

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – February 8, 2021**

The February 8, 2021 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, and Dan Muleski. Mark Honkomp is excused. Also present: 6 guests

MINUTES: Motion Muleski, second Steward to approve minutes of the January 11, 2021 Board Meeting as printed. M.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. The committee met February 3. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and Utility departments were in order. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve all bills and journal entries for January and to approve the committee report. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee are: Receipts for January 2021: \$498,365.37. Expenses: \$542,448.74. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 22949-23014 with 8 auto pays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of January bills paid from the General Fund was included for the Board to review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$908,526.32. Utilities Checking: \$157,329.00. Money Market \$278,020.13. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4499-4512. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$24,481.43. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for the Board to review. Motion Evenson, second Steward to approve the January Treasurer's report. M.C.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were four medical and two fire calls in January. Current active roster is at eighteen. Three members attended cold water rescue. A drawing of the new fire engine is posted in the lobby of the Municipal Center. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Fire Department report. M.C. Chief Scott Young and Division Chief of EMS Daniel Joling of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department presented a Mission Lifeline Award to Chief Kerkman and the Biron Fire Department. This is the American Heart Association's national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with acute, high-risk time sensitive life and/or quality of life threatening disease. Pre-hospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from cardiac emergencies.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. The Radar Run scheduled for February 13 has been rescheduled to February 27 due to weather conditions. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve a Special Class "B" retailer's license to Kellner Knights Snowmobile Club for the one-day event to be held February 27, 2021, along the river adjacent to 3560 North Biron Drive. M.C. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve a new two-sided sign for Anchor Bay and Rapids Propeller Marine, to be installed at the northeast corner of North Biron Drive and Anchor Landing Drive. M.C. An end of harvest annual

report submitted by Multi-Metro Deer Management was reviewed. Motion Guillemot, second Steward to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. Xylem Water Solutions provided a slide show and explanation of the new lift station cabinet and components and quote to the committee. Zach was in contact with ND Paper and suggested a pad type area for the mill yard that trucks drive over to be cleaned off. This will be ongoing to get Eagle Road cleaned up. Asset inventory: Zach stated it will cost approximately \$500 per year for housing our maps and infrastructure. A tablet will need to be purchased for the crew to keep track of roads and infrastructure and be able to update on site. This would eliminate a current vendor invoice for GIS tracking. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve up to \$600 to purchase a tablet, plus a \$20 monthly data charge with US Cellular. M.C. Zach expressed need for a new chain saw. Motion Steward, second Muleski to approve \$750 to purchase a Husqvarna chain saw. M.C. Zach reported the need for a new garbage truck. The Board wants to keep garbage collection in-house. The committee will continue to discuss. Zach reported he viewed road damage in the business park and feels cutting the road will cause more damage. Chipseal will cover it. The committee recommends paying the balance of the Gerke invoice. M.C. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Public Works Committee report. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. A no wake zone by the boat landing was discussed. A DNR employee attended the committee meeting to explain the steps needed to request a no wake zone. Included in our request is the GPS coordinates as to where we would like to place the buoys. With safety as our main concern, we will continue to proceed with the necessary steps to make a no wake zone request with the DNR. The municipal center doors and door frames are starting to rust and deteriorate. A contractor has looked at the doors and indicated we could replace the doors or, for the time being, sand and paint the doors to help protect them for a little longer. The crew will sand and paint the doors in the spring. The contractor will provide a quote that the committee would like to budget for next year. Additional dock purchases for 2021 was discussed and the committee agreed to have 12 additional slips installed; two sets on cluster 1 and one set on cluster 2. Evenson presented a chart of dock expenses and revenue to date. It will take approximately ten years for the dock rentals to begin generating revenue. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to purchase twelve docks from MSC at the pre-approved rate. M.C. Evenson will check into obtaining a separate line of credit for the dock program so the Village general fund will not be paying those invoices. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Public Property Committee report. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. Zach stated there has been high water usage occurring. He has purchased a water pipe leak detector stethoscope to identify possible leakage areas. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Water Utility Committee report. M.C.

WASTE WATER COMMISSION REPORT: *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.* Motion Evenson, second Muleski to accept minutes of the January 6, 2021 Commission meetings. M.C.

CLERK'S REPORT: A primary election will be held February 16 for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. April 6 is the Spring Election. All candidates for Village offices are unopposed. Auditors were here January 26-28. All was in order and the audit went smoothly. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Clerk's report. M.C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Evenson reported on a recent meeting he and the clerk had with Mr. Sigler at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank. The goal is to refinance and potentially consolidate six loans at a lower interest rate and secure a line of credit for the dock rental program. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the President's report. M.C.

ADJOURN: Motion Guillemot, second Muleski to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Jon T. Evenson, President