

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chairperson Jack Kopp called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Jack (John) Kopp	Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Stephen Merten	Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke
Gerald Bjork	
Joel Peterson	
Manley Olson	

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Rick Greene, County Commissioner
Engineer Warren White
Joyce Myers
Lee Huenecke
Anita Mohr
Mike Kriz

Adopt Agenda: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the November agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to accept the meeting October minutes as presented.

Clerk Update: Informed the Board that Clerk Kowalke is now a fire warden.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the treasurer’s report with claims list #2514 through 2537 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

Lester Gruver (gopher bounty 31 pair)	\$46.50
Nextel	\$79.00
Braun Intertec (concrete stair improvement testing).....	\$100.00

- Rec
ommendation from Jack Kopp to the Board to pass back the final pay estimate from R.E. Peterson for clarification on balance at Sunrise Park – common excavating)\$2,897.57
- Tre
asurer Anderson recommends a transfer \$46,202 from fire savings to checking.
- Part
-time wages: Under Road and Bridge – under disbursement - under wages and salaries and

other pay; The Town Board would like Treasurer Anderson to keep a watch on this so additional part-time help can be used for snow removal.

-The Town Board would like in the claims list for approval to show as much detail as possible so the Board knows what is being purchased.

Motion carried

Treasurer Anderson informed the Town Board she would like to attend CTAS training for the financial program being used.

Almelund Fire Department: Invoice was received prior to the Board Meeting and approved in the list of disbursements in treasurer's Report.

Anita Mohr and Lee Huenecke: Anita Mohr and Lee Huenecke had several questions for the Board in order to access their land located off of Jess Avenue. The Board informed Ms. Mohr and Mr. Huenecke that 430th starts a Peaceful Valley Road. Jess Avenue explanation from the road resolution was given to Anita Mohr and Lee H. Minimum maintenance road is in question. Place on December 2008 Agenda for further research.

Harris Fire Tour Update: Board Member Stephen Merten would have liked to have gotten a more in depth tour. Board members Manley Olson and Stephen Merten were somewhat disappointed with the Harris Fire Dept. Tour, as Chief Will Lacina was not present. The equipment looked in order and clean, but just not presented well. Clerk Kowalke to set up an appointment for another to be held in May 2009. The Board members would like to have the chief present.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update:

- Proposed Road Turn Backs - Bill Malin is going to speak at the December 10, 2008 Association of township meeting held at the Chisago Co. Sr. Center in North Branch. Commissioner Greene believes both of the Sunrise Township roads have been removed.
- Discussed proposed stimulus package. County needs to be prepared to bid these out within 90 days.

Sunrise Overlay Resolution:

Stephen Merten offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 081120-1
REQUESTING LANGUAGE TO
SUNRISE RIVER OVERLAY
IN CHISAGO COUNTY ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Chisago County is in the process of holding public hearings on revisions to the Chisago County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sunrise is concerned with protecting and preserving the existing natural, scenic and recreational values of the Sunrise River and to provide for development activities which do not detract from these values; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sunrise is concerned with the setback from the Sunrise River; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Sunrise hereby requests that language be added to Section 6.06 "Sunrise River Overlay (SO)" as follows:

- **E. Lot Width** – “. . . except on those land presently zoned RR1, which are located within the boundary of what is commonly known as the City of Sunrise, where the lot width shall be 200 feet.”
- **F. Setbacks From the OHWL. 1.** – “. . . except in the platted City of Sunrise where the setback shall be seventy-five (75) feet.”
- **F. Setbacks From the OHWL. 2.** – “. . . except in the platted City of Sunrise, where the setback shall be fifty (50) feet.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Sunrise further requests that the following section be removed from the Zoning Ordinance: “**Subsection G. Additional Standards. 1.** *The standards found in Section 6.04G through 6.04N, shall apply to the SO District.*”

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Gerald Bjork, Joel Peterson

ABSTAIN: Jack Kopp

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted on November 20, 2008.**

Motion by Stephen Merten second by Manley Olson to move forward with the resolution of the platted areas including RR1 areas of Sunrise, with one Abstain by Jack Kopp. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene stated at the November 20, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting he supports the recommendation of the board for the resolution.

Snowmobile Parking: Board Member Gerald Bjork would like to see a parking area designated for snowmobiles at the newly acquired land located off County Road 9. Board Member Bjork is concerned there may be a liability. Signs could be put up stating public parking. Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat to contact Chisago County for permit to access land. Motion by Manley Olson to apply for street or driveway access permit and proceed with installing access, second by Joel Peterson. Motion carried.

Green Acres: At the Association of Township meeting. Motion by Gerald Bjork approve a resolution to rescind the new green acres proposal and remain same. Motion carried.

Board Member Gerald Bjork offered the following resolution and moved it adoption:

SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 081120-2

**OPPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2008 LAW CHANGES REGARDING
CLASSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF CHANGES TO THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX LAW
(GREEN ACRES)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers and legislative staff, are bringing forth the implementation for 2008 law changes regarding classification of agricultural property and the implementation of changes to the Minnesota Agricultural property tax law (Green Acres).

WHEREAS, while these changes affect all agricultural properties, they will affect those enrolled in Green Acres most dramatically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sunrise Town Board opposes the Implementation for the 2008 law changes regarding classification of agricultural property and the implementation of changes to the Minnesota Agricultural Property Tax Law (Green Acres).

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Jack Kopp, Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Gerald Bjork, Joel Peterson

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Gravel Crushing:

**Bids for Crushing and Stockpiling of Road Aggregate
Being Accepted by Sunrise Township**

Sunrise Township is accepting written bids for Crushing and Stockpiling of Road Aggregate. Written bids are to be received by Sunrise Township no later than Thursday, December 18, 2008 (not post marked) to be opened at the regular Township meeting held on Thursday, December 18, 2008. Please send written bids to Sunrise Township at P.O. Box 933, North Branch, MN 55056.

Minimum requirements

- Crushing & Stockpiling of a Modified Class 5 Aggregate 15,000 c.y.road aggregate more or less. All crushing must meet Township Class 5 Modified Aggregate with $\frac{3}{4}$ rock standards or will not be accepted.
- 10-12% binder content and must be able to do on-site gradation testing.
- If gradation fails to meet township specifications of binder content or rock size, crushing will be stopped at Maintenance supervisor's discretion.
- If re-crushing of pile is deemed necessary, it will be at the sole cost of crush operator/owners expense.
- Certificate of Insurance needed with bid.
- Certificate of Workers Comp Insurance needed with bid
- Pit Location: Sunrise Township
- Sunrise Township has the right to reject any and all bids.

- All bids must be good for 45 days from the date of opening.
- ALL BIDS MUST BE IN WRITING

Gravel Hauling:

Gravel Hauling Bids Being Accepted by Sunrise Township

Sunrise Township is accepting written gravel hauling bids. Written bids are to be received by Sunrise Township no later than Thursday, December 18, 2008 (not post marked) to be opened at the regular Township meeting held on Thursday, December 18, 2008. Please send written bids to Sunrise Township at P.O. Box 933, North Branch, MN 55056.

Minimum requirements

- Loading and hauling approximately 15,000 yards of gravel more or less from Sunrise Township pit to any Township road with four (4) - 18 c.y. belly dumps (contractor to supply loader)
- No hauling will be done of any township pile until said pile has been cross sectioned and gradations done to townships satisfaction.
- No hauling will be done without maintenance supervisor's approval
- Certificate of Insurance needed with bid.
- Certificate of Workers Comp Insurance needed with bid
- Sunrise Township has the right to reject any and all bids.
- All bids must be good for 45 days from the date of opening.
- ALL BIDS MUST BE IN WRITING

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Joel Peterson to advertise for Gravel crushing and hauling bids to be opened at December 18, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Place Contract verbage on the December 2009 Meeting agenda.

Chisago County Ordinance Authority: Clerk Kowalke to contact Lent Township to see if we can get a copy of this on digital format. The Town Board would like the Planning Commission to take another look at before going to a public hearing to adopt.

Snobarrons:

Board Member Gerald Bjork offered the following resolution and moved it adoption:

SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO. 081120-3 SUPPORTING HAY DAZE EVENT IN SUNRISE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, an application for a CUP for Hay Daze Snowmobile event to take place within Sunrise Township by

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sunrise Township Board hereby approves said CUP with no conditions.

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Jack Kopp, Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Gerald Bjork

OPPOSED: Joel Peterson

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Beautification Committee: Joel Peterson updated the Board on the Beautification Committee of Bobbi Harrington and Tom Chaklos. Options discussed were as follows:, etc.

- Put up a sign with what the town has to offer: horse-back riding, tubing
- Clean-up (setback is an issue)
- Spring Clean-up: Bring in dumpster to do a clean-up to be funded by waste management
- Complete the clean-up in conjunction with the Friends of the Sunrise River to see if waste management footing the bill.
- Recycle day for electronics in spring
- Get brush hogs on clearing some areas
- Volunteers

Maintenance Update: seeding is complete at the park. Ditching at 450th being completed. 470th signage complete.

Board Maintenance Direction:

Alley-way signs

Picnic tables at Sunrise Park – need to be installed and bolted down

Outhouse painting – needs to be complete (spring project)

Richard Widmark

New Direction:

Snowmobile parking signs

Ditch repair – 450th street

Signage for alley-way

Filter in Community Center needs to be replaced

Tires needs to be clean up (in process)

Picnic tables

Outhouse

Richard Widmark

470th Street – Warren White: Went over the 470th Street to inform the new board members on this road.

Road Grader: Alter the road grader estimate to be received for the grader.

Town Hall Historic: Looks good, encourage citizens and Board members to take a look.

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Stephen Merten to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson