

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, December 15, 2016
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
Stephen Merten
Eric Leivian

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance
Tom Graleske Deb Graleske Steve Christopherson
BJ Thorstenson Dennis Danich Mary Christopherson
Jamie Martinson Dan Holbeck Manley Olson
Bolton & Menk, Ryan Goodman
Bolton & Menk, Cristina Mlejnek

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the December 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Eric Leivian to approve November 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Reminder that there will be a February 14 for District 32B Special Election.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Eric Leivian to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 4962 through 4981 with additional claims.

Country Mutual Insurance	\$4,490.62
Snow Wheel System, Inc.	\$326.79
Second Generation Builders (driveway reimbursement).....	\$900.00

Motion carried.

Motion Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to approve an additional claim for Menards.
Motion carried.

Sunrise Cemetery – Randy Koivisto: Not Present.

Olson Road Residents – Paving Olson Road: Engineer suggest to hold a separate meeting regarding options. Speed limit by state law on a gravel road is 55 mph. Ability to review an intersection and pass resolutions. Driveway spacing can be reviewed to lower speed limit if qualified. Gravel / Paving is in discussion stages at the Sunrise Township Board level. Right now the Township is making its

own gravel which is approximately \$7 per yard. The Township will run out of gravel in about 2 years. Stephen Merten stated to move forward with paved roads is going to be a very expensive. There are only 2 ways to pay for it -- by assessing or raising the levy. Stephen Merten is asking for patience, give the board time to come up with a plan. Every year a road will lose an inch of binder. There is no assessment policy in place at this tie. Engineering firm Bolton & Menk has not looked at any roads. It takes months for assessing procedures. During the budget process, money is designated on budget items. State cannot touch any of the money that is designated from the state for roads. Local Road Improvement fund with crash safety improvement along with economic development potential. Bolton & Menk will inform the Township of any grants that could come available to the township. Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf would like to look at roads. Bolton & Menk can assist with the process of paving roads. Great way to start is to complete a road tour.

Culvert backing up property (clean / replace) – Wilcox Road (old Koskala’s): Clerk Kowalke to contact Chisago County Engineer Joe Triplett look at property.

Right of Way Management Ordinance: If the township has a right of way ordinance, then restrictions can be put in place. Have Attorney to attend the January Meeting.

Gravel Hauling: February Agenda.

Gravel Crushing: February agenda.

Judge Recommendations for Special Election of February 14, 2017: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the February Judge Recommendations. Motion carried.

Citizens Forum: Petitions have been filled out. Signatures have to be verified with property owners. Nancy Hoffman has not heard back from the DEED grant to know if Sunrise was approved. A Public Hearing needs to be held. The Township should hear around January 7, 2017 for the grant.

470th Street Culvert: Bolton and Menk sent letter to property owner and Jeff Fertig.

Maintenance Update: 2 driveways on 450th without a permit. Clerk Kowalke to go to zoning regarding 450th driveways. Lynn Wolleat to get address on Holman for second driveway access that is installed illegally.

Board Comments: None

Bolton & Menk: Ryan Goodman, Bolton and Menk, introduced [Cristina Mlejnek](#). She will be our contact.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8: 26 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair