

**2013 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting  
Royal Wilcox Community Center  
Sunrise, Minnesota  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

Chairman, Jeske Noordergraaf called the 2013 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order 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  
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson

Clerk Wendy Kowalke  
Treasurer Karen Anderson

**Others Present**

Tom Chaklos	Kenneth W. Anderson	Joyce Meyers
Ted Meyers	Eric Leivian	Edward Hamil
Sherry Stirling	Jessica Sterbentz/The Refuge Network	Bobbie Eckel
James McCarthy	Eric Leivian	
Rick Olseen	Terri Berg	Leah Berg
Grace Wurdemann	Tara Leivian	Thomas Wurdemann

**Ring Bell:** Community Center Bell was rang.

**Appointment of Moderator:** James McCarthy volunteered to be the moderator. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to accept James McCarthy as moderator. Motion accepted

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ken Anderson, second Thomas Wurdemann to accept the 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Commissioner Rick Greene's update was available in writing for the 2012 Year in Review.

**Treasurer's Annual Report for 2012 and 2014 Budget:** Treasurer Karen Anderson's report was available at the meeting. Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Terry Berg to accept the Treasurer's year-end report. Motion carried.

**2012 State of Township:** Clerk Kowalke went over the report that was available at the meeting. Highlights include the purchase of a 938K Cat Wheel Loader w/scale and Kost Dam Bridge replacement and soil erosion control project completed in 2012.

**2014 Tax Levy by Fund:** Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Tom Chaklos to accept the proposal of the Town Board to the Citizens of Sunrise Township at the annual meeting to

decrease the 2014 levy by approximately 5% (\$26,925.83) making the levy at \$511,590.73.  
Motion carried.

General Fund.....	\$43,689.85
Road and Bridge Fund .....	\$373,461.23
Fire Fund.....	\$86,970.43
Equipment Fund.....	\$0.00
Park Fund .....	\$7,469.22
Township Hall.....	\$0.00

Motion carried.

**Donation Requests:**

Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Ken Anderson to distribute \$2,000.00 at the discretion at the Town Board. Motion carried.

The following are the entities that are requesting donations: The Baby Blanket, Chisago County Historical Society, Chisago County Recreation, Chisago County Senior Center, Family Pathways, Refuge Network, and Seven County Senior Federation, Sunrise Cemetery, and Chisago County 4-H.

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

- Chisago County Historical Society – Sherry Stirling: Operate Sunrise Museum (museum is open on election day, family reunion, and upon request). Building was open 5 times in 2012. Started Geocaching was set up in 2012.
- St. Bridget’s of Sweden (The Baby Blanket) Ed Hamil – Offer clothing, cribs, car seat, support for parents and children in need in the Chisago County area. Offer a variety of programs, such as sewing where the mother/father can earn a free sewing machine. Based in Lindstrom. Staffed entirely by volunteers.
- Family Pathways – Bobbie Eckel-Coordinator and the North Branch Food Shelf (senior program, youth center, food shelves, and thrift stores).
- The Refuge (Jessica – Youth Advocate) is a domestic violence advocacy and shelter. Operates the only shelter within 55 miles outside the Twin Cities. This is not funded, it operates by donation only.
- 4-H: Grace Wurdemann, Thomas Wurdemann, Leah Berg: Chisago County has had funding cut for 4-H and Master Gardener Program. 4-H needs to raise \$10,000.00. learning community involvement, volunteer, different training programs such as dog training, build strong communities.
- Moderator James McCarthy read letter from Chisago County Recreation.

*Other items discussed:*

- The Board stated that according to the State there is specific criteria for the distribution of money slated to be donated.

**Gopher Bounty:** Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Eric Leivian to keep the gopher bounty at \$1.50 per pair of gopher feet. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Festival:** The Board has asked the Citizens of the Township to help to make a Summer Festival happen.

**Kost Dam Bridge Update:** The Kost Dam Bridge Project is complete. This Bridge was a critical fractured bridge. The Town Board was saddled to replace it or shut it down. Citizens are very happy with the new bridge and feel it will be safer. There is concern about the gravel which seems to be slipperier. There is more work to be done on the erosion.

**Park Board Volunteers Needed:** The Town Board has money budgeted for park improvements. The Town Board is looking to hear from citizens that are interested in volunteering.

**Township Supervisor Salary:** The Town Board receives \$60.00 per meeting. Generally the Board goes to between 1 and 3 meetings per month. The Town Board proposed to the citizens of Sunrise Township asking for an increase of \$100.00 per month plus \$60.00 per meeting. Motion by Rick Olson, second by Ken Anderson to accept the Town Board proposal. Motion carried with 1 opposed. Tom Chaklos voiced the opinion that the Board should not be allowed to give themselves a raise in pay.

**2014 Annual Meeting Date:** Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Eric Leivian to hold the 2014 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** No other business was brought up by the Citizens of Sunrise Township.

**Sunrise Township March 12, 2013 Election Results:** Clerk Kowalke read the March 12, 2013 Election Results. Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Eric Leivian to accept the preliminary election results. Motion carried.

*A Total of 45 votes cast  
(Total number of names on register of electors 1,294)*

***Supervisor E – Three (3) Year Term***

*Jeske Noordergraaf.....39*  
*John Swenson (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Jack Kopp (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 4*

***Supervisor B – One (1) Year Term***

*Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson....38*  
*Eric Leivian..... 7*

***Planning Commission K – Three (3) Year Term***

*Delano Olson ..... 38*  
*Blank ..... 7*

***Planning Commission L – Three (3) Year Term***

*Charles “Chuck” Sinn .....39*  
*Todd Rockensock (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Marv Porvikk (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 4*

***Planning Commission J – Two (2) Year Term***

*Tom Chaklos, Jr. ....36*  
*Joyce Marienfeld (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Gwen Swenson (write-in)..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 7*

**Public Comments:** The Board informed the citizens that a letter has been sent to Tiller Corporation to pave River Road.

Motion by Rick Osleen, second by Erick Leivian to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

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Moderator