

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, October 20, 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:

Mark Oslund
Wayne Schwalbe
Pearson

Nancy Hoffman
Hardy Boyce
Lynn Wolleat

Jeff Fertig
Bruce Hampton
David Balfanz

Town Board Member: Eric Leivian apologized to the Sunrise Town Board and the citizens of Sunrise Township for stepping down at the September 2016 meeting. Mr. Leivian has had an opportunity to reconsider his resignation and would like the Board to reconsider his resignation. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to appoint Eric Leivian back on the Sunrise Town Board. Motion carried. All Sunrise Board members believe Mr. Leivian is a real asset to the Board. Eric Leivian was sworn in.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to accept the September 2016 agenda. Motion carried. Other discussion that took place is that Holly from Bolton and Menk resigned will no longer be our representative.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten to approve September 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: election update.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Eric Leivian to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 4910 through 4928 with additional claims as follows.

Lowell Nelson Electric	\$170.00
Hardy Boyce (26 pair of gopher feet).....	52.00
Webduck Designs	\$75.00

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Greene not present.

North Branch Fire – Wayne Blodgett: North Branch Fire is donating \$500.00 back to the community for Sunrise Township. The Board thanks North Branch.

470th Street Culvert Follow-up: Brian Jones was in attendance to discuss the culvert on his property. Holly from Bolton and Menk went out to the property with a Sr. Inspector. As-builts have been requested. Jeff Fertig, Chisago County Zoning, presented maps from the National wetland inventory. The new culvert went in at the same elevation as the old culvert. The Township would run into a liability issue if the culvert was adjusted. According to property owner Brian Jones, the outlet is over a foot higher than the inlet. Jeff Fertig from the Chisago County a wetland cannot be drained or filled. The water flows south to north. If the bottom of the old culvert is the same as the new culvert then it stays. If the bottom of the old culvert is equal to the bottom of the new culvert then the new culvert has to be at the same elevation. With the additional rainfall water levels are high right now being at 30 inches ahead. We are wet. Jeske Noordergraaf will contact Bolten & Menk to discuss the 470th street culvert.

Sunrise Bible Church Road: Sunrise Bible Church has been quoted \$6,000.00 to pave approximately 100 to 150 feet long in front of the church. The church would like Sunrise Township to pay \$3,000.00 of the project. There is no ditch on either side of the road. If road is paved there needs to be a swale for the water to run to. Sunrise Township will look at paving the entire road to benefit all the residents. Sunrise Board is going to speak with Bolton and Menk Engineer. Gerald Bjork will obtain estimate for paving whole road.

Internet Broadband: Mr. David Balfanz does not want broadband because he does not want to increase his taxes. Mr. Balfanz is asking how this is going to be paid for. Right now it is in the hands of the petition. Deed grant has been filed. Township is not liable for the costs. The CenturyLink customers will be taxed.

Citizens Forum: Bruce Hampton believes that they were out of order to accept Eric Leivian's reinstatement to Board Member. Chair Johnson asked that the rules of order be followed by Mr. Hampton, and the Board deserves a little respect. Mr. Hampton said that the Board works for him as a tax payer. Board Members suggest that Mr. Hampton to contact an attorney. Mr. Hampton did not have any update for Broadband. Mark Oslund said that the sled dog was not voted on at the County Meeting.

Annual Meeting: MN Association of Townships annual meeting is going to be in St. Cloud, 2 day meeting which have round-table discussion. Other topics in water soil, DNR, attorney, Department of Agriculture, etc. Main topic is broadband. November 17, 18, and 19 in St. Cloud, MN. Treasurer Anderson is requesting to go. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to attend Association Annual Meeting.

Sign Project Update: The Contractor is going to go out to determine what signs are needed. The sign project will start fall, 2016. Project cost could be up to \$20,000.00

Maintenance Update: Run power from ferry road to the new shed. Lynn will contact the electric company. Xcel Energy application for new electric service at salt shed.

Lynn Wolleat Maintenance review: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to give Lead Maintenance at 3% increase. Motion carried.

Board Comments: Comment by Mark Beavens (not present) stating the road is good,

Motion by Gerald Bjork Johnson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8: 37 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair