arndt reporting. A primary election will be February 15. The Spring Election will be April 5. Four residents filed Statements of Candidacy and submitted nomination papers for three positions of Village Trustee. The three who receive the greatest number of votes will be elected. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Clerk's report. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Evenson presented Resolution 22-01 Village of Biron Disaster Declaration. The storm on December 16, 2021 caused damaging winds and rain throughout the Village. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve Resolution 22-01. Motion carried. The Clerk is working with the Wood County Emergency Management Director to request grant funds from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund. Eligible expenses are reimbursable seventy percent.

Evenson reviewed correspondence from ND Paper regarding the Biron white house. There has been interest expressed for purchase and removal of the structure.

ADJOURN: Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Jon T. Evenson, President