

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, March 14, 2013
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to being recited at the Canvass Board meeting just prior to the Township Regular March meeting.

Board Members Present:

Joel Peterson, Chair

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Vice Chair

Stephen Merten

Jeske Noordergraaf

Gerald Bjork

Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance
Bernard Herman, CUP
Ronda Taeber, CUP

New Officer Oath: Officer Oath was taken by Jeske Noordergraaf and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson.

Appoint Chair: Nomination by Stephen Merten, second Jeske Noordergraaf for Joel Peterson for chair. Hearing no other nominations. Nomination carried.

Appoint Vice Chair: Joel Peterson nominated Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Gerald Bjork for Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations. Nomination carried.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Pete Johnson to approve the March 2013 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the February 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Web-site has been updated with all election information.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten, to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3814 through #3838 for approval with additional expenditures. Motion carried.

Minnesota Benefits Association	\$565.00
Thatcher Engineering (hold to April 2013 Meeting).....	\$5,858.25

Treasurer Anderson would like to set up the credit card on auto-pay. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve the auto-pay for the credit card with Treasurer Anderson approval. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene: Commissioner Greene Absent.

Bernard “Ben” Herman – CUP – Dragon Fly on Oasis: Mr. Herman is planning on having spring, summer and fall venues. Mr. Herman stated that this venue will not be open later than midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 10 p.m. on the other nights of the week. This CUP will be utilizing about 7 acres. The Chisago County Zoning Ordinance allows 170 people, but Mr. Herman stated they are planning on keeping to approximately 150. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork with no conditions as this is a county road. Motion carried.

Driveway Request – Becky Winberg (absent): The Town Board is redirecting Ms. Winberg to go back to the County as 468th is CR 56.

Signage – Jeske Noordergraaf: Vice Chair Johnson stated that the Chisago County Sheriff’s department and local fire departments use GPS systems. The Chisago County Highway had looked into this same idea, but stated the cost of signage for a project like this is too expensive to place postal signage on every residence / property. Sunrise Township will not pursue signage due to the cost.

Sunrise Festival – Jeske Noordergraaf: Tara Leivian is willing to head the Sunrise Festival event. Tara Leivian suggested a “Night Out” instead of a full day to start out. Suggested items: music, ice cream, deserts. Sunrise Festival Committee Jeske Noordergraaf, Joel Peterson, Ronda Taeber, Wendy Kowalke to meet on Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

Gravel Crushing: Motion by Pete Johnson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the bid of Dresel Contracting of Chisago City in the amount of \$4.00 per yard in the total amount of \$40,000.00. Clerk Kowalke to call Dresel at 257-9469 to let them know Sunrise Township needs their certificate of insurance.

Gravel Hauling: Place ad for hauling to be opened at the April 2013 agenda.

Local Board of Appeals and Equalization: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Citizens Forum: Supervisor Gerald Bjork brought up to the Board that Ferry Road should have a guardrail installed for safety concerns. Gerald Bjork to contact guardrail companies to obtain bids for River Road.

Tiller Corporation River Road: Place on April agenda.

Maintenance Update: Piano will be moved over to the Sunrise Historical building. Ziegler is still working on the loader which is having hydraulic problems.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Pete Johnson to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Chair