

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Board Member 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  
Board Member (open)

Treasurer: Karen Anderson (Absent)  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

See Attached sign in sheet.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to accept the September 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

**Resignation of Eric Leivian:** Eric Leivian resigned as of Wed., September 14, 2016.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to approve August 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** There will be a special election held on February 14, 2017 regarding State Representative District 32B due to a candidate being ineligible to hold the office. Stephen Merten took Officer Oath on August 21, 2016.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Commissioner Greene said that he did not have any new information for the Board.

**Sled Dog – Melissa and Ryan Anderson:** Interim Use Permit is a temporary land use which will terminate at some future time, most often triggered by an event. The Anderson’s are proposing to put a line of trees around the property for barrier. Compost is an 8 by 8 area and spreading it on the 38 acres that is field. Dogs will remain up to date on the vaccines. Anderson’s talked to neighbors and there has been no issue with the neighbors. Dogs are not going to be here year-round due to events. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the Sled Dog Kennel Permit until property is sold / not transferrable. Motion carried.

**Internet Broadband:** Sunrise Township is served by Century and Frontier. Sunrise Township cannot tax Frontier customers for CenturyLink customer service.

Sunrise Township Board needs to form a Subordinate Service District, which is the entity that will receive the benefits and pay for the SSD bond.

## **Minnesota Administrative Rules**

### **8205.1010 FORM OF PETITIONS.**

**Subpart 1. Applicability.** This part applies to any petition required for any election in this state, including nominating petitions, recall petitions, and proposed recall petitions.

**Subp. 2. General form requirements.** Petitions must be prepared in accordance with items A to I.

- A. A petition must be prepared on paper no larger than 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches long. The signer's oath and the signature lines must be on the same side of the paper.
- B. The language on the petition must be printed in no smaller than 10-point type.
- C. Each petition page must have a short title describing the purpose of the petition.
- D. Each petition page must have a statement summarizing the purpose of the petition.
- E. If the purpose of the petition is to put a question on the ballot, each petition page may have a statement of 75 words or less summarizing the ballot question.
- F. Each petition page must have a signer's oath in no smaller than 12-point bold type. If the form of the signer's oath is not specified by statute, the following oath must be used: "I swear (or affirm) that I know the contents and purpose of this petition and that I signed this petition only once and of my own free will."
- G. Each petition page must include the following statement immediately above the signature lines: "All information must be filled in by person(s) signing the petition unless disability prevents the person(s) from doing so."
- H. Each petition page must have no more than ten signature lines. The signature lines must be consecutively numbered. Each signature line must have space for the date of signature; a signature; and each signatory's year of birth; printed first, middle, and last name; and residence address, municipality, and county.
- I. Each petition page must include the following statement: "All information on this petition is subject to public inspection."

**Statutory Authority:** MS s [204B.071](#); [211C.03](#); [211C.04](#); [211C.06](#)

**History:** [25 SR 616](#); [34 SR 1561](#)

**Published Electronically:** May 26, 2010

Internet petition is not a legal petition. A legal petition needs to be signed by over 50 percent of property owner, not husband or wife combination or kids. There are 532 CenturyLink property owners. After petition is turned into the Sunrise Clerk, the clerk needs to verify signature / information.

Despite the rumors that have been circulated, the Sunrise Town Board is not against obtaining high speed internet.

Nancy Hoffman from HRA/EDA is will continue and submit the DEED grant application.

Kirsten from CenturyLink said she is in attendance at this meeting in an advisory capacity only. The spine for this project is located by Checkerboard Park, just off of HWY 95 and Keystone Avenue. CAF dollars are used to invest into unserved and underserved areas. Sunrise is scheduled for 2017. CenturyLink is stating that the citizens of Sunrise will get at least 10 down and 1 up. At some point fiber can go to every home should this not go forward, but individual property owners will need to pay for the portion that will link to their home. 2017 will be the Northern part of Sunrise Township.

CAF is bringing fiber to the nodes which is bringing the cost down to approximately \$500,000 instead of \$1.2m for Sunrise.

With grant customer will get to the home 1 gig  
Without the grant fiber customer will get to their home up to 10 meg.

Shane Stepp asked if more than 1 node to the northern end. Kirsten said that there will be 1 fiber node on the north and 1 fiber node to south without the grant  
With grant there will be more fiber.

Need to have 50 to 100 kilobits to have a VOIP.

Fiber to the home is up to 1 gig, which is not a guarantee.  
Fiber to the node (copper from the home to the node.)

Sunrise Township will be asking for \$1,038,469 in the DEED grant application which is due October 3, 2016. Grants are usually awarded around December 1st. Should know by Dec. 15th. Sunrise Township's portion cannot be more than 50% of the grant.

Todd Hagen from Ehlers is working with Couri Ruppe law firm to help with this process including the petition process. The law firm will provide a scheduled timeline.

Ted Krause (not present) said he would be the point of contact for the Citizens of Sunrise.

There are 532 households in the CenturyLink District.

10 Year Bond: A tax impact within the CenturyLink district with a value of approximately \$150,000 for 15 year bond would be approximately \$97 annually.

15 Year Bond: A property tax value of \$250,000 would be around \$135 per year

The monthly cost to obtain high speed internet with 40 meg with the fiber to the home would cost approximately \$29 or 39 per month.

The following is a example of a timeline. This may not be exact

Price will be offered the same as the cities.

Petition of more than 50% of households

Then public hearing

There is an opportunity to unwind this.

Final thing to put bond into place

Then Board Action.

Legally CenturyLink cannot bring fiber to homes that are not in the Sunrise area. They will have to pay for fiber to their home. Kirsten said they are not replacing copper.

To have a legal petition, the citizens need to do the petition, not the Sunrise Board

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten to apply for DEED grant. Motion carried.

***LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION/APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT***

*BE IT RESOLVED that Sunrise Township act as the legal sponsor for project(s) contained in the Broadband Development Grant Program to be submitted on October 3, 2016 and that the Chisago County HRA-EDA is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of Sunrise Township.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunrise Township has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunrise Township has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Sunrise Township may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project(s), and that Sunrise Township certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the undersigned is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.*

*I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the Township Board of Sunrise Township on September 15, 2016.*

**Sign Project Agreement with Chisago County Point of Contact Person:** Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson will be the main contact. Gerald Bjork will be an alternative contact.

**November Judge Recommendations:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the Judge Recommendations. Motion carried.

**Citizens Forum:** Sunrise Engineer said that Sunrise should not take over CR 70 at this point from the county. Patricia Peters wanted to thank the Board and Lynn Wolleat for keeping Ferry Road in better condition. There has been no action taken on Mill Street.

**470<sup>th</sup> Culvert:** No charge for elevation shots by the Engineering Firm. Next week shots will be done. The engineer wants to wait for shots to answer any questions.

**Maintenance Update:** Steve Forner has been here every day.

**Board Comments:** Mark Beavens said the road is good, MAT annual conference is a week before Thanksgiving with a topic of broadband.

**Appoint Chair:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson as Chair. Motion carried

**Vice Chair:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to appoint Jeske Noordergraaf as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Gerald Bjork Johnson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair