

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, December 15, 2011  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Stephen Merten  
Joel Peterson  
Jeske Noordergraaf  
Gerald Bjork  
Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Board Members Absent:**

Manley Olson

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance  
Mike Just  
Commissioner Rick Greene  
Steve Putnum, Chisago County  
Paul Steward, Thatcher Engineering  
Marilyn Bobick-Johnson, Friends of the Sunrise River Chair

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to approve the December 2011 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the November 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** NONE.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3443 through #3454 for approval and additional expenditures as follows:

Mike Just (139 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair) .....	\$208.50
Olson Power and Equipment .....	\$737.59
Lindstrom Post Office.....	45.00
Cars-R-Us Plus .....	170.88
Country Mutual Ins. Company .....	3,320.15
North Branch NAPA.....	251.37
Olson Power & Equipment.....	83.19

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to transfer from checking to savings:

*General Fund: \$50,000.00  
Road & Bridge: \$150,000.00*

Fire: \$40,000.00

Town Hall: \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Paving HWY 95 in 2012. Taylors Falls HWY 8 Bridge will be worked on in 2012. Black topping from Center City to HWY 95 south.

**Variance (to build a 4 seasons port closer to the center line of the street that required)– George Tribbelt (not present):** Motion by Joel Peterson, second Gerald Bjork to accept variance with no conditions. Motion carried.

**Steve Putman (Chisago County Zoning) – Tiller Pit:** Tiller's intent is to expand their operation. Tiller is restricted to mine 80 acres at the present time, any expansion of that would entail obtaining an entirely new conditional use permit. Tiller owns hundreds of acres. Tiller will have to come back in front on Sunrise Township, Chisago County Planning Commission, and they may have to do a mandatory EIS study. Mr. Putman went over the Mineral Extraction portion of the Chisago County Zoning Dept. Sunrise Township should be able to collect some portion of aggregate tax. Tiller has been on average hauling 40 trucks per hour per day. Tiller has an irrigation well at the pit. Sunrise Township will set up a meeting with Chisago County and Tiller Corporation. DNR monitors water being used out of the pit.

**Set Audit Date of 2012:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

**2013 Budget Items:** New tandem truck.

**Judge Recommendations:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the 2012 March Township Election Judges.

**Deputy Appointments:** Place on January 2012 Agenda.

**Absentee Ballot Board:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the current judge recommendations as the March 2012 Absentee Ballot Board. Motion carried.

**Snow Plow Policy:** No changes at this point.

**Citizen's Forum- NONE**

**Kost Dam Bridge:** From the time Mn/DOT advertises until the time the project is complete is between 8 and 10 months on a worst case scenario, best case scenario is 6 months. .

**Sign Reflectivity:** Joel Peterson passed out a sign reflectivity plan. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept sign reflectivity plan, motion carried.

**Chainsaw Safety Class:** 3 hours of class, 3 hours of hands-on were completed.

**OSHA Compliance:** The representative will be at the January CATO meeting

**Tree Trimming:** Place on January Agenda.

**Maintenance Update:** Cutting brush, River Road has been in very poor condition with the rain and trucks hauling, the current pole saw is cracked and leaking and need to be replaced.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Stephen Merten, Chair