

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, June 19, 2014  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter Pete Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Board Members Present:**

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair  
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair  
Gerald Bjork  
Eric Leivian  
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Joyce Meyers	Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance	Dayna Geisbauer
Steve Seviola	Renee Seviola	Rick Greene, Commissioner
Jeff August	Kathy August	Hanna Kemp
Chris Sauro Jr.	Gerald Beisbauer	Brian Geisbauer
Nicke Klanderud	Tony Klanderud	

**Ring Bell:** Bell was rung by Steve Seviola.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to approve the May 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** The 2016 election material will more than likely be electronic from the state. Clerk Kowalke to contact County Auditor for a letter advising items that may be electronic.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #4199 through 4223 and additional expenditures as follows:

Country Financial Mutual Insurance .....	\$4,411.99
Frontier Ag & Turf .....	\$704.48
Cars R Us Plus .....	32.29
Jerry Hinz (12 gopher feet).....	\$24.00

Transfer from Savings to Checking the following:

Road and Bridge Fund: \$25,000.00  
General Fund: \$5,000.00  
Fire Fund: \$5,000.00

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Commission Rick Greene informed the Town Board that the crack sealing and seal coat on CR 88 have been completed. Well under way with the Kost Bridge. Chisago County Board a new roof approved for the government center. Construction on the Sunrise Bridge will start on June 26. North Branch contacted Superior Trucking to discuss the frac sand operation.

**Judge Recommendations – Joyce Meyers:** Head Judge Joyce Meyers said she would like to have 4 election judges for primary election to be held on August 12. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, Gerald Bjork. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Ex Officio Appointment:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to have Eric Leivian be the Ex officio for the Sunrise Planning Commissioner.

**Sno Barons 3.2 Beer Permit for Hay Days 2014:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the 3.2 Beer Permit for the 2014 Hay Days event. Motion carried.

**Country Mutual Insurance – Chris Sauro:** Mr. Sauro went over the Sunrise Township Annual Insurance Review. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the 2014 Insurance Policy. Motion carried.

**Citizens Forum:**

*Adam Caberero – Edward Jones:* Mr. Caberero said that he still had the paper work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion on investments that the township owns.

**Jean Nadeau – Property(possible purchase for Sunrise Township):** Sunrise Township does not need a survey and can purchase the property off the old lot and block legal description. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to purchase Lots 3 and 4 for a total dollar amount of \$6,200.00. Motion carried.

**Jeff August – CUP Complaint – Poor Farm Road:**

The Sunrise Board informed the public that a CUP has been applied for by Jeff August for the Triple X Mounted Shooting.

*Dayna Geisbauer:* Mrs. Geisbauer's main concern is safety. This is not stationery shooting, this is moving. Noise level is extremely excessive. 2,000 plus rounds are shot on any given weekend. It's like opening a gun range. There is 15 plus truck on any one given day for the roads to endure. Property values are affected. National Property Institute states there would be a 10% decrease in property values. This has been done on a recreational basis in the past, but now it is going into a full business. The compromise has always been on the neighbors part and never on Mr. August's side. Where do you draw the line unless it is negatively impacting the quality of life, property values. She struggles with this herself.

*Gerald Geisbauer:* What if the event grows?

*Tony Klanderud:* Mr. Klanderud said the shooting is constant. His property is 500 feet from Mr. August. Mr. Klanderud's horses are skiddish when events are being held. Mr. Klanderud is the immediate next door neighbor. Mr. Klanderud was never approached by Mr. August. Mr. Klanderud

has always put things aside. Mr. Klanderud is looking for extreme refinement of this CUP, especially at the county level. There was an application for a gun range in Amador Township which was denied.

**Mr. Geisbauer:** Mr. Geisbauer said Pistols are going off at 360 degrees. Mr. Geisbauer does not think that this is the area for this type of business.

**Ben Geisbauer:** Ben Geisbauer hunts with a bow. Hunting with a bow is extremely hard. This will affect the hunt.

**Jerry Hinz:** Mr. Hinz said he travels 150 miles back and forth to work and does not want to come home and listen to people playing cowboys and Indians.

**Jeff August:** Mr. August said that according to Chisago they are providing an entertainment venue. Mr. August is not certified for gun safety. Ammunition is certified by the Association. Jeff August orders the blank ammunition. It is a black powder. Use shot guns, rifles. The ammunition is the same.

Commissioner Rick Greene told the citizens to attend the County Planning Commission at the County level.

Sunrise Town Board informed the public that the participants wear ear protection. The neighbors indicated they need to just put up with this.

Mr. August said they have spectators. Participants come from places like North Dakota, Iowa, Wis., etc.

Chair Carl "Pete" Peter Johnson took a poll of each member of the Sunrise Town Board as follows:

**Supervisor Joel Peterson:** Supervisor Peterson said we serve the people of the township. It is obvious the vast majority is against this. Personally 2 events a year is too much. Joel Peterson said he wouldn't want it by me.

**Supervisor Eric Leivian:** Supervisor Leivian said this is extremely intrusive. Supervisor Leivian said "what pushes me is the process wasn't followed. We are half way down the road to clean up a mess that should have never happened. This needs to stop and be re-approached".

**Supervisor Gerald Bjork:** Supervisor Bjork said he is against it. If Mr. August provides the proper barriers and has the acceptance of the neighbors, then I might be willing to accept it.

**Vice Chair Jeske Noordergraaf:** Vice Chair Noordergraaf said she would also deny it. Vice Chair Noordergraaf cited #3 and #8 of the Chisago County CUP, Section C as to having a negative impact. All for property rights, but shouldn't infringe in neighbors.

*Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second Joel Peterson to deny CUP according to Chisago County Criteria Section C # 3 as follows: "The use shall be sufficiently compatible or separated by distance or screening from adjacent development or land so that existing development does not suffer undue negative impact and there will be no significant deterrence to future development". It is an open area with no mature vegetation, berms or screens. And #8 "Existing nearby properties shall not be adversely affected by intrusion of noise glare or general unsightliness." An example of noise based on the PA System and approximately 2,000 rounds per day. Motion carried.*

**Sunrise Community Night Out:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

**Fire Apportionment Signatures:** Still obtaining signatures.

**Gravel cCushing Contract Received:** Not received from Dresel.

**Haugrud Driveway:** Turned over to the Chisago County Sheriff's Department.

**Gambling Permit for Hay Days:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to approve the Gambling Permit for the Hay Days event for the 2014 event. Motion carried.

**Maintenance Update:** Cameras are complete. Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat has not heard from gravel haulers. Ditches are half mowed. Calcium chloride is coming shortly. Mr. Klanderud will get a price on computer. Internet would need to go through Centurylink. Clerk Kowalke to gather information on internet installation.

**Steve Forner Review:** Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat and Sunrise Town Board agreed that Mr. Forner is on time, flexible, available and versatile. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Joel Peterson to increase Mr. Forner to \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by, second by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordegraaf, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair