

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, February 19, 2009  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Jack (John) Kopp  
Stephen Merten  
Gerald Bjork  
Manley Olson  
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Bob Cook  
Joe Sausen  
Bob Linder, Almelund Fire  
Larry Ferrier, Almelund Fire

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the February 2009 Agenda. Chairperson Jack Kopp indicated there will be five (5) minutes for tree removal information to be given by Mr. Cook. Discussion on the tree removal item will take place after presentation. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the January 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

**Meeting Minutes – Treasurer Review:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the meeting minutes of the 2008 treasurer review. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** Clerk Kowalke reminded the Town Board Supervisors of the Spring Short Courses.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #2591 through 2603 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

Nextel.....	\$79.82
Cheri Cunningham (graphic web-site).....	\$15.00
Brinks Home Security.....	\$111.79
Ziegler (Catepillar 140H) .....	\$9,437.64
John Swenson (146 pair of gopher feet) .....	\$219.00

Motion carried

**Bob Cook – Tree Removal:** Bob Cook considered this tree to be an unauthorized cutting. Mr. Cook has requested a copy of written bids and insurance binder. The Town Board informed Mr. Cook that three (3) bids were requested and only two (2) came through.

Mr. Cook indicated that any tree over 6” diameter to be cut down or removed needs to have a written procedure followed. This procedure includes a 14 day written notice to the adjacent land owner with an option for an appeal process. Mr. Cook also stated that there is a State Statute for triple damages to be awarded if Township is found in the wrong. Mr. Cook stated that he has obtained a certified arborist to obtain the value of this tree. Mr. Cook stated that the Township mowed plum trees that were planted in the right of way in 2008.

The Township has the responsibility to protect the citizens of the Township of objects that are in the right of way. The Town Board indicated that if the plum trees were planted in the right of way the brushing that took place would have removed them.

**Commission Rick Greene Update:** Commissioner Rick Greene distributed Recycling Year-end Report and discussed county stimulus package. Commissioner Greene informed the Town Board that the Sno-Barons CUP was approved.

**Joe Sausen – Sunrise Dam Video:** Worked on producing a historic document of the reconstruction of the Sunrise Dam. Place on March 2009 agenda, due to the fact that the computer system would read the slide show.

**February Budget Meeting Date Reminder:** Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 8 a.m. The Town Board would like to cut budget by approximately \$20,000.00.

**State of the Township Report Review:** The Board would like to see Maintenance Board Direction added to Township Report.

**March Town Board Meeting:** March Town Board Meeting and Canvass Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 8 p.m. The time has changed from the original 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for March 2009 Only.

**Sign Surplus Services:** signed

**MasTec- Buried Telephone Cable Request (Qwest Job No.: EXCESS41410):** Oak Street. Everything needs to be on the back-slope. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to place cable 30 to 33 feet from center line. Motion carried.

**Sign Gravel Hauling Agreement:** Chairman Jack Kopp and Vice Chair Stephen Merten signed agreement.

**Sign Gravel Crushing Agreement:** Chairman Jack Kopp and Vice Chair Stephen Merten signed agreement.

**Local Board of Appeals and Equalization** – Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

**Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Training:** Vice Chair Stephen Merten and Supervisor Joel Peterson will be attending one of the training sessions.

**Almelund Fire:** Bob Linder and Larry Ferrier of the Almelund Fire Dept. attended the February 2009 meeting for annual fire review and contract renewal. Sunrise had 37 runs total. Representatives went over budget and distributed out the 2009 Fire Contract. Proposed budget is \$88,709 and total for the contract is \$89,398.25.

Almelund Fire would like to see rumble strips on CR 9 and HWY 95.

*Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to accept and approve the 2009 Almelund Fire Contract. Motion carried. Contract was signed by Board.*

**Harris Fire Concerns:** The New Harris Fire Chief Trever Williams and Mayor Diane Miller will attend the 2009 Annual meeting for informational purposes to the public and the Board.

**Maintenance Update:** All trees that were bid are cut down.

**Beautification Committee:** North Branch Community Relations Coordinator contacted Sunrise and would like to work with Sunrise Township on a Spring Clean-up project. Supervisor Joel Peterson will head up this project.. Supervisor Joel Peterson is going to try to complete a 2-day clean-up which would be held on a Friday and Saturday. The Town Board is concerned about liability.

**Board Maintenance Direction:**

Picnic tables at Sunrise Park – need to be installed and bolted down (spring project)

Outhouse painting – needs to be completed (spring project)

Richard Widmark – ongoing

**New Direction:**

Find Center Line of 450<sup>th</sup> and document.

Burn wood piles at Richard Widmark and Sunrise Dam site.

Obtain and replace roads signs for Jess Avenue

Shrubs by the steep slope at the park

Snowmobile parking signs

Tires need to be clean up (in process)

Picnic tables (spring project)

Outhouse (spring project)

Richard Widmark

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson