

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, February 18, 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  
Eric Leivian  
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat  
Rick Green, County Commissioner  
Chase Whitney – North Star  
Jason Fredlund, Almelund Fire  
Matt Olson, Almelund Fire  
Gene Fisk, Almelund Fire

Tony Klanderud, Almelund Fire  
Steve Schimke, Almelund Fire  
Rick Heinan, Almelund Fire

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the February 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to approve the January 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** Two letters received from citizens regarding the Sno-Barons Amended CUP. Clerk Kowalke would like to look into purchasing a scanner to scan paper documents to be stored on an external hard drive.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Karen Anderson went over February 2016 Treasury report. Motion by Joel Peterson, second Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 4717 through 4737. Move \$20,000 from savings Fire fund to Fire checking fund. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Chisago County Parks has been approved for \$719,000 for trails to extend to Harris. Chisago County has been seeking inquiries for solar ordinances from other counties. Chisago County in the last 2 years lost 40% of federal funding for road implementing April 1. Chisago County will receive \$0.50 per every \$100 dollars spent on tax. Sno-Barons meeting will be held Thurs., March 3 at Chisago County.

**Almelund Fire:** Jason Fredlund, Matt Olson, Gene Fisk along with (Tony Klanderud, Steve Schimke and Rick Heinan) were present to go over the Almelund Fire Contract with Sunrise. There were a total of 56 runs (2 fires, 3 motor vehicles, 47 medicals, 4 cancels). Total Budget is \$89,319.55. Sunrise

received a credit of \$4,215.45. Sunrise contract fee will be \$38,540.33. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian. Motion carried

**North Star Solar Update – Chase Whitney:** Public Utility Commission approved the site and route line on January 20. Pre-construction filings will be submitted to the PUC at the beginning of February. Begin construction on the April 1. Truck Route: HWY 35 at Stacy and using Lent Trail to Keystone Ave. and 375th. Expecting 450,000 solar panels and 70,000 pieces of steel. North Star wants to be operating by the end of the year. 350 people on-site during construction season.

**Adopt 2017 Budget to bring to the Citizens of Sunrise Township:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to propose to the citizens of Sunrise Township to keep a zero (0%) increase for 2017 which will remain at \$516,092.73. Motion carried.

**Gravel Hauling:** Place on March agenda.

**Gravel Crushing:** No crushing for 2016 because Sunrise has a crushed pile to be hauled in 2016.

**Move Regular March Town Board meeting to Thurs., March 10 (in conjunction with Election Canvass):** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to move the regular town board meeting to March 10 2016. Motion carried.

**Review Township Report:** Complete.

**Annual Township Agenda Review:** Complete.

**Citizens Forum:** NONE

**Retro-reflectivity Grant:** Joe Triplett will let Sunrise know at the end February regarding allocation of funds.

**Internet Tower:** No action taken.

**CR 70 Amador / Sunrise Maintenance:** No action taken.

**Public Works Truck:** Eric Leivian will place on Craigslist.

**Maintenance Update:** Blacktop for salt shed will be approximately \$10,000.00.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair