

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – March 14, 2022**

The March 14, 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, Mike Guillemot, Dan Muleski, Mark Honkomp. Also present: 7 guests

**MINUTES:** Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve minutes of the February 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve minutes of the February 21, 2022 Special Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MISSION: LIFELINE® AWARD PRESENTATION:** Todd Eckes and Jason Joling of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department presented the Biron Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Kerkman with a Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Joint Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. Mission: Lifeline® EMS recognition is a program designed to showcase Emergency Medical Service organizations across the nation for excellent STEMI care. Pre-hospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from cardiac emergencies.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments are in order. Non-lapsing fund account balances were reviewed. After discussion, this will be held over to the April 11 Regular Board meeting. Chief Kerkman had requested \$18,315.00 from non-lapsing funds to purchase two SCBA harness and tanks. The invoice is for \$19,601.05; a difference of \$1,286.05. Motion Guillemot, second Honkomp to pay the difference, also from the non-lapsing fire equipment line item. Motion carried. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve all bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments and to approve the Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for February: \$189,808.97. Expenses: \$732,674.17. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23815-23892 with seven autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of February bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$896,543.26. Utilities Checking: \$329,728.33. Money Market \$314,744.03 Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4694-4706. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$34,023.61. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Motion Guillemot, second Evenson to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Dave Kerkman reporting. There were six emergency responses in February. The department provided EMR coverage during the Kellner Knights Ice Drags. Free blood pressure checks are offered each Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** no report

**LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Residents are asking about shed and garage size limits, fences, etc. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chair Tammy Steward reporting. Tammy reported Zach contacted her for approval to purchase a plasma cutter for \$2,115, which was purchased March 2. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Public Works Committee report. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** no report

**WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. The committee will meet March 22.

**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 Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Wastewater Commission meeting minutes of February 9, 2022 and the committee report. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was reported there are fifteen open boat slips available for rent.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Anne Arndt reporting. March 22 is the first day for in-person absentee voting in Clerk's office and the last day is April 1. A public test of election equipment will be March 28, at 1:30 p.m. in Board meeting room. The Spring Election is April 5. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Clarification provided by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue stated since a local manufacturer won their tax appeal through a court, they do not have to request the refund. The Village must pay them prior to September 1. Formal action will be taken at the August Finance Committee meeting. Once paid, the clerk will file a chargeback request with the DOR to recoup funds from the other taxing jurisdictions (WR schools, MSTC, Wood County). Arndt reported at the March 10 WMCA District VII and VIII training conference, she was elected Secretary of District VII. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Clerk's report. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Evenson presented an updated loan and TID report he created. He also reviewed correspondence to the City of Wisconsin Rapids regarding wastewater payment. Motion Honkomp, second Carlson to approve sending the correspondence as drafted. Motion carried. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to accept the President's report. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion Honkomp, second Gapen to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Jon T. Evenson, President