

**VILLAGE OF BIRON REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – November 11th, 2024**

The November 11th Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Jon Evenson at the Biron Municipal Center. The meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

PRESENT: Jon Evenson, Mark Honkomp, Jamie Biegel, Tammy Steward, Dan Muleski and Patty Gapen. Excused Mike Guillemot. Also present: Samantha Daugherty, Kayla Lumaye, Peggy Doughty, Dave Kerkman.

MINUTES: Motion Honkomp, second Biegel to approve minutes of the October 14th Regular Board Meeting as printed. Muleski abstained. Motion carried. Motion Evenson second Honkomp to approve the minutes of the November 4th special board meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No residents were present

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Gapen reporting. The committee met on October 30th to review the preliminary budget figures. Total revenues and expenditures are balanced at \$1,366,508. The committee approved the preliminary budget. The committee met on November 6th to review all bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments are in order. Motion Muleski, second Biegel to approve all bills, non-lapsing accounts, and journal entries for the Village and utility departments and to approve Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk Samantha Daugherty reporting for vacant Treasurer. Totals reported to the Finance Committee: Receipts for October: \$163,052.29 and Expenses: \$154,537.42. General checking account bills were paid on check #'s 26018-26081 with eight autopays to IRS, Deferred Comp and WRS for payroll deductions and WI DOR for sales tax withholding. A list of October bills paid by the General Fund was included for review. Village Non-Lapsing Fund: \$1,123,959.34 Utilities Checking: \$12,106.05, Water Money Market: \$1,155,994.75 Utility bills were paid on check 5200-5213. A list of all checks paid for Utilities was included for review. Muleski asked for a review of the building permit line item and a review of the building inspector line item to compare. Motion Muleski, second Gapen to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

BIRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Kerkman reporting. The department had 19 calls for October: 16 Medical and 3 Fire calls. October training was Rapid Intervention Team Training. Department held their annual fundraiser at Anchor Bay and finalized their 2025 budget. Kerkman discussed the next steps for the new chief. The department has selected Shawn Dillingham as his successor at their November meeting. Kerkman asked for the board to add to their December agenda to appoint Dillingham. Motion Biegel, second Gapen to approve Volunteer Fire Department report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Honkomp reporting, Reviewed email from Attorney Abts and Charter Ordinance 24-06 changing Treasurer position from elected to appointed and changing the office of Village Clerk to Village Clerk-Treasurer. Motion Muleski, Second Gapen to approve the Charter Ordinance resolution 24-06. Clerk will publish a copy of the resolution as a

Class 1 notice. Motion Evenson, second Steward to approve the personnel committee report. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE, ORDINANCE & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Muleski reporting. Motion Muleski, second Evenson to approve Operator license 24-52, Motion carried. Reviewed and discussed floodplain permit from Dan Fink and Lampert-Lee & Associates. Muleski had more questions and will refer back to land owner and will bring back to board at November 25th meeting. Motion Honkomp, second Biegel to approve the Legislative, Ordinance and Zoning Committee report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Steward reporting. Mill lift station work has started, and quotes were presented from Xylem for a total project cost of \$151,571.72. Motion Muleski, second Honkomp to use ARPA funds totaling \$80,804.12 and Storm/Sanitary Sewer Replacement Non-Lapsing funds to cover the remaining cost of \$70,767.60. Motion carried. Superintendent Lumaye presented an invoice from Wisconsin Surplus for a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Baby Dump truck with plow and stainless steel dump box for \$49,050. Motion Biegel, second Muleski to approve the purchase of dump truck using the Public Works Truck/Equipment Non-Lapsing fund. Motion carried. The committee will discuss the sale of Ford at next meeting. Superintendent Lumaye presented a quote from MSA for GIS Service Upgrades for 2025 for a total cost of \$7000 which will be an expense in 2025. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Public Works Committee Report Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Superintendent Lumaye reporting. Reviewed quote from Guelzow Heating and Cooling for a replacement heater at the Village garage for a total cost of \$3,590. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the payment of the quote using the Garage Maintenance Non Lapsing fund. Motion carried. Motion Evenson, second Muleski to approve the Public Property Committee report. Motion carried.

WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson Jamie Biegel reporting. The committee met October 30th and November 6th. Biegel presented information about current levels of fluoride in our system and amount of fluoride we have remaining. The current optimal dosage level according to the DNR is 0.70mg/L; 8 years ago the optimal level was 1.2mg/L and 10 years ago the optimum level was 1.7mg/L this suggests that research has shown the optimal level decreasing due to the danger of this chemical. The committee presented lists of the surrounding communities that have removed fluoride from system. The committee met with Village of Vesper's Public Works Director, George Brandl, to gain insight into removing this chemical. Brandl highlighted the importance of informing residents of the decision and providing information as to how the decision was made.

We have enough fluoride to approximately get to December 14th. Motion Muleski, second Steward to discontinue the addition of fluoride to the water system once we consume the remaining supply. Honkomp abstained. Motion carried. Superintendent Lumaye presented quotes from CTW and Water Well Solutions for a new VFD (Variable Frequency Drive). Motion Biegel, second Honkomp to approve the 2025 purchase of a new VFD from CTW for a total cost of \$5,825. Motion carried. Motion Honkomp, second Biegel 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.* Minutes from the October meeting were not available at time of meeting. Evenson reported no new updates on negotiations from attorneys as it relates to the

settlement agreement. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve the Wastewater commission report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Biegel discussed dates for a village holiday party and Chief Kerkman retirement celebration.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Daugherty reporting. General Election participation was 90% and 31 new registrations on election day. Also talked about the spring newsletter and have begun to get things added. Asked board members to start to think about topics they would like included and hopefully have this sent to residents in March. Motion Evenson, second Honkomp to approve Clerk's report. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Jon Evenson reporting. Discussed meeting with Wisconsin Rapids Mayor at the village. Motion Honkomp, second Biegel to approve the President's Report. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion Honkomp, second Biegel to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Samantha Daugherty, Clerk

Approved by Biron Board of Trustees

Date: Dec. 09, 2024

Signed: 
Jon T. Evenson, President