

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

The March 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, Mark Honkomp, and Dan Muleski. Also present: 11 guests

MINUTES: Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve minutes of the February 8, 2021 Board Meeting as printed. M.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairperson Patty Gapen reporting. The committee met March 4. All bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and Utility departments were in order. Evenson stated seven loans currently with Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank will be consolidated to one loan, effective April 1, 2021, with an interest rate of 1.8%. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the new loan. M.C. Evenson reviewed the line of credit document with Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank specifically for dock and pier purchase and maintenance, in the amount of \$300,000, effective April 1, 2021. Interest rate is 2.125% for two years. Motion Guillemot, second Muleski to approve the line of credit loan. M.C. The Water Utility did not budget for water certification training for the new Water Superintendent and is requesting the Village General Fund pay for all training costs in the amount of \$525.00. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to have these training costs paid by the Village General Fund. M.C. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve all bills and journal entries for February and to approve the committee report. M.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Witt reporting. Totals reported to the Finance Committee are: Receipts for February 2021: \$504,028.24. Expenses: \$702,548.24. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 23015-23077 with 7 auto pays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions. A list of February bills paid from the General Fund was included for the Board to review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund \$908,630.86. Utilities Checking: \$188,588.69. Money Market \$279,052.22. Utility bills were paid on check #'s 4513-4525. Non-Lapsing Fund: \$24,484.25. 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: There were three medical and three fire calls in February. Current active roster is at eighteen. The Chief and Assistant Chief attended a pre-build meeting at Custom Fire Apparatus and toured the factory. The new engine is progressing quicker than initially thought with a build start scheduled for May. Department annual reports were provided. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Fire Department report. M.C.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Dan Muleski reporting. Jamie Biegel and Rochelle Hoffman provided information on cranberry agrotourism. They would like to expand their Rooted In Red business to include farm tours, farm to fork dining

experiences, and family events. They would be using part of one of their warehouses for these events. The Committee and Village Clerk will continue to work with them to obtain the necessary liquor license and any other permits.

Lorelei Fuehrer, building inspector for the Village, will be retiring July 1, 2021. The Committee will be searching for another inspector. Muleski thanked Lorelei for her years of service to the Village.

Classic Development presented two Certified Survey Maps for approval. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve CSM 2776 Drawing 8982-GE-1-A and CSM 2776 Drawing 8982-GQ-1-A, discontinued CTY RD U/North Biron Drive right-of-way established from existing CSMs north and south of the existing road. M.C.

Motion Evenson, second Gapen to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. M.C.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Tammy Steward reporting. Classic Development submitted a request for reimbursement of culvert installation cost on Sunset Point Drive in the amount of \$8,500. Concern was expressed on engineering responsibility on the project which resulted in storm water management issues. It was noted there are several areas on the recreational trail that have ice dams. Public Works will discuss this further at their next meeting. There is a small structure on BLG Lot 19/20 that needs to be removed by June 1, 2021. This is the parcel the Village will be purchasing to expand Sunset Point park. Village crew will be tearing down the structure. M.C. Motion Muleski, second Guillemot to approve the Public Works Committee report. M.C.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Mike Guillemot reporting. The committee will be meeting this month to draft a No Wake Zone Ordinance. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve the Public Property Committee report. M.C.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Sue Carlson reporting. A water tank valve needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$6,400 that was not included in the 2021 budget. Motion Honkomp, second Steward to pre-approve up to \$25,000 to be drawn from the Water Utility non-lapsing fund to pay additional expenses as needed. M.C. Zach will schedule this valve replacement project in May. The Eagle Road project that was completed in 2020 required the Village to take out a loan to fund a portion of the costs. The water utility agreed that in 2027 they would make monthly payments of \$2,963. over 3 years to reimburse the municipality for the costs of the loan, including interest, for a total amount of \$106,676. (principle plus interest). Zach reported there was a water main break on Badger Street the crew repaired. The DNR installed a distribution line on pump one at the well. 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. Steward reported on a proposed new wastewater agreement with the City that includes multiple changes, cost increases, and would consider the Village an industrial user. Discussion will continue.

CLERK'S REPORT: Arndt reported a 9% turnout at the February 16 election. The Spring election will be April 6. On March 3 the WI Elections Commission voted to allow special voting deputies be admitted to eligible nursing facilities to conduct absentee voting for residents with absentee request applications on file. Arndt and one election inspector will be at Wellington Place March 10. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to approve the Clerk's report. M.C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Evenson presented Resolution 21-01 Adopting Wood County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion Honkomp, second Evenson to approve the Resolution. M.C. Evenson presented Resolution 21-02 Supporting the Transfer of Property to the Biron Licensee Group from Consolidated Water Power Company. After lengthy discussion by the Board and Brian Potts, Attorney for CWPCo, it was suggested the Resolution be tabled until the land exchange is complete. Motion by Muleski, second Steward to table Resolution 21-02. M.C. with one No vote.

Motion Honkomp, second Muleski to approve the President's report. M.C.

ADJOURN: Motion Honkomp, second Guillemot to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. M.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Arndt, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

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