

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – May 10, 2021**

The May 10, 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, Mark Honkomp, and Dan Muleski. Also present: 5 guests

**MINUTES:** Motion Guillemot, second Muleski to approve minutes of the April 20, 2021 Annual Board Meeting as printed. M.C.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremy Sickler, South Wood County Airport Manager, spoke regarding the ongoing improvements to the airport and the use it receives. Biron was a member of the airport commission approximately thirty years ago. If Biron decides to contribute, they will have full voting membership on the commission. Municipal contributions are based on equalized value of municipality. Steven Brown and Brad Hamilton (Hamilton serves on Nekoosa City Council) also commented on the airport's ongoing needs for improvements. Referral was made to the Public Property Committee for consideration in the 2022 budget.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. The committee met May 10. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and Utility departments were in order. The Committee will be developing a policy for the sale of Village equipment, property, and supplies. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve all bills and journal entries for April and to approve the committee report. M.C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee are: Receipts for April 2021: \$81,243.63. Expenses: \$529,743.30. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23015-23127 with 8 auto pays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of April bills paid from the General Fund was included for the Board to review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$1,684,911.12. Utilities Checking: \$193,279.54. Money Market \$24,490.59. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4540-4556. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$281,590.21. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for the Board to review. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the Treasurer's report. M.C.

**BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pump training with a concentration on drafting was held. A house burn within the Village was conducted, which provided a chance to practice interior firefighting principles on an active situation. There were eleven emergency calls in April. Current department roster is at sixteen. The department is participating in "Keep the forest green" with the DNR. Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to approve the Fire Department report. M.C.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report.

**LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Rochelle Hoffman, Rooted In Red LLC, submitted a request for appointment of agent by corporation / nonprofit organization or LLC. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the

appointment of Rochelle Hoffman, Agent, for Rooted In Red LLC. M.C. Ms. Hoffman also applied for a Temporary Class "B" retailers license which is in effect for sixty days, and will allow Rooted In Red to host events during June. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to grant a Temporary Class "B" retailers license to Rooted In Red LLC. M.C. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve Resolution 21-05 Amending Section 13.06 of the Village of Biron Code of Ordinances Collection of Utility Bills in Arrears. M.C. Board of Appeals met May 4 regarding a petition for a second sign on the property of Membrane Systems Specialists in the business park. They approved the request. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. M.C.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. Trzebiatowski reported the 32nd Street lift station cabinet is getting redone May 25. The crew put together concrete storage bins for material stockpiles. hoping to get the mill lift station work covered under the American Rescue Plan Act grant. No major road maintenance planned for this year. Road ratings to be re-evaluated in-house. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Public Works Committee report. M.C.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. The committee approved sale of an old used file cabinet to the Clerk for \$4.00. Wisconsin Rapids City Band requested sponsorship of a concert for \$250, which the committee approved. A resident reserved and paid for a boat slip but was unable to purchase a boat. He requested a refund, which the committee approved. Surveillance in the park on South Biron Drive was discussed and it is felt there is proper surveillance in place. There is an ongoing issue with people bringing dogs in the park, even though signs are posted dogs are not allowed. Zach will research cost of a soccer net to be installed in the park. Memorial/Celebration items were discussed. Trees, markers, engraved tiles were suggested. The committee will meet to consider pricing tiers and items available. No-wake zone ordinance by the boat landing was discussed. Due to the lengthy procedural timeline, the ordinance will not be adopted and effective until 2022. Rental of the municipal center cleaning and disinfecting after each use was discussed. The committee will continue discussing before making any changes. The hall rental rules and capacity will remain as is for the time being. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Public Property Committee report. M.C.

**WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. Trzebiatowski reported tower inspection has been completed. Well 2 to be pulled in mid-June. Motion Honkomp, second Muleski 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 March 3, 2021 Commission meeting. M.C. Evenson reported on a meeting between the Village of Biron's attorneys and Wisconsin Rapids' attorneys. A request was made by the Village's attorney to rescind the termination agreement while we proceed to negotiate with the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve Wastewater Treatment Commission report. M.C.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Open Book was held April 21, with no residents appearing. Board of Review was held April 28, with no residents appearing. Arndt requested a donation from Kwik Trip to use for the pancake breakfast, if held this year. RR Donnelly was providing free Dymo LabelManager printers with purchase of tape cartridges. Chief Kerkman was interested. The clerk applied for and

received the free printer. May 2-8, 2021 is the 52<sup>nd</sup> Professional Clerks Week. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Clerk's report. M.C.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Evenson attended Board of Review training. He gave an update on the letter sent to FERC on May 6 to request intervention and correction of land conveyance. Evenson attended a County Board committee meeting and the Town of Plover meeting to update them on the letter he sent to FERC. The County Board Chairman and the Town of Plover indicated they would also send a letter to FERC supporting the request for intervention regarding the violation of the original order. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the President's report. M.C.

**ADJOURN:** Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

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