

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, April 17, 2008  
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise**

Chairman John (Jack) Kopp called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Lyle Thompson  
Gerald Bjork  
Jack Kopp  
Stephen Merten  
Manley Olson

Clerk Wendy Kowalke  
Treasurer: Karen Anderson

**Others Present:**

Jay Ilstrup	Roberta Tauer
Linda Ilstrup	Ann Turner
Donald Deering	Commissioner Rick Greene
Debbie Deering	Shane Stepp
Bruce Fagan	Josh Fagan
Mike Kriz	Lynn Kirk – Family Pathways
Patricia Peters, Sunrise Pub and Grill	
Saneda Deming – Sunrise Cemetery	
Pam Tredeau – Youth Service Bureau	
Marlys Balfany, City of Harris	
Mayor Rick Smisson, City of Harris	

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Gerald Bjork to adopt the April Agenda with an additional item of Xcel Energy. Motion carried.

**Canvass Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the Canvass Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Lyle Thompson to approve the March 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Stephen Merten to accept the treasurer’s report and claims list 2326 through 2339 for approval with the following additional disbursements:

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau .....	\$300.00
Family Pathways .....	\$300.00
Chisago County Recreation (Bob Gustafson) .....	\$200.00
Sunrise Softball .....	\$400.00
Chisago County Senior Center .....	\$300.00
Sunrise Cemetery .....	\$500.00
Chisago Co. Treasurer (taxes).....	\$599.00

City of Harris (Final fire billing for 2006 and 2007) .....\$61,000.00

Other Items for discussed.

- Treasurer Anderson inquired about a chainsaw purchase
- Supervisor Merten asked for clarification on the electric/gas portion of the report

**Excel Energy Tree Removal Signature:** Excel Energy permission to trim, mow and herbicide brush and trees within township right of way that pose an impact to Xcel Energy’s Electric facilities. This is carte blanche permission for removals. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to approve Excel Energy’s request with the condition that Xcel energy inform property owners of herbicide spray to be used and when this will happen near their property. Motion carried.

**MAT Signatures:** Sunrise Township Board members signed the MAT forms.

**Rick Greene, County Commissioner Update:** Commissioner Rick Greene was present to inform the Town Board regarding the Joint Powers Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Rick also informed the Town Board that the final draft of the Adult Use Ordinance is currently being processed

**2008 Donation Requests:** .At the 2008 Annual Meeting the citizens of Sunrise Township approve \$2,000.00 to be distributed by the Sunrise Board’s discretion to non-profit organizations. Pam Trudeau from Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, Saneda Deming from Sunrise Cemetery, Lynn Kirk from Family Pathways, Ann Turner from the Refuge was present. Other donation requests were from Seven County Senior Federation, Chisago County Recreation, Chisago County Ag Society, Chisago County Senior Center, 1000 Friends for Minnesota and Sunrise Softball Association. Motion by Motion because the Chisago County Historical Society did not provide a request. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jerry Bjork for the following distribution of the \$2,000.00 donation requests:

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau .....	\$300.00
Family Pathways .....	\$300.00
Chisago County Recreation (Bob Gustafson .....	\$200.00
Sunrise Softball .....	\$400.00
Chisago County Senior Center .....	\$300.00
Sunrise Cemetery .....	\$500.00

**Bruce Fagan – Preliminary Development:** Mr. Fagan indicated this is not a plat because there will be no splitting of land involved. Place on May 2008 Agenda. Mr. Fagan is asking for and extension for a total of nine (9) months for the Agreement and Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation between Township of Sunrise and the City of Harris, which is an extension of an addition five (5) months from the original Joint Agreement signed by Sunrise on February 21, 2008. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Lyle Thompson to have Attorney Al Tschida to extend the original Joint Resolution an addition five (5) months so Bruce Fagan can proceed with this development. Motion carried. Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Stephen Merten for Clerk

Kowalke and Chairman Kopp to sign resolution and provide to Mr. Fagan as soon as Attorney Tschida revises documentation. Motion carried.

**Jason and Debbie Ilstrup::** Jason and Debbie Ilstrup were present to ask the Town Board to waive the removal of decorative/boulder rock in the road right of way. Sunrise Town Board informed Janson and Debbie Ilstrup due to liability purposes they will need to remove the rock out of the right of way. Request denied.

**Donald Deering – Addition plastic culvert illegally placed:** Donald Deering was present to request he be able to leave the additional plastic/drive entrance. Sunrise Board informed Mr. Deering that county guidelines state one (1) driveway for a 300 foot road frontage. Sunrise also informed Mr. Deering that their ordinance states one (1) driveway per 20 acres, unless pre-approved by Sunrise. Sunrise Board informed Mr. Deering this is not a hardship and this culvert needs to be removed and ditching needs to be reestablished according to original plat. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to deny request. Motion carried.

**Harris Fire:** Mayor Smisson and Treasurer Marlys Balfany were present as Representatives for the City of Harris. Mayor Smisson informed Sunrise that the Harris Fire Department has updated many items such as: purchased a new pumper truck, equipment van, J5, two (2) new grass rigs, Kobota ATV, and ambulance and Harris has added 12 new radios and 16 new pagers along with GPS units. Harris also added 11 new 1<sup>st</sup> responders and 13 new fire fighters.

Sunrise Township has asked that Harris provide call logs. State Park Land was discussed. State Park Land is not calculated into the Contract. Harris indicated that there were 37 calls to Sunrise and 39 calls to Harris. Sunrise would like a breakdown of what the calls were. Harris stated they will provide quarterly updates to Sunrise.

Harris is willing to offer Sunrise Township a one-time offer to finalize 2006 and 2007 for a total amount of \$61,000.00 (this would be \$12,000 for the remainder of 2006 and \$49,000 for 2007-this is a total discount of \$24,002.54 – \$11,750.63 for 2006 and \$12,251.91 for 2007)

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to pay \$38,000 for 2007 for a good faith payment. Motion carried.

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to transfer \$38,000.00 from saving to checking. Motion carried.

Sunrise Treasurer Karen Anderson reiterated that Harris is offering a one-time offer to settle the 2006 and 2007 contracts in a total \$61,000.00.

Mayor Smisson and Treasurer Marlys Balfany were present to answer any questions that Sunrise may have to 2006 and 2007. Some questions that were discussed were John's transmission Bills, which was mechanical work completed on all equipment; water usage, which is now metered, everything is being allocated. ISO rating for Sunrise. Harris stated they now have an increased carrying capacity and a increased pump capacity. Harris will work on getting a new ISO rating that

will extend to Harris. Harris has received grant money in 2008. Harris indicated Fire Wages do not come out of Relief Fund.

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to rescind motion to pay \$38,000 for a good faith payment. Motion carried. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Lyle Thompson to pay a total of \$61,000.00 to pay final payment for 2006 and 2007. Motion carried.

Mayor Smisson and Sunrise Town Board discussed a new contract on a fee for service for 2008. Mayor Smisson and Sunrise would like to see Harris charge citizen per incident. Frivolous calls would be on a case by case basis, because neither Sunrise Township or Harris want to discourage citizens from calling for safety issues. It was mentioned that debt services and expenses are not one and the same.

Mayor Smisson to go back to the City of Harris Council member to renegotiate contract to include a \$500.00 fee to recipient per call.

Motion by Lyle Thompson second by Stephen Merten to transfer an additional \$42,000.00 from savings to checking. Motion carried.

**Norman Loren (via letter):** Clerk Kowalke to send letter to Mr. Norman Loren informing him that Kost Trail is a township road.

**Patricia Peters (liquor license renewal):** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Stephen Merten to approve the ON/OFF/SUNDAY Liquor License Patricia Peters, Sunrise Pub and Grill. Motion carried.

**Gravel Crushing Contract and Proposal:** Place on the May 2008 meeting agenda. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to have Clerk Kowalke send Contract and Proposal to Attorney Al Tschida for review. Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Manley Olson to give permission to Jerry Bjork to sign contract once Attorney Tschida has reviewed. Motion carried.

**Gravel Hauling Contract and Proposal:** Place on the May 2008 meeting agenda. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to have Clerk Kowalke send Contract and Proposal to Attorney Al Tschida for review. Motion by Lyle Thompson, second by Manley Olson to give permission to Jerry Bjork to sign contract once Attorney Tschida has reviewed. Motion carried.

**David Baudette (not present):** Clerk Kowalke to send Sunrise Town Road Resolution No. 1-89, document # 219157.

**Taxes:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Lyle Thompson to pay \$599.00 for back taxes on the CR 9 property. Motion carried.

**Computers:** Treasurer Anderson is working on new laptop computers.

**Weed Meeting:** Clerk Kowalke to inform Lynn Wolleat of County Weed Meeting to be held on April 24, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Wyoming Public Library.

**Road Grading – Manley Olson:** Manley Olson, Gerald Bjork and Lyle Thompson to work with Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat regarding grading. Sunrise Board would like to see Lynn Wolleat attend maintenance classes.

**Treasurer/Clerk Rate of Pay:** After review of documentation from other local Townships, motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to raise the Clerk’s rate of pay \$25.00 per month starting in May 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson