

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, January 20, 2011
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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

Board Members Present:

Joel Peterson
Stephen Merten
Gerald Bjork
Jeske Noordergraaf
Manley Olson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Commissioner Rick Greene
Paul Steward – Thatcher Engineering
Loren Johnson
Robert Boyce
Paul Palmer
Bob Linder, Almelund Fire

Approve Agenda: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the January 2011 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to accept the December 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: None

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3155 through 3166 for approval with additional claims as follows:

Cheri Cunningham (website).....	\$15.00
Cars R Us Plus (repair on one-ton).....	\$1,381.06
Kimball Midwest (lubricant and poly straps)	\$278.27
Olson Power & Equipment.....	\$74.46
H&L Mesabi (cutting edges for wing).....	\$1,764.48
MN DNR Eco-waters (water usage pumped at Johnson Pit)	\$140.00

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with the transfer amount as indicated below. Motion carried.

Transfer from saving to checking:
\$18,000

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Stephen Merten to increase Treasurer Anderson's pay from \$450.00 to \$475.00 per month.

Audit Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Rick Greene gave an update on green acres. Commissioner Greene informed the Sunrise Board that 361st is being given back to the county from the state (about 4 miles of road). Union contracts are in place. Elected official wages were frozen this year. Chisago County has had the same budget levy for 3 years in a row. Chisago County road name changes have taken place to coincide with other counties. Chisago County is taking every effort to keep things uniform.

Almelund Fire: Representatives from Almelund Fire and Rescue were present for the yearly contract. Sunrise Township had 29 runs, 18 medical, 9 fires, 2 MVA's. Almelund has the new 800 megahertz system. Chisago County is going to provide a back-up generator. Due to the change of the property tax base has helped Sunrise because the value of the buildings went down. Almelund Fire and Rescue is proposing \$38,564.79 for the 2011 contract which is a decrease from last year at \$39,817.89. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the 2011 Almelund Fire contract.

Kost Dam Bridge: Engineer Paul Steward turned drawings into the state for review. Craig Mell spoke with Mr. Steward indicating the grant money was in for the soil erosion part of the project. Chairperson Joel Peterson will contact John Olinger to discuss the current bridge. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to continue on the erosion portion of the project not to exceed \$10,000 to match the grant from Chisago Soil & Water. Motion carried. Paul Steward is looking to advertise in March. Mr. Steward will separate out his time for the soil & water portion of the project.

Hardy Boyce & Robert Boyce / Paul Palmer – Cartway:

- Robert Boyce obtained a couple of affidavits that have used the cart-way.
- Sunrise Township would like to see both parties come to an agreement.
- This not up to Sunrise Township to make a decision.
- This particular cart-way is actually 33 feet.
- Robert Boyce is withdrawing the December 2010 petition for 60 days for a new cart-way to try to come to an agreement with Mr. Palmer

What does it take to abandon this cart-way. It is mandatory that Sunrise grants a cart-way if certain conditions are met. It is not Sunrise's business to adjudicate a cart-way. This particular cart-way was dedicated in favor of the town. The November 11, 1950 resolution was recorded in 1951. This cart-way would no longer be in effect unless it is still in use. Cart-ways are a public road, but at the same time Sunrise is prohibited to maintain them. The party pursuing the cart-way will need to pay damages, fees (example: clerk, legal, engineering, etc.)

CITIZEN FORUM – NONE:

David Sertz is o.k. on driveway reimbursement

Maintenance Update: Fuel tank is leaking on the one-ton. It will cost about \$1,300 to fix. U-joint also needs to be fixed. The tandem has some major issues, hydraulic tank rusting out (everything underneath).

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Chair