

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

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:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Manley Olson

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat – Lead Maintenance  
Commissioner Rick Greene  
Paul Stewart  
Paul Henderson  
Larry Ferrier  
Joyce Meyers  
Al Rasmussen  
Mary Helen Swanson, Post Review  
Gary Mislowski, Wild River Snowmobile Club  
Dale Hebeisen of Hult & Associates  
Greg Strom  
Ken Anderson  
Herman Fenner  
James McCarthy  
Engineer Warren White  
Dave Arnold  
Mike Just

**Approve Agenda:** Motion Joel Peterson, second by Jerry Bjork to accept the November 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

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

**Clerk Update:** Minnesota Association of Township meeting will be held on December 2, 2009 in Rush City.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #2790 through 2801 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

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| Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc. ....                | \$1,554.81 |
| Broadview Security .....                                    | \$112.19   |
| Cheri Cunningham Graphic Design.....                        | \$15.00    |
| Tom Minar (94 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair) ..... | \$141.00   |
| Mike Just (19 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair) ..... | \$28.50    |
| Lawrence Pederson (gravel Test and measure stockpile).....  | \$400.00   |
| Olson Power.....  | \$107.23   |

- Pay Stommes Construction for 2009 crushing when bill is received for 7,834 cubic yards at \$3.00 per yard to equal \$23,502.
- Remove aggregate tax from payment until December 2009 until investigation is completed with Chisago County to make sure we are suppose to be paying aggregate since Sunrise is making their own gravel. Treasurer Anderson to check and make sure that Sunrise needs to pay aggregate tax.

Transfer the following dollar amounts from savings to checking:

- \$4,500 to general
- \$26,000 into road and bridge
- \$14,500 into fire
- For a total of \$45,000

Motion carried

**Preliminary Plat of South Sunrise Sand Farm – Paul Montain (2 lots):** Representative Dale Hebeisen of Hult & Associates appeared to discuss the South Sunrise Sand Farm Preliminary Plat. Motion by Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to approve with making the easement 50 feet and recommend there be a maintenance agreement in place for the entire length of the easement for the three (3) parcels. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene:** Pharmaceutical and drug recycle has won awards. Chris Eng also won an award. Mandate of 800 radio system which will cost in the millions to be implemented by 2013.

**Volunteer Park Board – James McCarthy:** There has been money allocated in the 2010 budget for park improvements. James McCarthy distributed a report of the Volunteer Park Board which included a proposed timeline to install new equipment at the park. Roger Remer is willing to donate back the original millstone. James McCarthy indicated they Park Board would like to have a trail cleared. Board Member Jack Kopp stated he is willing to clear the trail after it is marked. The Volunteer park Board will give an update in the spring of 2010.

**Dead-end Road Description Clarification:** Greg Strom proposed to send letters to individual property owners indicating where the township road ends. Greg Strom stated that the letter should inform the citizens that mailbox issues are with the individual property owner and post office. It was suggested to send aerial photo and road specifications along with the letter. Letter would need to go out on an annual basis. There are many roads that the township is maintaining currently that the township does not own. Greg Strom will have a proposed letter at the December 2009 Town Board Meeting.

**Kost Bridge:** Report from state engineer that Sunrise has a deficient bridge. Sunrise Town Board would like to hold public hearings and get public input. The Township has not made any decision. Cost will be approximately \$600,000. Fracture critical is the term that is used to describe the bridge. The Township has no intention of closing the bridge. Restriction is 10 ton. Larry Ferrier of Almelund Fire is concerned with access to the houses in the area.

- James McCarthy indicated fractural critical bridges go to the top of the list for funding. There is a Context Sensitive Design where you can vary for the area within limits.
- Paul Henderson indicated he is glad that there will be public hearings. Paul Henderson is in favor of a levy increase.

- Herman Fenner thought that federal stimulus packages were suppose to go to projects like this.
- Ken Anderson commented that he sent a copy of the letter to Joe Triplett and Ken feels that the bridge is fine and if the Township needs to do something, they should look at replacing the two (2) angle irons on the bridge. Joe Triplett did not respond to Mr. Anderson's questions. Bridge is too narrow. There is provision under state aide for maintaining what we have. Mr. Anderson does not want to talk with County Engineer unless a Sunrise Board Member is present.
- Paul Steward is willing to put a list of definitions together for the general public to understand. The sufficiency rating is used in determining a funding eligibility. Repairs to pursue a preservation project rather than a rehabilitation. Hydrology needs to be discussed to know what the 100 year event would be.

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to proceed with Phase 1 to authorize \$10,000 to work with the County to get further information for qualifying for funding and what the funding will cover. Board Member Joel Peterson feels the Township is premature on spending money at this point. Need to get on list for funding. Motion is three (3) to 1 with Joel Peterson opposed. Motion carried.

Would like to get a better explanation of the bridge from the state inspector.

**River Road Weight Limit – Jack Kopp:** Tiller Corporation has sent a letter stating they will agree to put 4 inches from CR 9 to the Tiller Pit Entrance. Clarification is needed. It was stated to Joyce Meyers that Sunrise Township is trying to build a base on River Road. Clerk Kowalke to forward changes to Tiller Corporation for gravel maintenance agreement for approval. Gravel to be placed in the spring of 2010 May after road restrictions. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to forward corrections to Tiller.

**City Wyoming via letter requesting letter of support for Power Plant:** This is not a Sunrise Township issue. No action taken

## **CITIZEN FORUM**

Thank you by James McCarthy

**Maintenance Update:** 2003 One-ton truck needs maintenance. The tie rod ends fell off. Lynn Wolleat to get quotes. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to replace ball joints, tie rod ends, front shocks, alignment if needed. Motion carried.

### **Board Maintenance Direction:**

Continue clean-up of Richard Widmark site.

#### *New Direction:*

Purchase picnic tables for park-board determined too late this year-plan to do for next year

Outhouse Venting

Brushing ongoing

Mowing ongoing

Open up the Sunrise Park more (Sunrise Board will have a tour in April 2010)

Repair display at Town Hall

**Sewer at School House:** Talk to Manley Olson about septic system for the school house.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson