

**2011 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting
Royal Wilcox Community Center
Sunrise, Minnesota
Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

The 2011 Sunrise Township Annual meeting was called to order by Joel Peterson at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Joel Peterson
Supervisor Gerald Bjork
Supervisor Stephen Merten
Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf

Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Treasurer Karen Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Supervisor Manley Olson

Others Present

Muriel Kennedy	Sue Swenson	Brent Roshell	Brooke Robinson
Commissioner Rick Greene	Randi Greene	Chuck Sinn	Wanda Hawkins
Ann Marie Kim	Wade Olson		Dave Hawkins

Appointment of Moderator: Joel Peterson called for nominations for moderator. Nomination by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten to nominate Chuck Sinn as moderator. Hearing no other nominations. Motion accepted

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Sue Swenson, second by Wade Olson to accept the 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: County Administrator John Moosey tendered his resignation. Lawsuit over developers agreement with LS power plant – Court decided in favor of Chisago County. LS Power has 60 days to appeal. County Budget is set a 0% levy increase. HRA EDA is offering help to new and existing businesses at no charge. Manufacturing in Wyoming, Stacy and Chisago are looking to expand. Chisago County is working on 800 megahertz system which is a federal mandate.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Karen Anderson's report was available at the meeting. Some highlights include savings in road and bridge fund and fire fund. Sunrise Township has saved money in gravel by using the Johnson Pit. Sunrise Township has also invested in a Money Market Fund. Motion by Wade Olson, second by Sue Swenson to accept the Year End treasurer's report.

2010 State of Township: Clerk Kowalke went over the report that was available at the meeting. Highlights include the purchase of a new motor grader and the purchase of play equipment to be installed at the Sunrise Park.

2012 Tax Levy: Motion by Ann Marie Kim, second by Sue Swenson to accept the proposal of the Town Board to the Citizens of Sunrise Township at the annual meeting to decrease the 2012 levy by approximately 4%. (\$22,896.11) making the levy at \$549,506.70; and Sunrise Township Budget. Motion carried.

Donation Requests:

The following are the entities that are requesting donations: Chisago County Senior Center, Refuge Network, The Baby Blanket, Family Pathways, Sunrise Cemetery Association, Chisago County Ag Society (Chisago County Fair), Seven County Senior Federation, Chisago County Recreation and the Chisago County Historical Society.

The following entities were represented at the Sunrise Township Annual Meeting:

- Refuge Network: Brooke Robinson thanked Sunrise Township for past donations. The Refuge is a domestic violence advocacy and shelter.
- Family Pathways – Wanda Hawkins
- Chisago County Recreation report was read by Moderator Chuck Sinn

Other items discussed:

- Joel Peterson explained Sunrise Township Board has concentrated on distributing donation money to the entities that primarily serve Sunrise Township.
- Muriel Kennedy would like to see the Chisago County Sr. Center raised to \$500.00

Motion by Wade Olson, second by Muriel Kennedy to distribute the budgeted \$2,000 as the Town Board sees fit with the concentration on entities that primarily serve Sunrise Township. Motion carried.

Gopher Bounty: Motion by Muriel Kennedy to leave the gopher bounty to \$1.00 per pair, for lack of second motion failed. Motion by Wade Olson to have gopher bounty set at \$1.50 per pair, second by Sue Swenson. Motion carried.

2012 Annual Meeting Date: Motion by Ann Marie Kim, second by Wade Olson to hold the 2012 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2nd Tuesday in Mach. Motion carried.

Other Business: Brent Roshell was present for Clayton Anderson family looking for the citizen of Sunrise Township to authorize the initiation of a vacation of a town road. This road is located west of County Road 9, south of Wilcox. Motion by Muriel Kennedy, second by Ann Marie Kim to postpone the authorization to begin the vacation of a township road and forward to the Town Board for further review. Motion carried.

Sunrise Township March 9, 2010 Election Results: Motion by Wade Olson, second Sue Swenson to accept the preliminary election results as follows: Motion carried.

A Total of 35 votes cast

Supervisor A – Three (3) Year Term

Stephen Merten27
Alan Rasmussen (write-in) 3
John Smith (write-in) 1
Joyce Marienfeld (write-in) 1
Gene Paul (write-in) 1
Pete Johnson (write-in)..... 1
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Supervisor B – Three (3) Year Term

Manley Olson29
Jack Kopp (write-in) 1
Alan Rasmussen (write-in) 1
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Planning Commission H – Three (3) Year Term

Greg Strom..... 24
Paul Mold (write-in) 1
Jim McCarthy (write-in) 1
Pete Johnson (write-in)..... 1
Alan Rasmussen (write-in) 1
Marv Ravaack (write-in) 1
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Public Comments: Joel Peterson would like to have some ideas for young adults for clean-up day in Sunrise Township. Stephen Merten would like to start looking into having an annual community get together.

Motion by Wade Olson, second by Sue Swenson to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

Moderator