

VILLAGE OF BIRON  
451 KAHOUN ROAD, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54494  
PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION & WASTEWATER COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 8:00 A.M.

Members Present: Tammy Steward, Chairperson; Mike Guillemot Committee Members. Dan Muleski excused

Others Present: Kayla Lumaye, Public Works Director

**1. Chairperson Tammy Steward called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.**

**2. Discuss garbage pickup on Huffman Road during construction –**

Kayla has been emailing back and forth with Tim Miller from Waste Management. Four residents and the marsh would be affected by the construction. Kayla plans to contact Larry Koopman to find out what the plan is for temporary access to homes for the residents. More information to come.

**3. Discuss committee responsibilities –**

The committee reviewed their responsibilities. The only change made was to remove landfills from the list of responsibilities.

**4. Discuss semi-trucks on South Biron Drive –**

Tammy would like Kayla to speak with Paul Vollert, Wisconsin Rapids Public Works Superintendent, and see if they are willing to install a sign for us near Spring Street that says no semi traffic past Spring Street. Tammy would also like the crew to remove two signs at the Village limits and add a sign that states no semis except for deliveries.

**5. Discussion and possible action on road striping for Kahoun Road –**

Kayla presented quotes for striping Kahoun Road from Adams County Highway Department, Arrow Precision and from Fahrner Asphalt. The committee approved the quote from Adams County Highway Department for a total of \$1,780.

**6. Discussion and possible action on equipment replacement –**

Kayla presented municipal financing proposals from MacQueen Equipment. After reviewing the different trucks for sale, the committee decided it would be in the Village's best interest to purchase a new truck. A new truck will last twice as long and come with minimum miles or engine hours. Tammy asked Kayla to look into lower interest rate loans through different financial institutions for this purchase. Kayla will contact Envirotech and see what a new truck would cost from them. Kayla will have more information at the next meeting.

**7. Discuss information that was learned at local road forum –**

Tammy discussed the information she learned at the Wood County local road forum. Wood County has an experienced mechanic that can assist with problems that our crew

may not be able to solve. Wood County offers culvert replacement, sealcoating, paving, engineering and a wide range of services. We can buy certain products from Wood County at the price they purchase them at. Wood County has multiple road programs available such as LRIP, MSID, etc. Overall, Wood County can do must anything to help us out.

**8. Discuss lighting along CTH U pedestrian trail –**

Tammy discussed wanting to add solar lighting along the path. The lighting would be between the seawall and the Jinsky Farm. Tammy wants to make sure the lighting is uniform. Tammy also wants to make sure the parking lot by Fox Street will be well lit. Kayla received an email from Jon stating Steve from Econ Electric would be interested in assisting the Village with this project. Kayla will contact Steve.

**9. Superintendent's report –**

Kayla stated that the Bridgewater projects costs have increased due to the new cul-de-sac design. With the new costs, American Asphalt is less expensive than Wood County by \$5,580. Tammy asked Kayla to contact Brandon from Wood County and discuss this with him. Kayla stated that Wisconsin Pump Works performed preventive maintenance at the lift stations on April 30<sup>th</sup>. They found the following issues: the pumps at lift station 2 do not have chains which are used to pull the pumps in an emergency, the wires were cut on the run time meter for pump 2 at lift station 3, the wear rings on pump 2 at lift station 3 need to be replaced, there was a lot of grease build up at lift station 5 and there was a foot thick mat of cranberries at lift station 6. Kayla asked them to send over a quote for the pump chains and for the wear rings. The crew replaced the run time meter yesterday. The grease comes from lift station 4 and degreaser was added on Tuesday. The cranberries will be cleaned out with the vac truck.

Kayla discussed flooding along Shore Acres Dr. The crew attempted to clean out the storm pipe with the vac truck. They got hung up on roots. Roto Rooter was called in to clear the roots and clear the line, for a total cost of \$1,350. Once the line began to flow, the sand started to build up. The crew was able to get the sand out and get the line flowing again. In the process of getting the water drained, a resident had 2 feet of water backup in his basement. The water backup caused his furnace to short circuit. Due to the furnace damage, he made an insurance claim. His insurance company requested the Village to take out an insurance claim. The Village has done so. More information to come from this.

**10. Set next meeting date and time -**

Next meeting will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Guillemot, second by Tammy Steward  
Time: 9:18 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kayla Lumaye, Public Works Director