

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, December 17, 2015  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair 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 (Absent)

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Commissioner Rick Greene  
Lynn Wolleat  
Bob Kollmer  
Jill Seiberlich  
Russ Ernst  
Brian Geisbauer

Marv Rorvick  
Bruce Bekkerus  
Jim Seiberlich  
Michelle Gorsegner  
Mike Caron  
Ben Geisbauer

**Ring Bell:** Bell was rung by Mike Caron.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the December 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to approve the November 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** Christmas card received from Bjorklund’s, Wilcox Road Sign by CR 67 is missing, Kost Dam Bridge Mn/Dot Form is being filled out by Paul Steward to be returned to Clerk Kowalke to be turned into Chisago Co. Engineer Joe Triplett.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Karen Anderson went over December Treasury report. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 4660 through 4682 along with the following additional expenditures:

ECM Publisher, Inc. ....	34.40
Ancom Communications .....	648.00
Country Financial .....	4,653.10
Brian Geisbauer (gopher bounty 57 pair @ \$2.00 per pair) .....	\$114.00
Keocher Construction, Inc. ....	8,074.00
Main Street Hardware.....	\$84.17
Tow Master .....	136.70

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to move \$241,180.22 from checking to savings as follows:

General Fund - \$20,000  
Road and Bridge Fund - \$140,000  
Fire Fund - \$50,000  
Park Fund - \$21,197.21  
Equipment Fund - \$6,240.43  
Town Hall Fund - \$3,742.58

*Transfer of Funds:* Central Bank is being bought out by Midwest One and is FDIC approved. This change will take effect on 1-16-2016 and will officially change their name to Midwest One Bank on April 2, 2016. Per Jason Gamble, Branch President our existing central community checking will be converted to the non-profit checking. 2) Existing Central savings will be converted to the business money market savings product. Sunrise Township will need to maintain a minimum balance in the checking and will allowed 6 transfers within accounts per month free. *Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf second by Gerald Bjork to move money from Associated Wealth Management of \$444,372.14 to savings account instead of purchases CD's. Motion carried. This will be done after January 16, 2016.*

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Chisago County Park Board put in 3 grant applications for the Legacy Grant which were approved. The first grant would be to resurface the Sunrise Prairie Trail from North Branch to Forest Lake. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grant would be to purchase property in Shafer to Tern Avenue. The Third grant would be to finish the west end trail to Taylors Falls. These grants are going to go to Legislature for approval. Supreme Court turned Jeffrey August down for mounted shooting. Chisago County's levy is set a 0% for 2016. Joe Triplett is applying for federal dollars to concrete from North Branch to Harris.

**Sno-Barons CUP Amendment:** Citizens have not been notified of any changes of the original CUP at this point. There is a proposal of up to an additional 20 days of events to be held with no event being any more than 3 days. Proposed events would include craft shows, horse shows, cars shows and boyscout events to name a few. The Sno-Barons have also been approached to hold a world record ATV mile run. There would be no off-site parking. Hours proposed are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. There would be camping because of 3 day events. No plans for late night runs. Hay days racing starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

Sno-Barons currently have a camping permit from the state. There is teams that go out there to complete maintenance. Camping is for members only. There is 150 members. Bob Kollmer is in charge of land maintenance. No one is staying there in the winter.

Sno-Barons is proposing to streamline the approval process for parking. Sno-barons would apply for each individual land owner. They do not have any jurisdiction of approving who gets parking permits. Each land owner will pay Chisago County for their applications.

Sno-Barons volunteers will be on-site during any event.

Brian Geisbauer said he is concerned about the additional events getting too large and larger impact than what is being said.

Marv Rorvick: Property backs up on Jay Flodquist's field. Dust, loud noise, bright lights, engines, screeching tires. County worker has been at his property, lights have been turned around. Seems like the Sno-Barons are asking for a blank check. Mr. Rorvick has come to accept hay days.

Perry Lindberg: Mr. Lindberg said he remembered that the County promised it would only be the Hay Days Event.

Sno-Barons advocate is willing to work on any issues that the citizens have. They have worked with the County to fix many issues that neighbors have. County wants to have an updated map.

Additional 20 days of events: Sunrise Planning Commission stated that so far nothing seems to be offensive. Sno Barons would have to apply for a special CUP for a big concert because they still have to follow all the ordinances. EMT's and security must be provided for their own insurance. The days are completely wide open right now, no specific dates are picked out at this point. Chisago County will make sure on the 20 additional days.

Items of concern not mentioned in the CUP: 382<sup>nd</sup> is the only Township Road that is directly affected. Sunrise Township would like to see calcium chloride placed on 382<sup>nd</sup> in the CUP at least a couple days before the Hay Days event.

Turn by-pass lane: At this point a by-pass lane is not in the CUP. The by-pass lane is a county and state issue.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to deny the request due to any expansion of the event as requested by the So Barons will have significant and continuous negative impacts including disturbing noise, night time lighting, property value devaluation, ability of Sunrise to resell their home serious financial losses to Sunrise residents and a decline of the community. More discussion took place. Gerald Bjork is willing to work with Sno-barons for additional 10 days vs 20 days events that would be non-impact. Motion remains at a dead-lock, Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and Gerald Bjork for the 10 days vs 20; Eric Leivian and Jeske Noordergraaf denied the Sno-Baron CUP Amendment. Place on January 2016 Agenda for full Sunrise Board discussion.

**Tiller Corporation – Mike Caron/Christina Morrison:** Concerns with the road and operating in wet conditions. Lynn Wolleat talked with a driver not to drive in the rain. Driver stopped, but then drove in the rain the following week. Mike Caron is asking for a phone call. Mr. Caron stated he informs his people to not drive in the rain. Nothing has been submitted to Chisago County to revise their CUP. County staff is going to review the environment worksheet. Currently is about 85 acres and proposing to about 94 acres. High biodiversity has been identified by the DNR which will be removed from the CUP. Negotiations may take place regarding placing black-top from CR9 to the entrance of the Tiller Pits. Asphalt plants for specific project. Won't be any silica sand hauled here or processed. All the silica sand is gone now.

**Adopt-A-Road:** Place on annual meeting.

**Citizens Forum:** NONE.

**Retro-reflectivity**: There may be federal money for high reflectivity signs. Sunrise Board will contact Joe Triplett. Need inventory. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to contact County Engineer Joe Triplett to make sure this program is advantageous and if it is to go forward with the project. Motion carried.

**Internet Tower**: January agenda

**CR 70 Amador / Sunrise Maintenance**: Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson and Gerald Bjork will contact Amador.

**Royal Wilcox Painting**: Place on January agenda.

**Public Works Truck**: Put out for bids when Sunrise truck is ready.

**Maintenance Update**: Pole building is done. How big of an area to have black-top placed. Carl Peter Pete Johnson to contact insurance for new building. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to pay Gerald Bjork \$18.00 per hour for plowing on a fill-in basis. Motion carried. (Gerald Bjork abstained from voting).

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair