

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – August 8, 2022**

The August 8, 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, Jamie Biegel, Patty Gapen, Mike Guillemot, Dan Muleski. Mark Honkomp is excused. Also present: Clerk Anne Arndt, Treasurer Samantha Daugherty, Utility Clerk Peggy Doughty, and seven guests.

MINUTES: Motion Gapen, second Guillemot to approve minutes of the July 11, 2022 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. A question was raised regarding the Village contract with the Humane Society. Motion Muleski, second Biegel 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 Samantha Daugherty reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for July: \$99,244.80 and Expenses: \$154,299.41. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 24176-24222 with seven autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of July bills paid from the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$1,075,755.50. Utilities Checking: \$225,908.59. Water Money Market \$319,403.15. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4750-4764. Wastewater Non-Lapsing Fund: \$34,040.68. 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: Assistant Chief Shawn Dillingham reporting. July training consisted of completing the third round of hose testing. During the process the department performed and practiced relay operations. There were fifteen medical and two fire calls in July. The first half of fire inspections were finalized. The hose bed on Engine 2 was updated to make the location of porta-tank safer. A fuel pump and frame bushings were replaced on the UTV. Motion Muleski, second Biegel to approve the Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: New utility clerk Peggy Doughty was introduced. President Evenson stated Honkomp would discuss, at the next Board meeting, compensation for former treasurer Witt to help train treasurer Daugherty as needed through the end of the year. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Personnel Committee report. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Motorized vehicles are being used on the recreational trail. It is posted in the area none are allowed. Golf carts and UTVs are being driven along the trail and through the buffer zone and parked in front of the docks. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. The following is informational only at this time: Garbage – information will be organized for next meeting. Dale Marth will be invited to the next Public Works meeting. Wolosek lift station emergency controller went out. After testing, it completely went out and had to be fixed right away. The cost was \$4,400.00. North Biron Drive lift station – price from last year did not include labor. A bid with labor included will be available for the Board meeting. The crew was asked to look at the new brush policy and let us know if it works or needs to be adjusted. Motion Steward, second Guillemot to authorize all of Huffman Road to North Biron Drive as a UTV/ATV trail. Motion carried. Motion Biegel, second Evenson to approve the Public Works Committee report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. Both restrooms in the boat landing area and the park on S. Biron Drive are deteriorating due to improper cleaning products being used on stainless items. Guillemot will contact the supplier of the products. The crew has removed this product from all areas. There are issues at the boat ramp with people losing their trailer while trying to load their boat. Guillemot has contacted MSC, who is going to put together some posts with 18" x 24" signs to mount on the deck. It was suggested a cautionary stripe be painted across the deck of the pier. The initial trail buffer zone requirements have not been met. There may be a warranty for replacing plants. There are invasive species now that are killing what was planted. Guillemot will check with the DNR about managing invasive species. Trustee Gapen stated the municipal hall was rented on a Saturday. The group came in Friday to decorate and discovered the refrigerator was not working. She suggested the customer receive a partial refund for the inconvenience. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot to authorize up to a fifty percent refund of the rental fee. Motion carried. Guillemot has contacted a repair company to service the refrigerator in the municipal hall. The Slow-No-Wake ordinance and resolution will be approved at the September Board meeting. Motion Evenson, second Biegel to approve the Public Property Committee report. Motion carried.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Jamie Biegel reporting. A DNR rep met with Richard recently regarding completing water testing reports. Water tests are being processed by Water Works & Lighting. Fluoride removal from the Village water system will be discussed in September. A resident has requested an adjustment to his large utility bill. The Public Service Commission does not allow adjustments or refunds of any kind to water utility bills. Wastewater is regulated by the Village. The Public Works Committee will add this request to their next meeting agenda. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot 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.* No meeting minutes were available on the city's website. Motion Evenson, second Guillemot to approve the Wastewater Commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Slow-No-Wake ordinance and resolution; Compensation for treasurer training. Both will be added to the September Board meeting agenda.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Anne Arndt reporting. Arndt reminded everyone August 9 is Election Day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

ADJOURN: Motion Guillemot, second Gapen to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

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