

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, February 16, 2017
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	Jason Fredlund	Tony Klanderud
Robert Palmer	Gene Fisk	James McCarthy
Stephen Forner	Mrs. Pearson	Frank & Carrie Barna
Vincent Polkus, Ziegler	Deborah Graleske-Kelleher	
Bruce Hampton	Robert Ruppe, Attorney	

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian, to accept the February 2017 agenda with the addition of Almelund Fire and CR 70. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to approve January 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Sunrise Township Board of Appeal and Equalization date is April 26, 2017, letter read from Rosemary Morrison regarding SSD and spring short course information.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Stephen Merten to accept the treasurer’s report as presented holding Xcel Energy bill claim #5040 with claims list 5014 through 5040 and additional claims as follows:

ECM Publisher, Inc.	\$38.00
H&L Mesabi	\$447.12

Commissioner Update: Commissioner Rick Greene not present.

Almelund Fire & Rescue: Sunrise Township’s share of the 2017 budget is \$39,877.55 out of a total budget of 92,829.00. There were 81 runs for the year, 35 were in Sunrise. The Sunrise Board thanked Almelund Fire & Rescue for their professionalism. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Eric Leivian to accept the 2017 Almelund Fire & Rescue contract. Motion carried.

Ziegler – Vincent Polkus: March of 2018 is when the buyback program for the grader will be due. Chisago County is looking at buying Sunrise Township’s current grader. Vincent Polkus will get a proposal for a new motor grader of Tier 4 (Ziegler will buyback the current motor grader at

\$135,000.00). Vincent Polkus of Ziegler said that a retail value for Sunrise Township's current grader is \$165,000 to \$170,000.00. There are 5 and 7 year buyback options for the new grader.

Frank and Carrie Barna – Dirt Bike Track: Frank and Carrie Barna are looking at a 60 acres to possibility to build a motor-cross track. The property they are looking at is approximately 5 miles East of North Branch on HWY 95 by mile marker 60. The Barna's currently live in Columbus Township right behind Menards. They have 10 acres with a motor-cross track on it. Mr. Barna said that there is 89db noise level on average. Frank Barna currently runs the Chisago County motor-cross track at the Chisago County Fair located in Rush City. Mr. Barna has organized this race for 7 years. Sunrise Township Board informed the Barna's that there have been a couple of different relatively noisy events that have been turned down by the township and the county. The Barna's said that they are not planning on turning this track into a district track at this time. There has been a lot of opposition.

Sunrise Land: The Sunrise Town Board has sent the property information to Robert Ruppe of Couri & Ruppe, Attorney at Law.

Citizens Forum: None.

Homeland Security: Jeske Noordergraaf is continuing to work with Homeland Security.

CenturyLink/Broadband: Public hearing will be held on February 23. There will be a 10 year service charge. There are 664 property owners that will pay the same amount which will be around \$100 per year. Assessment will be divided up equally for every address that has a 911 address. Citizens within the SSD will have the option of doing a prepayment for the whole amount. This is going to be a yearly assessment which could go down if additional people move in.

Annual report: Sunrise Town Board went over annual report to be distributed at the annual meeting.

Gravel Quote: Kip Rydberg supplied Sunrise Town Board a quote for gravel at the Tiller Pit at \$9 per ton including placement on the Sunrise roads. Pile needs to get measured and tested.

Mold in Abatement in Royal Wilcox Building: Mold abatement will cost approximately \$1,400.00

CR 70: Chisago County is looking to pick up half the cost of paving old CR 70; Amador would pay 88,000, Sunrise would pay 88,000. Eric Leivian would like to see the cost of CR70 supplemented with the sale of the land.

Maintenance Update: NSP replaced all the Sunrise Township lights with LED lights There are a total of 13 lights.

Board Comments: None

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair