

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday September 20, 2007
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise**

Chairperson Shane Stepp called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Shane Stepp
Lyle Thompson
Manley Olson
Jack Kopp
Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Gerald Bjork

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Rick Greene, Commissioner
Senator Rick Olseen
Dan & Cathy Kaiser
Greg Shaleen
Gene Olsen, Lent Township

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Jack Kopp to adopt the September 2007 Agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Jack Kopp to adopt the August 2007 meeting minutes with the following corrections:

- Under country Insurance: Remove “per year” in the 3rd bulleted paragraph, and;
- Under Gravel Pit – Amador Township: Remove the second sentence.

Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Jack Kopp to accept the treasurer report and Claims List 2137 through 2158 for approval with additional expenditures as follows:

Stephen Lelm, driveway reimbursement\$900.00
Wendy Kowalke – postage reimbursement\$1.65
Brinks Security\$111.79
Enviro-Risk – Phase 1 for Teich Property\$1,726.78
Motion carried.

Road and Bridge funding and gravel was discussed.

Zoning – Gene Olson: Gene Olson was present to discuss township zoning. Mr. Olson indicated:

1. Citizen have been unhappy with Chisago County Zoning
2. Township will need a comprehensive plan
3. Township will need to adopt Chisago County Zoning that is in force now.
4. Township will need to have a five (5) member planning commission and one (1) member from the board as an ex-officio.
5. Township will need a three (3) member Board of Adjustment (aka: variance board) that is independent from planning commission.

Mr. Olson indicated the expenditures Lent Township incurs right now are a full-time clerk, building inspector (pay 70% of fee and uses statewide guidelines), and operations (basic costs)

Mr. Olson indicated some benefits of the township going to their own zoning:

- Full-time clerk
- Receive all park funds
- Control

MET Council can dictate to any township that does not have their own zoning. Township needs to look into obtaining a sub-division ordinance and shoreline ordinance with Chisago County.

Enforcement: Mr. Olson indicated that Lent township gives out civil citations. A letter is written indicating the individual or business is in violation of an ordinance and has 30 days to correct violation. If violation is not corrected, the township will take care of the issue and post all costs on taxes. A written complain needs to take place before action is taken. Complainant is kept in confidence.

Kravitz / Merienfeld - Variance (absent) – Greg Shaleen present: Greg Shaleen was present to provide further information regarding this variance. Board Member Jack Kopp indicated he spoke to Chisago County Zoning. Chisago County Zoning indicated that Chisago County highway does not have any issues where the house is in proximity to the road. This lot had a new septic installed in 2007. Motion by Jack Kopp, second by Lyle Thompson to approve variance with the condition that only one (1) driveway be allowed for this lot. Motion carried.

Dan and Cathy Kaiser – Variance: This lot was created by a variance by the county because of the road being changed. Chisago County highway indicated they do not have an issue with this variance. Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Manley Olson to accept this variance with no issues. Motion carried.

Sealing Coating: Table to October 2007

Paving: Table to October 2007

Johnson Pit Report: Table to October 2007

Annexation: Table to October 2007

Harris Fire: Board Member Shane Stepp indicated he spoke with Fire Chief Will Lacina of the Harris Fire Department. Chief Lacina would like to be put on the October 2007 Agenda to discuss a fire

district. Clerk Kowalk to send letter to Harris City Hall requesting final numbers for 2006 and initial billing for 2007. Table to October 2007

Tiller / Teich Property Land Exchange: Closing took place on September 9, 2007. Land Exchange complete.

Teich Property – Future Development: Place on the October 2007 Agenda for needs review.

2nd Street: Gas Line has been moved on September 19, 2007.

Road Specifications: Place on October 2007 Agenda.

Hidden Haven North: Board member Shane Stepp indicated that the utility line has been relocated per Engineer Warren White.

Snow Plowing: Board Member Jack Kopp indicated that this particular item needs to go back to the planning commission for further discussion. Place on October 2007 Agenda.

Driveway Ordinance: Place on October 2007 Agenda

Water Tank: Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Manley Olson to purchase the water Tank from Kyp Rydberg in the amount of \$750.00 to be paid when invoice is received. Motion carried.

Weekly Report: Maintenance Supervisor Lynn Wolleat turned in weekly reports.

Maintenance Update: None

Recording of Minutes: Clerk Kowalke to check into the Minnesota Association of Townships website regarding recording of meeting minutes.

Rick Greene: Commission Greene indicated the County adopted a drug recycling policy. All unused drugs can now be turned in for property disposal.

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Lyle Thompson to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Shane Stepp, Chairperson