

**2014 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting
Royal Wilcox Community Center
Sunrise, Minnesota
Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

Chairman Joel Peterson called the 2014 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
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson

Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Treasurer Karen Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf

Others Present

Eric Leivian
LaQuita Wedell
Sue Swenson

Tara Leivian
Joyce Meyers

Lynn Wolleat
Mike Shank

Ring Bell: Community Center Bell was rung by Lynn Wolleat.

Appointment of Moderator: Tara Leivian volunteered to be the Moderator.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Lynn Wolleat to accept the 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Rick Greene was absent from the Sunrise Township Annual Meeting. Commissioner's Greene's update "A Look Back at 2013" was present at the meeting for the citizens of Sunrise Township.

Treasurer's Annual Report for 2013 and 2015 Budget: Treasurer Karen Anderson went over the annual report. The annual report was also available at the meeting for the citizens of Sunrise Township. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Lynn Wolleat to accept the Treasurer's year-end report. Motion carried.

2015 Tax Levy by Fund: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mike Shank to accept the proposal of the Town Board to the Citizens of Sunrise Township at the annual meeting to decrease the 2015 levy by 3% (\$15,347.72) making the levy at \$496,243.01. Motion carried.

2013 Annual Township Report: Clerk Kowalke went over the report that was available at the meeting. Some highlights include the web hosting now being handled by Webduck Designs, 2013 Mack Dump Truck w/ plow, new lawn mower, steel roof on park outhouse installed, 6 picnic tables and 2 benches installed at park, new 35 foot flag pole installed, guard rail installed

on Ferry Road, OSHA shop compliance complete. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mike Shank passed township report. Motion carried.

Donation Requests:

Motion by Joyce Meyers, second by Eric Leivian to budget \$3,000 for 2015 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, Family Pathways to include North Branch Food Shelf, Refuge Network Seven County Senior Federation, Sunrise Cemetery and New Pathways.

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

- Family Pathways – Bobbie Eckel-Coordinator and the North Branch Food Shelf (senior program, youth center, food shelves, and thrift stores).
- New Pathways: skills training

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 Lynn Wolleat second by LaQuita Wedell, to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00, one opposed Eric Leivian. Motion carried.

Sunrise Community Night Out: There were approximately 200 people at the 2013 event. The Board has asked the Citizens of the Township to help to make the Sunrise Community Night Out a great experience for the citizens again this year, 2014.

Road Reallocation: Chisago County can force townships to take over roads that the County cannot maintain. Chisago County representatives will be at the April 2014 meeting. Recommend by LaQuita Wedell to have the papers write a large article on this Road Reallocation with maps that are visible. Citizens do not want this reallocation to happen.

2015 Annual Meeting Date: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Lynn Wolleat to hold the 2015 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2nd Tuesday in March. Motion carried.

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

Sunrise Township March 11, 2014 Election Results: Clerk Kowalke read the March 11, 2014 Election Results. Motion by Lynn Wolleat, second by Joyce Meyers to accept the preliminary election results. Motion carried.

*A Total of 29 votes cast
(Total number of names on register of electors 1,275)*

Supervisor A – Three (3) Year Term

*Eric Leivian.....17
Steve Merten (write-in) 7
Charlotte Wilcox (write-in)..... 1
Blank 4*

Supervisor B – Three (3) Year Term

*Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson....27
Blank 2*

Planning Commission H – Three (3) Year Term

*Greg Strom.....26
Karl Swenson (write-in)..... 2
Blank 1*

Town Clerk – Two (2) Year Term

*Wendy S. Kowalke.....26
Jerry Bjork (write-in)..... 2
Blank 1*

Public Comments: Supervisor Stephen Merten stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Sunrise. Mr. Merten also stated that he believes that Eric Leivian will do a great job. The Board thanked Stephen Merten on the great job he has done. Joyce Meyers as an election judge and working for 30 plus years and would like to see the kitchen have a remodel. Joyce Meyers also mentioned to have a couple of additional voting booths. Mike Shank stated that Sunrise Township has a very nice web-site. After discussion the Board is going to consider placing an Alert Notice on the site for important items of interest.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mike Shank to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

Moderator