

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday February 15, 2007**

Chairperson Lyle Thompson called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Lyle Thompson
Shane Stepp
Gerald Bjork
Jack Kopp
Manley Olson

Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance
Sherry Stirling, Chisago Co. Historical Society
Wade Olson
Bob Linder, Almelund Fire & Rescue
Loryn Bursa, Almelund Fire & Rescue

Rick Greene, County Commissioner
Rick Smisson, Harris City Mayor
Peter Grundhoefer, Harris Attorney
John Lichtscheidl, Almelund Fire & Rescue
Larry L, Almelund Fire & Rescue

Adopt February 2007 Agenda: Motion by Shane Stepp, second by Gerald Bjork to adopt the February 2007 Agenda. Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the January 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Disbursements 1967 through 1982. Motion by Jack Kopp, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report as presented with the following additional expenditures:

Cheri Cunningham (website)	\$50.00
Post Review (yearly subscription)	\$37.00
Kimball	\$238.01

Treasurer Anderson went over the Summary of Audit Report.

Almelund Fire – Update: Almelund Fire Department representatives were present to update Sunrise Town Board on the truck that was damaged. The Board indicated they would like certified mechanics to work on the fire truck and Sunrise is will to send a letter of support to the insurance company. If the truck needs to be replaced, Almelund fire & Rescue would like to replace it with a compressed air foam truck.

Poor Farm Road Closure – Jeske Noordegraaf: Jeske Noordegraaf informed the board that she will be holding the annual coggins clinic on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Jeske is asking for permission to close the road. Sunrise Town Board indicated that closing the road is a liability to the Town Board and will not approve a road closure for this event. No action taken.

City of Harris: Mayor Smisson and Attorney Peter Grundhoefer were present to discuss a friendly annexation of the Mold Property. Developer Wilkenson indicated to Harris that he would like to have the Mold property annexed into Harris. Representatives from Harris informed Sunrise they had asked Mr. Wilkenson to talk to Sunrise before any further action would be taken. Attorney Grundhoefer indicated that there are three (3) ways of annexation:

1. Agreement,
2. Orderly or
3. Contested. Township would be looking for some compensation.

Clerk Kowalke to send minutes of Sunrise Township of July 2006 to Harris.

Town Hall – Sherry Stirling & Wade Olson: Sherry Stirling indicated that the Chisago County Historical Society is a non-profit organization with 501(C)(3) status. Sherry Stirling asked the Town Board what they would like to do with the Town Hall now that all meetings are moved over to the Royal Wilcox Community Center (school House). Sherry Stirling is going to come back with a plan and mentioned that it is critical that there is community support. Town Board members are concerned about liability and funding sources if the Town Hall is renovated into a museum.

Local 320 Rental of School House: Motion by Jack Kopp, second by Manley Olson to rent the school house to the Local 320 Union for \$100 per time. Motion carried. Discussion took place that this is not a non-profit organization or citizens of Sunrise.

Part-time Maintenance: Lynn Wolleat to work on job description for a part-time maintenance position. Table to March 2007.

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MasTec: Placement of cable for MasTec is denied due the repeated efforts to have MasTec send a detailed description of where the cable is going to be placed. MasTec may ask for a 2nd request when proper documentation is included.

Snow Removal: Gerald Bjork will obtain a letter from Chisago County to be altered to fit Sunrise Township.

Accepted Plat Form. Place on Planning Commission Agenda – March 2007

Reserve Money: Place on June 2007 agenda. Consider having a reserve item placed in the budget for 2009.

Bridge List: Lynn Wolleat to compile a bridge list for Sunrise Township.

Board of Equalization: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Gravel Pit Lease – Amador: Page 3: D: Breakdown of changes. Change Title to Associates Fees. Need to have pile complete before hauled for cross-check. If hauling is to start before pile is complete, the current pile needs to be measured and a second pile started. Sunrise Township Pile and Amador piles need to be marked for accuracy.

Teich Property: Gerald Bjork motioned to purchase the Teich property (10 acre parcel) for not more than \$85,000 on a contract for deed, second by Jack Kopp. Discussion took place to approach Mr. Teich with a \$10,000 gift letter and \$75,000 for the land for a tax break for both Sunrise and Mr. Teich.

- The gift letter will reduce the price and offer a tax break
- Would like to see the park fund purchase approximately 20% of the property (approx. 2 acres)
- Other options would be to sell some property that Sunrise owns to pay for property

Motion carried, with one (1) abstain. Jack Kopp to negotiate with Mr. Teich for Sunrise Township. Place on March 2007 Agenda.

Lowden: Motion by Shane Stepp, second by Gerald Bjork to accept resolution for ditch funds from Chisago County. Clerk Kowalke to forward resolution to Engineer White to bring in front of the Chisago County Board for Approval. Motion carried. 2007 fund from Chisago County to be \$8,200.00.

470th: No Action

Kost Dam Bridge: A meeting was held with Ron Olds, bridge inspector, on February 12, 2007. Mr. Olds indicated the Kost Dam Bridge can be fixed for approximately \$10,000. The Kost Dam Bridge was built in 1927. Mr. Olds will send Sunrise a cost estimate.

Hidden Haven: No action taken.

Clerk and Treasurer Rate of Pay: Motion by Shane Stepp, second by Jack Kopp to raise the Clerk's rate of pay and the Treasurer rate of pay to equal \$450 per month with \$60 per additional meetings, not to include the regular town board meetings, starting March 2007. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Green: Commissioner Rick Green was present to give an update.

Motion by Shane Stepp, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Lyle Thompson, Chairman