

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, November 21, 2013
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Person 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, Chair
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Vice Chair
Gerald Bjork
Jeske Noordergraaf
Stephen Merten
Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance
Steve Forner
Commissioner Rick Greene
Travis Haugrud
Craig Haugrud
Tyler Bork
Paul Steward
Michael & Tammy Kuntz - IUP
Eric Leivan
Vince and Alice Bennett
Mike Kennedy

Ring Bell: Bell was rung by Commissioner Rick Greene.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, to approve the November 2013 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve the October 2013 minutes with the addition of the Kost Dam Bridge update from Paul Steward from Thatcher Motion at the end of these minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: 2014 MBA Scholarship Program is now available and DNR Water Permit arrive today which will need to be applied for on-line. Sunrise Township did not pump any water at the gravel pit.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3394, 4033 thru 4034 for approval with additional expenditures and transfer as follows:

Tyler Bork (13 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 pair)\$19.50
Xcel Energy\$23.38

Bjorklund charged the Township full detour from both ways, but they did not take the detour coming back to the pit because they didn't have a load. The Town Board is going to discuss the bill with

Bjorklund regarding bill. Hold until December 2013. Motion by Steve Merten, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to pay half.

Transfer from savings to checking:
General Fund \$10,000.00
Road and Bridge: \$25,000.00
Fire Fund \$18,555.00

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Rick Greene distributed an update on Economic Development, transportation and infrastructure, financial status, health and human services, public safety and other changes/challenges.

Michael and Tammy Kunz: Interim Use Permit (IUP) to operate home based trucking

company: Michael and Tammy Kunz have been in business since the summer of 2012. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept the recommendations of the Sunrise Planning Commission to recommend to Chisago County to approve interim use permit with the limitations not to exceed 7 truck/tractors, 9 trailers and current buildings. The interim use would be for the current ownership and expire upon the sale of the property that Sunrise Town Board recommendation would be to make granting the interim use permit contingent on a favorable result of a public hearing. Motion carried

4th Amended Private Driveway and Culvert Ordinance: Travis Haugrud has a lawn service and wants to know why there was a "No Motorized Vehicle" sign placed in the right of way his driveway / ditch. Travis was informed that there is a law to enter on his driveway only. Mr. Travis Haugrud has been sent letters from the Sunrise Township Attorney for about 2 years. Chisago County has the same ordinances. The development that Travis Haugrud is in allows 1 driveway per lot. Sunrise Town Board offered a suggestion for Travis Haugrud to move the driveway and split the driveway to go to the house and pole barn. Mr. Haugrud does not want to do this. Mr. Haugrud stores his equipment for his business in the pole building. Mr. Haugrud says that he does not use the equipment during the winter months. Travis says he has a building in Rush City and not enough room. Sunrise Board directed Travis Haugrud to start at Chisago County Zoning for a variance. A citizen attending the meeting said that he is very upset at Mr. Haugrud that the Township had to send and pay for lawyer fees because he won't cease and desist using the ditch requested by the Township.

Sunrise Planning Commission is working on the 4th Amended Private Driveway and Culvert Ordinance to bring back to the Sunrise Township Board.

Town Board Salary: Stephen Merten suggested that Town Board members opt out of getting paid the month salary if no meetings and / or township business was done.

Wireless Alliance Application / Worksheet: Steve Forner will fill out and return back to Sunrise Clerk.

Alley-way: Matter settled.

Piling Pipe: No action taken

Citizens Forum: Vince and Alex Bennett were in attendance. How is calcium chloride determined? This is hired out. The Town Board informed them about the Annual meeting. Mike Kennedy was wondering why the citizens were not informed regarding the CR 9 bridge restriction that is coming out next summer. Mr. Kennedy is wondering if natural gas is going to be an option. Commissioner Rick Greene suggested that he contact County Engineer Joe Triplet.

Kost Dam Bridge - Paul Steward County Engineer Joe Triplet is wondering if there is any other money that needs to be submitted to be reimbursed. Treasurer Anderson sent all bills to Joe Triplet.

Supervisor Gerald Bjork – Citizen issue: Supervisor Bjork discussed that a citizen of the township has been constantly complaining and bullying the maintenance crew.

Lawn Mower: New lawn mower was purchased.

Maintenance Update: New Mack Dump Truck with plow will be here in approximately 3 weeks. The crack filling is complete. Snow plow is ready for this winter. Flag pole is up. Roof is complete on out-house. One-ton hydraulic tank was rusted and needed replacement. Ditches are mowed. Starting on tree-trimming.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Chair

Kost Dam Bridge Update - Paul Stewart: Bill was received for the reseeding of turf. The Board did not feel they had to pay for that. Paul fired contractor and hired a new contractor for reseeding. The Board agreed to pay the bill. This bill was submitted to the county for reimbursement.