

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, March 16, 2017
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited just prior to the town board meeting at the 2017 Canvass Meeting.

Board Members Present:

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair
Gerald Bjork
Eric Leivian
Deborah Graleske-Kelleher

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Commissioner Rick Greene
T. Waldrup

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance
Tom Chaklos

Troy Monthgue
Tom Graleske

New Officer Oath: Eric Leivian, Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson and Deborah Graleske-Kelleher took and signed the Officer Oath given by Clerk Kowalke.

Appoint Chair: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second Eric Leivian to nominate Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson as Chair. Hearing no other nominations. Motion carried.

Appoint Vice Chair: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to nominate Jeske Noordergraaf to be Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Deborah Graleske-Kelleher, to accept the March 2017 agenda with the addition of appointment of paper, Ziegler under old business, chairs under new business. Motion carried.

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

Clerk Update: Rick Olseen informed Clerk Kowalke that Dan Nesgoda, Supervisor, of the Sentence to Service is tied up with Chisago County Parks, but is willing to try to complete a clean-up day for the Sunrise Cemetery Association. Clerk Kowalke asked the Sunrise Town Board if putting a link in the budget area of the Sunrise Web-site to the State Auditor’s Office so the citizens can look at the Sunrise financials would be sufficient. Informed the Town Board of the 2017 Spring Short Courses that would be a refresher and good for the new Town Supervisor.

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 23: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second Deborah Graleske-Kelleher to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 5040 through 5073 and additional claims as follows:

ECM Publisher, Inc.	\$190.00
Township Group Life Ins.....	\$565.00
Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson (40 chairs at \$6 per chair)	\$240.00

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to approve the Midwest One Bank and obtain new signatures for the Sunrise Township Board. Motion carried

Commissioner Update: Commissioner Rick Greene informed the Town Board that Chisago County approved Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) plan. Old County Road 70 (now Oriole Avenue) will be paved with cost sharing.

Variance – Benjamin Bryan: Withdrew his application at the County level.

Sunrise Township Land: The purchase agreement has been signed on the 23 acre piece and a \$40,000 purchase price was agreed to. Paperwork is completed and an owner’s policy of title insurance will be obtained.

Sunrise Township Ordinances:

Attorney Robert Ruppe said the Town Board needs to pass a motion if Sunrise Township wants I to proceed with completing township ordinances. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork for Attorney Ruppe to proceed with Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Obstruction within the Township Right-of-Way, Ordinance Regulating the Construction and Maintenance of Driveways / Culverts within the Township to include swing type mailboxes and Right-of-Way Management Ordinance. Motion carried.

Driveway Permits: Citizens are putting in driveways without obtaining permits through Sunrise Township. Chisago County used to process driveway applications for all the townships. People are supposed to contact Sunrise Township for driveway permits. The County would not charge Sunrise Township for this service. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Deborah Gcaleske-Kelleher to transfer the driveway permit process to Chisago County. Motion carried

Chairs: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to reimburse Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson for 40 chairs at \$6.00 per chair.

Appointing the Newspaper: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Eric Leivian for the official 2017 newspaper be the Chisago County Press, but place ads in both the Chisago County Press and Post Review to be able to reach all the citizens. Motion carried. It was also explained that official newspapers have to be a qualified newspaper. There is a newspaper organization and there are state statutes that townships have to follow.

Citizens Forum: None.

Gravel – Kip Rydberg (Tiller Pit): Perry Peterson took gravel samples. Waiting for sample readings to come back. There is 10,000 yards in the pit. 1.4 tons makes 1 yard. \$9 per ton. (\$12.6 per yard) Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the quote providing it meets Sunrise Township specifications. Motion amended by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to talk with

Kip Rydberg to lower the price to \$12.00, unless Kip Rydberg doesn't agree to a lower price then approve the \$12.60 per yard. Motion carried.

Johnson Gravel Pit: Gerald Bjork will talk with Diane Johnson to offer \$10,000 now for gravel to be taken out in 2018. When this pit has no more gravel which will be around 2019, Sunrise Township would need to obtain a CUP to store or crush gravel at the new maintenance property

FEMA Update: Sunrise Township received an additional \$186.16 from storm damage application. This project is complete.

Mold Abatement Update: Mold inhibitor has been sprayed in the basement of the Town Hall which should take care of any mold issues. It was recommended to get rid of all the rock and re-landscape around the town hall because the rock is more than likely causing the mold issues.

Old County Road 70 (Now Oriole Avenue): Chisago County approved the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Joe Triplett will contact Sunrise.

Board of Equalization: Board of Equalization will be held on Wed., April 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Ziegler (Vincent Polkus – not present): Valuation for the road grader is based on 3,500 hours. Sunrise Township has about 1,500 hours. The grader will need to be re-evaluated. Buy-back program is 7 years. Sunrise Township will not need to purchase for another year because we are in year 6. Current systems already comes with vision link software. Both pieces are eligible to have the box swapped out for about \$2,000.00. It costs about \$60 per hour for the grader, not including wages and fuel.

Maintenance Update: Township would like to do a road inspection.

Board Comments: Shane Stepp is will be placed on the April agenda.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork, to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair