

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, February 16, 2012
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 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:

Commissioner Rick Greene
Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance
Joyce Meyers
Ted Meyers
Steve Putman
Vickie Wyss
Joyce Marienfeld
Marilyn Bobick Johnson
Mike Caron, Tiller Corporation
Robert Halvorson
Sue Lohman

Approve Agenda: Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the February 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the January 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: NONE

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson, to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3492 through #3499 for approval and additional expenditures as follows:

Cheri Cunningham (web-site).....	\$15.00
M-R Sign Co.....	\$327.66
Thatcher Engineering.....	\$2,470.00
Cash (March 13, 2012 Election meals).....	\$100.00

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Rick Greene distributed a proposal for CODE RED which can be used for information to be sent to your house, cell phone, e-mail. The cost will be just under \$20,000 for the year.

Tiller Pit / River Road – Mike Caron from Tiller Corporation and Steve Putman from Chisago County: Mike Caron of Tiller Corporation acquired gravel mining about 12 years ago and the Townsend site was acquired June 2011. Over the past year they have gotten involved in industrial sand mining which is used for hydraulic sand. Most recently Tiller Corp. purchased property in North Branch. Sand needs to be sorted into very distinct sizes which is accomplished by washing the material. Once it is washed it goes through a dry process and processed through a series of screens. The North Branch plant runs 12 months a year. 190,000 tons was hauled into the Sunrise site, washed and brought to the North Branch site. Permits were permitted back in the 1980 and Tiller had conversation with the County in 2009.

Mike Caron indicated this is just a temporary washing facility to get Tiller through the next 14 months. Ted Meyers is very concerned about the amount of trucks which have widened the road. Ted Meyers asked Tiller to black top the road because of the amount of traffic that Tiller is running which is destroying River Road. Mike Caron indicated that he is willing to hard-surface the road.

Bob Halvorson is worried about silica sand due to health problems. Mike Caron indicated it is the crystal in silica that happens in industrial sand. The sand needs to be pulverized to be in the form of crystal in silica.

An Environmental Review is being processed currently. Once the County receives application then nearby citizens will be informed. Their permit covers non-metallic materials. Citizens need to complain to the PCA regarding air quality.

Mike Caron stated the mining limits are just north of River Road and stated there is no plans to expand into the Anderson property which Tiller now owns.

The Board informed Mike Caron when it rains the road will be shut down. The truck staging area needs to be in the pit not on the road because the visual is very poor. Trucks are blocking the road.

Ziegler – Arnie Lorfald: Sunrise Township is considering a loader as opposed to a plow. Sunrise Township is considering a scale on the loader for accurate counts on gravel. Place on April 2012 Agenda.

Property Own by Sunrise Township – Joel Peterson: Place on annual agenda to discuss with the citizens of Sunrise Township.

Lowden Sign: Lynn Wolleat to check sign on Lowden Ave. and CR 9 to make sure they are spelled correctly; if incorrect, Sunrise Township to contact Chisago County to have new sign placed if on CR 9.

Gravel Crushing: Place on March Agenda.

Gravel Hauling: Place on March Agenda.

Redistricting: Cities and Townships have resolution in by April 3 to Chisago County Auditor if redistricting. Place on March 2012 Agenda.

Citizen's Forum

Kost Dam Bridge: Plans are signed and at state level. Joe Triplett can put them out for bid by the 15th of March and award bid by the first week of April. Sunrise Township's payment for the bridge will be \$46,000. This bridge is going to be the first of its kind and going to be a showcase bridge for the State of Minnesota.

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RE: Speed Limit Study Request

Board Member Jeske Noordergraaf offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**SUNRISE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO 20120216-1
SPEED LIMIT STUDY REQUEST FOR KOST DAM ROAD**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sunrise Township Board of Supervisors of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.14, Subdivision 5, hereby requests the Commissioner of Highways, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, to authorize the erection of appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit upon the following described road.

Kost Dam Road from County Road 11 (Old CR 15) to Vibo Trail.

BE IT RESOLVED, Upon Motion made by Town Board Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf and duly seconded by Town Board Supervisor Gerald Bjork, all Town Board Supervisors for aye, resolution declared adopted,

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Stephen Merten, Jeske Noordergraaf, Gerald Bjork, Joel Peterson

ABSENT: Manley Olson (absent)

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed and adopted on February 16, 20102.**

Tree Trimming: Tree trimmers will start next week.

Maintenance Update: Cutting brush. Fuel tank is about ½ empty. Stephen Merten to contact OSHA and Joe triplett to piggyback with the county for training.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Stephen Merten, Chair