

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, September 20, 2012  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Jeske Noordergraaf  
Stephen Merten  
Joel Peterson  
Gerald Bjork  
Manley Olson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:** Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance  
Paul Stewart, Thatcher Engineering  
Joyce Meyers

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the August 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 #3668 through #3689 for approval with additional expenditures as follows:

Hardy Boyce (33 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair).....	\$49.50
Mike Armstrong (190 par of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair) .....	\$285.00
Manley Olson (pole for surveillance cameras) .....	\$74.21
M-R Sign Co., Inc. ....	\$724.33
I.M.S. ....	\$906.19

Transfer Road and Bridge Savings to Road and Bridge Checking of \$50,000.00 Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene:** Not in attendance

**Kevin Mann – CUP – Compost Site – Not Present:** Leaves are coming from Ramsey County compost site. Ramsey County has too much compost. This compost is 100% clean with no trash in it. This compost will be hauled mostly in the fall. If there is any food in this compost, it would contain Wal-mart food produce. This will be placed in windrows. Mr. Mann will receive up to 5 trucks a day, Monday through Friday in fall for the fall season. Motion by Joel Peterson, second Stephen Merten to approve as proposed by Chisago County with the limitation of no more than 10 trucks per day with

business hours between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motion carried. Sunrise Township is requesting final approval documentation from Chisago County.

**Joyce Meyers – Elections:** Recommend 7 to 8 judges during the course of the day, starting with 4 judges in the morning and adding additional judges throughout the day. There may be possibly 8 judges by the end of the election day. As election judges are not needed at close, Joyce Meyers will send some judges home. Joyce Meyers also would like to see the wording changed on the voting place received by Sunrise Township citizens to Royal Wilcox Community Center in Sunrise.

**Election Judge Recommendations for November General Election 2012:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the Election Judge Recommendation for the November 2012 General Elections. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Ex-officio:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to appoint Joel Peterson as the Ex-officio to the Planning Commission Board. Stephen Merten opposed. Motion carried.

**Kost Dam Bridge Project:** The MPC required an additional permit after a citizen took a photograph of the Kost Dam Bridge Project showing minimal silt. The permit will be applied for jointly between Chisago County and the contractor. An alleged violation letter will be put together by the MPC and Paul Steward will be putting together a letter of history. The orange silt fencing was used to keep the mussels from getting disturbed.

190 linear feet of pipe has been installed with the project so far. The pre-cast had some issues that are taken care of on cover requirement, size of rebar, galvanizing, engineers records. Pre-cast will be ready to be shipped at the end of October. Railing may need to be placed in the spring of 2013. Grading and erosion control should be finished within the next 2 weeks. There was an error on the signing of the property owner.

The Town Board raised the question of what recourse does the Township have with any structural issues of the bridge in the future. (Basically the Township has a year) There are multiple players that are taken on responsibility for the bridge for longer periods of time.

**Bridge Plaques:** Bridge Plaques were stolen. Sunrise Township put an ad in the paper to have them returned. The contractor did not remove them from the bridge. Plaques have not been returned to date.

**District Meeting Signs & Employees:** Dues are going to be increased by \$.10 per resident. Retro Reflectivity signs are being pushed back for a couple of years. Street sign posts are to have a 3 pound break-away.

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**RE: Authorizing contract with Interested Officer Under Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd. 5**

Board Member Stephen Merten offered the following resolution and moved its adoption with a second by Joel Peterson:

**SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 20120920-1**

**ADOPTING Authorizing contract with Interested Officer Under Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd. 5**

**WHEREAS**, Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service of goods: Road Maintenance

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Bjork is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason: He is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the contract price is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services or goods could be obtained elsewhere at this time, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat 365.37; 471.88, subd. 5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Gerald Bjork for a price that is as low as, or lower than the price which the services or goods could be obtained elsewhere at this time; payment to occur on the contract as agreed and upon the filing of a property affidavit by the interested officer.

Following voted:

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jeske Noordergraaf, Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Joel Peterson

**Abstained:** Gerald Bjork

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted on September 20, 2012.**

**Hay Days Update:** Hay Days does have a separate permit with the state to camp year-round.

**Sunrise Park – Concrete / Plaque:** Slurry is in place.

**Web-site:** Scheduled for October 2012

**Town Hall Needs:** Joel Peterson will donate a microwave. Treasurer Karen Anderson will obtain a copier for the town hall.

**Lead Maintenance Position Review Approval:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley to give \$.50 per hour raise starting October.

**Citizen's Forum - NONE**

**Tiller Corporation River Road Maintenance:** Attorney Tschida is requesting a list of conditions for Tiller Corporation to abide by. Attorney Tschida will then draft a letter to be sent to Tiller Corporation. Joel Peterson will stay in contact with Attorney Tschida regarding this matter.

**Sunrise Park / Slurry:** Slurry is poured and completed. Joel Peterson has set up a camera training at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning.

**Bat Removal Update:** Bat removal is still in process.

**Maintenance Board Directive:** Gerald Bjork talked with Jon Ekel from Chisago County to obtain a two-way radio from old fire trucks and then Jon Ekel will program the radios. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to rent a back-hoe to get the gravel out. Motion carried

**Hauling Gravel:** Have contractors bid on the pile that they are moving not by the yard. Motion by Joel Peterson

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Jeske Noordergraaf, Chair