

**2016 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting  
Royal Wilcox Community Center  
Sunrise, Minnesota  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Chairman Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the 2016 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Supervisor Joel Peterson (absent)	Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Supervisor Gerald Bjork	Treasurer Karen Anderson (absent)
Supervisor Eric Leivian	
Supervisor Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson	
Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf	

**Others Present**

James McCarthy	Marise Guizzetti, Family Pathways	Tony Klanderud
Joyce Meyers	Lynn Wolleat	Ted Meyers
Luke Nadeau, Chisago County Fair		Tony Kubat

**Appointment of Moderator:** James McCarthy volunteered to be the Moderator. No nominations were taken as James McCarthy volunteered.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene (absent) Update:** Commissioner Rick Green was not present, but had delivered an Annual County Update which included the topic of public safety, public works, health and human services, economic development, recorder / treasurer, information technology, environmental services and other general information.

**Treasurer’s Annual Report for 2015and 2017 Budget:** Supervisor Eric Leivian went over the treasurer report which was previously provided by Treasurer Anderson who was absent. Supervisor Leivian discussed the park fund line item. Sunrise Town Board brought in front of the citizens of the township to decide how to spend the park fund money. Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Tony Klanderud to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

**2017 Tax Levy by Fund:** At the February Regular Town Board meeting there was a motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to propose to the Citizens of Sunrise Township at the annual meeting to keep the 2017 budget at a zero (0%) increase at \$516,092.73. Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Tony Klanderud to accept the 2017 Levy. Motion carried

**2015 Annual Township Report:** Clerk Kowalke went over the annual report that was available at the meeting.

**Donation Requests:**

Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Lynn Wolleat to distribute \$3,000 for 2016 at the discretion of the Town Board for donations. Motion carried.

The following are the current entities that have requested donations for 2016: Chisago County Recreation, Family Pathways which includes North Branch Food Shelf and Refuge Network. Seven County Senior Federation, Chisago County Fair, Chisago County Recreation.

*The following entities were represented at the Sunrise Township Annual Meeting:*

- Family Pathways – 3 full time employees, 9 food shelves, teen centers, 10 thrift stores, North Branch Food Shelf (senior program, youth center, food shelves, and thrift stores).
- Chisago County Fair – Luke Nadeau – The Chisago County Fair Board would appreciate a donation to be able to provide up-keep and additional improvements.

*Other items discussed:*

- The Board stated that according to the State there is specific criteria for the distribution of money slated to be donated.

**Gopher Bounty:** Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Lynn Wolleat, to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Cemetery Mowing:** The Sunrise Cemetery Association's 2016 meeting is Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. The cemetery association is looking for companies that would be willing to mow the cemetery.

**Adopt-A-Road:** There was a concern about additional liability for the Township. No action taken.

**Parks Committee:** James McCarthy stated there is a park plan in place. The Sunrise Town Board is looking for citizens to be on a park committee to keep improving the park. Tony Klanderud volunteered to help.

**Road Reallocation Board Update:** The reallocation will take effect in 2017.

**Road Mapping GPS:** Supervisor Leivain stated there is 2 parts (road mapping and GPS). The township can buy a service from caterpillar to keep track of the road maintenance. Further investigation will be obtained to make an informed decision.

**Chip Seal:** The Sunrise Town Board informed the public about a chip seal from Fahrner. Looking at the process to see if it can be used on the gravel roads to increase the longevity of road usage versus gravel and calcium chloride. Blacktop was also discussed because the gravel in the local area is becoming very sparse. The Board will look at some chip seal roads.

**Royal Wilcox Community Center Repairs:** The Royal Wilcox building is not in good shape. The windows are new and the steel roof more than likely make the building of non-historical value.

**Sunrise Community Night Out:** Sunrise Community Night Out will be held in conjunction with National Night Out which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2.

**Sunrise Recycle Day:** The 2015 recycle day was very successful. The Board would like to have more volunteers to hold a 2016 recycle day in August.

**2017 Annual Meeting Date:** Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Tony Kubat to hold the 2017 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Township March 8, 2016 Election Results:** Clerk Kowalke read the March 8, 2016 Election Results. Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Tony Klanderrud to accept the preliminary election results. Motion carried.

*A Total of 50 votes cast  
(Total number of on register of electors 1,177)*

***Supervisor E – Three (3) Year Term***

*Jeske Noordergraaf.....49  
John Swanson (write-in) ..... 1*

***Planning Commission K – Three (3) Year Term***

*Tony Kubat.....38  
Nancy Nadeau (write-in)..... 1  
Jim McCarthy (write-in) ..... 1  
Jessica Lindberg (write-in)..... 1  
Mike Kriz (write-in) ..... 1  
Tom Boyce (write-in) ..... 1  
Blank ..... 7*

***Planning Commission L – Three (3) Year Term***

*Chuck Sinn .....33  
Perry Lindberg (write-in) .....12  
Blank ..... 5*

***Clerk – Two (2)Year Term***

*Wendy Kowalke..... 48  
Jack Kopp (write-in) ..... 1  
Blank ..... 1*

**Public Comments:** Ted Meyers asked if Sunrise would get some revenue from the solar panel project. Ted Meyers said they Board is doing a great job and is very good at managing the township money. Joyce Meyers would like to see 3 more voting booths and 4 more tables. Tony Kubat is wondering if there is going to be an internet tower in the area. There needs to be more density for the internet companies to bring it in. The Sunrise area providers are Century Link and Frontier.

Motion by Ted Meyers, second by Tony Kubat to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

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Moderator