

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, May 15, 2014  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter Pete Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 8:23 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was not recited, as it was recited just prior to the Board Meeting at the Chisago County Public Hearing on Road Reallocation.

**Board Members Present:**

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

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Joyce Meyers	Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance	Stephen Merten
Greg Strom	Brian Geisbauer	Nathan Frandsen
Wade Olson	Jeff August	Jean Nadeau

**Ring Bell:** Bell was rung by Wade Olson.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the May 2014 agenda with an additional agenda item to include possible property purchase. Motion carried.

**Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Clerk Update:** City of Harris Letter regarding fire calls. Clerk Kowalke received all the information fire apportionment required by the state, signatures of fire chiefs being obtained.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #4173 through 4194 with transfer as follows:

Federal Licensing Inc. (License Report Data Sheet / Service and Preparation fee) .....	\$95.00
Federal Licensing Inc. (Rules & Updates for 5 years) .....	\$119.00
Ross sewer service .....	160.00
Brian Geisbauer (18 gopher feet) .....	\$36.00

*Savings to Checking*

Transfer from Road and Bridge Fund \$10,000.00

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Not Present

**Jeff August – Complaint:** Jeff August said he applied for a CUP. Black power blanks are used to shoot. Jeff August said this is done about 9 times a summer. Triple X Mounted Shooting is affiliating with the Cowboy Sports Association because of insurance. Mr. August said this is run as a business and money is donated and not banked. One organization that money is donated to is Wounded Vets and Troops. Mr. August has 20 acres. According to Mr. August, Steve Putman states that he can continue with scheduled events because he has applied for a CUP and is in process with obtaining all the correct approvals. Citizen Tony Klanderud said Mr. August has 9 weekends scheduled along with other practicing session this summer. Stephen Merten said that gun shots are going throughout the day which is part of living in the country. Brian Geisbauer states it is severely impacting neighboring properties owners wanting to enjoy their property. There is a process where everyone gets to speak. The Township Board will talk to Chisago County Environmental Services / Zoning to ask for a letter from the County for Mr. August to be able to continue 2014 events.

**Geronimo Energy Solar Farm – Nathan Frandsen:** Sunrise Solar Project idea. Mr. Frandsen distributed a map of the property that they have under contract. There will be approximately 10 maintenance jobs. It is basically a power plant. This solar energy farm will have a thick ground cover so they don't have to mow. Mowing is approximately twice a year. Geronimo is looking into connecting into the Chisago County sub-station is right there. This is one of the reasons why this piece of property was chosen. There is a total of 305 acres. A state permit is required for anything above 50 megawatts. Right now they are planning at 50 megawatts. Glare does not seem to be an issue. Usually this improves water quality. Each panel is approximately 3 by 5. Life span is approximately 20 years.

**Jean Nadeau – Property(possible purchase for Sunrise Township):** Total acreage of Ms. Nadeau's property is a little over 1.5 acres. Jean owns lots 3 through 9. Lot 3 and 4 is a little over .5 (2/7) acre - what Sunrise Township is interested in (which would approximately \$6,200.00). Lots 3 and 4 need to be surveyed. Ms. Nadeau needs to keep a little over an acre. Sunrise Townships equipment is currently being parked on this property. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to contact surveyor for a quote. Place on June agenda.

**Xcel Energy – Underground electric line along Gerry Road:** Replacing underground electric line on the east side of the road by the cemetery. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the application for underground electric line. Motion carried.

**FCC:** Discussed during Treasurer's Report. 2 bills paid.

**Park Shelter Reservation:** Sunrise Township will continue to stay with a first come first serve basis. There will be code to use the bathroom.

**City Harris – 5 ton road:** Sunrise portion will be 9 ton except for road restriction time.

**Township Clean-up Day:** May 23. There will be 7 to 8 kids ranging from 17 to 19 years old.

**Sunrise Community Night Out:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

**Citizens Forum:** Stephen Merten – Road Turnback. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Mail box information should be handed out with every swinging mailbox post.

Wade Olson: Inquired about putting up sign at Sunrise Park. Sunrise Town Board informed Mr. Olson that the sign should be installed by fall.

**Tiller Corporation Trucks:** Pete Johnson read letter from Mike Caron.

**Gravel Hauling Contract Received:** Received from Hass, signed by Sunrise Township Board.

**Maintenance Update:** Roads will have chloride placed before road restrictions are taken off. Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat to order signs to keep trucks off roads.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordegraaf, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair