

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, April 16, 2015  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited just prior at the Sunrise Town Board Canvass meeting.

**Board Members Present:**

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

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

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance  
Glenn Mell  
(See attached attendee list for complete list)

**Ring Bell:** Bell was rung by Glenn Mell.

**Approve Agenda** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to accept the April 2015 agenda adding. to Old Business: bid for repair on Royal Wilcox Community Center. Motion carried.

**Canvass Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to accept the 2015 Canvass Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric approve the March 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** No updates.

**Treasurer Report** Treasurer report was read by Carl Peter “Pete:” Johnson as Treasurer Anderson was absent. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the Treasurer’s report as read by Chairperson Johnson with claims list 4463 through 4486 and additional expenditures as follows:

Lucas Nadeau (73 pair of gopher feet at 2.00 a pair) .....	\$146.00
Erv Stolp (270 pair of gopher feet at 2.00 pair).....	\$540.00
Ziegler (loader mirror).....	\$133.22

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Chisago County Jail’s 90 day facility losing 8 beds. Chisago County will be losing 1% of levy. Chisago County is working on a sexual predator ordinance.

**Patricia Peters Liquor License:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to accept the issuance of an on sale wine / strong beer license to the licensee known as Patricia M. Peters for the establishment known as Sunrise River Grill & Pizza. Motion carried.

**Glenn Mell with several other citizens:** 475<sup>th</sup> Street and James Ave. Some residents that reside on 475<sup>th</sup> street stated that a grader has not been on 475<sup>th</sup> and James Avenue as of this date for the year 2015. The Sunrise Town Board informed these citizens that gravel roads need a little bit of rain to be able to grade and have the roads hold together. Darrin Stream said the roads are so rough you can hardly stay on them. Town Board Supervisor Eric Leivian said that the township is looking at applying selective chloride applications. If chloride is not used you will lose the binder and chloride keeps the roads in better condition. Darrin Stream asked if there was a schedule for the roads being plowed. Gerald Bjork stated that township roads do not need to be graded once a week. Darrin Stream asked what is a reasonable amount of grading that can be done, once a month. Gerald Bjork indicated that it depends on the amount of traffic and rain / moisture. Sunrise Township basically has one guy to complete all grading, trimming, cutting. Glenn Mell says that he keeps track of the rain. The Board told the citizens that they can get a petition together to not chloride roads. The residents present said holes are always there on James. Lynn Wolleat said that he grades twice a year. Kip Rydberg said we have a good crust on Sunrise Township Roads.

**North Star Solar Field:** Chase Whitney of Community Energy was present to inform Sunrise Town Board regarding the North Star Solar Field (near keystone and 367<sup>th</sup>). Feb. 11 North Star submitted full application to the PUC. April 9 the full application was accepted. There is a Public Hearing set for April 30. 100 MW is equivalent of 200,000 homes per year. Taxes will be approximately \$320,000 to \$350,000 taxes per year. Sunrise Township's portion of land being used is just shy of 500 acres. Panels will entirely be in North Branch and Sunrise Township. They will need to build a transmission line which will be .5 to 1 mile. Panels are on a linear tracking system running north south and tipping east to west every day. There are concerned land owners. Panels have a life span of approximately 30 plus years. There is a solar field of 1,000 acres planned and of that 800 acres is going to be solar panels. This project is 100MW. Early 2016 for construction project to begin. Expecting a 6 to 9 month construction effort. Based out of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Whitney's company is based out of Boulder, Colorado. Community Energy is 40 to 45 person company. The North Star Solar Field project is expecting 6 to 12 full-time employees when complete.

**Gravel Crushing:** A total of 2 bids were received for gravel crushing:

- Kip Rydberg & Sons, Inc.: \$3.95 per yard for a total of \$39,500.00 (insurance certificate included)
- Dresel Contracting, Inc.: \$5.10 per yard for a total of \$51,000.00 (insurance certificate not included)

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept Kip Rydberg's bid. Motion carried. Joel Peterson explained that Sunrise Township needs to make sure that Sunrise Township gets 10,000 yards crushed because of paying the pit owner for 10,000 yards. Kip Rydberg would like to crush in August.

**Gravel Hauling:** A total of 3 bids were received for gravel hauling (haulers will be hauling 6,000 yards this year as that is what is crushed and stockpiled):

Keith Hass Construction: \$16,725.00 with 4 belly dumps

Kip Rydberg & Sons, Inc.: \$294 per cubic yards for a total of \$17,640.00.

Bjorklund Companies: \$232 per cubic yards for a total of \$13,920.00 (6 belly dumps by June 15)

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to accept the bid from Bjorklund Companies. Motion carried.

**Donation:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by

Chisago County Historical Society.....	\$500.00
Sunrise Cemetery Association:.....	\$500.00
Family pathway (split \$500 to each account for a total of \$1,500 to: Family Pathways, North Branch Food Shelf, and the Refuge) .....	\$1,500.00
Chisago Co. Sr. Center .....	\$500.00

**Charlotte Wilcox – Roads:** Charlotte Wilcox stated the Township needs to know the legal status of all township roads. All the variables of township roads need to be gone over. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to hire Charlotte Wilcox for \$2,500 to straighten out our roads files. Motion carried.

**Citizens forum:** Mark Oslund stated he is willing to volunteer for Sunrise Township Recycle Day on August 8, from 9 to 12 noon.

**Annual Inspection of Roads – Town Board:** Road tour will be held April and May 1.5 hours before the Regular Town Board Meeting.

**Land Options:** Jeske Noordergraaf talked with Shann Stepp regarding land options for a possible salt shed site. Place on May

**Road Sign Reflectivity Sign Policy:** Place on May 2015 agenda.

**Township Building Repairs:** Estimates were received for new drywall ceiling estimate of \$3,700. Additional repairs to walls and ceiling would be approximately \$5,520.

**Maintenance Update:** Lynn to order culverts. Lynn will check out Maple Street culvert. Driveway inspections need to put in a legal mailbox. Lynn to look into one-ton. Place May agenda.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair