

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair 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
Gerald Bjork
Jeske Noordergraaf
Stephen Merten

Treasurer: Karen Anderson (Absent)
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance
Eric Leivian
Kevin Grote, NB Fire Chief
Jason Fredlund, Almelund Fire Treasurer
Dan Schleusner Almelund Fire Second Assistant
Michael Jackson

Board Members Absent: Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Vice Chair

Ring Bell: Bell was rung by Lynn Wolleat.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the February 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the January 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: EWA application still in process.

Treasurer Report (Treasurer Anderson Absent): Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #4087 thru #4116 with additional expenditures and transfer as follows:

Ancom Technical Services\$12.00

Transfer from Savings to Checking:
Fire Fund: \$10,000

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Green Update: Not Present

5th Amended Private Driveway and Culvert Ordinance: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the 5th Amended Private Driveway and Culvert Ordinance No 021420-1 and Resolution No. 021420-1. Motion carried.

SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 021420-1
ADOPTING FIFTH AMENDED PRIVATE DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT ORDINANCE
TOWN OF SUNRISE, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, In Accordance this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, including but not limited to Minn. Stat. 160.18.; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of Sunrise Township; Provide for safe construction and placement of mailboxes within public rights-of-way; Ensure that costs associated with approaches to private properties are borne by the benefitted properties and not by the Township at large; and Protect the Township from liability due to right-of-way approach issues.; *and*

WHEREAS, this Ordinance applies to All new construction of approaches to Sunrise Township dedicated public roads, streets, alleys, and cartways, regardless of whether the new approach replaces an existing one or not; and reconstruction or replacement of existing approaches and / or culverts, regardless of whether or not they are relocated from their original position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BUT IT RESOLVED, Sunrise Township hereby adopts the following Sunrise Township Ordinance:

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Joel Peterson, Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Jeske Noordergraaf, Stephen Merten and Gerald Bjork

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted on February 20, 2014**.

Fire Contracts:

North Branch Supplement Automatic Aid Contract (one-time contract): A Supplemental Agreement for Automatic Aid for North Branch was signed by Chairperson Joel Peterson and Town Clerk Wendy Kowalke to maintain an ISO rating for 5 miles.

North Branch 2014 Fire Contract (yearly contract): Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept and sign the 2014 North Branch Fire contact in the amount of \$9,678.41. Motion carried and contract signed by Chairperson Joel Peterson and Clerk Wendy Kowalke.

Rush City 2014 Fire Contract thru December 31, 2016: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept and sign the 2014 Rush City Fire Contract in the approximately amount of \$16,000.00 If amount is drastically different contract will not be accepted. Motion carried.

Chisago County Fire Maps need to be signed: Maps from Beth Johnson at Chisago County need to be signed by all the Fire Chiefs to validate maps for fire lines. Sunrise Township is to be provided copies of the fire maps.

Almelund 2014 Fire Contract (yearly contract): Steve Schinke new Chief, Jason Fredlund Treasurer 651-208-5915, Dan Schleusner 612-834-5593, second assistant. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the Almelund 2014 Fire Contract in the amount of \$40,268.18. Motion Carried. AlmelundFire@yahoo.com (There are hydrants located at Kost Dam Bridge and CR 9 within 200 feet North of the River by downtown Surnise.

Budget Proposal to the Citizen of Sunrise Township for Annual Meeting: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork, to propose 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.

Combine March Regular Meeting with the Canvass Board Meeting on Thurs., March 13, 2014 (1 week earlier): Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to Combine March Regular Meeting with Canvass Board meeting. Motion carried.

Snow Plowing Letter – Patricia Peters - absent (letter read by Clerk Kowalke due to Ms. Peters was not present): Discussion took place regarding snow plowing of Sunrise Township roads. Plow operators usually don't go out until the end of the snow fall. One path is gone down the middle of the road when there is a heavy snow fall to get passage done and then plow operators come back to clear streets. Snow needs to be pushed away as far as possible because you never know what kind of snow fall is going to happen on one given year. As a courtesy snow is always moved away from the buildings towards the far side of the road. As far as the Township is aware township owned roads and right of way.

Gravel Hauling: Place on March agenda.

Gravel Crushing: Place on March agenda.

Sunrise Night Out: Place on annual meeting agenda. Should be set for National Night Out.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Citizens Forum: Mike Jackson would like to know about bringing in natural gas. Mike Jackson informed the Town Board that Lynn Regenauer, Chisago County Assessor's Office, is requesting documentation of the vacation of township roads because there are township roads that go through property, if the roads were not vacated.

Maintenance Update: Rewiring on the one-ton. Tiller has been hauling out frac sand.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Chair