

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, August 21, 2008
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise**

Vice-Chairman Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members present:

Stephen Merton
Gerald Bjork
Manley Olson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Temporary Secretary: Jeanne Bradshaw

Board Members Absent:

John (Jack) Kopp
Lyle Thompson
Wendy Kowalke: Clerk

Others Present: Engineer Warren White
Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Commissioner Rick Greene
Shane Stepp
Dan & Bobbi Harrington
Muriel Kennedy (& daughter, Mary)
Patricia Peters
Joel Peterson
Northland Aggregate

Adopt Agenda: Motion by Stephen Merten, seconded by Manley Olson, to adopt Aug 2008 agenda adding Muriel Kennedy under Dan Harrington, and moving Patricia Peters to the top of the list. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept July meeting minutes by Gerald Bjork, seconded by Manley Olson. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, seconded by Manley Olson and carried to accept the treasurer's report and claims list #2434 through #2445 for approval with the following additional disbursements:

Alan Tschida	\$396.00
Buck Blacktop	\$15,064.00
Buck Blacktop	\$17,957.00 submitted, \$17,936 approved
Bid Contract for \$33,000.00	
Cheri Cunningham	\$15.00
Nextel	\$78.78

X-treme (crack filling) \$4,300.00
Olson Power & Equipment \$106.39

Receipts: Little Sweden (Clayton Anderson) Park donation \$300.00

Motion made by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to decrease the amount of payment to Buck Blacktop by \$21.00. Motion carried.

New Business

Patricia Peters (alley block 10): Patricia Peters understood presentation tabled until September 2008 meeting per Clerk Wendy Kowalke. Sunrise Township made more parking public parking so any vehicles parked in the alleyway can be moved to a safe parking area. The public was informed that this is public parking. Gerald commented that parking for all (tubers, etc) not just Stepp. Patricia Peters stated she needs the alleyway for her business and that it will be a disaster to get rid of the alleyway. She also stated that she has hired an attorney.

Dan Harrington (Sunrise Plantation Final Mylar Signature): Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork and carried to sign the Final Mylar of the Sunrise Plantation Plat. Signatures of Vice Chairperson Stephen Merten and Clerk Kowalke were obtained.

Muriel Kennedy – Volunteer Park Board Member (in for James McCarthy): How come work has stopped? Manley Olson stated Sunrise Township has run out of money to finish and informed the public that there was only \$88,600 to complete the project which now has an overrun. Stephen Merten stated Sunrise is on-hold for the time being until information can be obtained from Warren White to discuss options. Muriel Kennedy presented some picture/ideas for the park area. Muriel Kenney is actively seeking donations for the park. Muriel brought one donation from Little Sweden-Clayton Anderson for \$300.00. Stephen Merten suggested a card should be sent to Clayton.

Commissioner Rick Greene: Commissioner Greene informed the Town Board that Bill Maline has a priority list for nine (9) years on roads if bonding is not found. Discussed turnback road ideas and what that may mean to the township. Commissioner Greene stated this is in the discussion stage at County level. Commissioner Greene presented a memorandum concerning a Special Use Ordinance for large events. There would be a fee charged to cover the cost of infrastructure issues caused by these large events. Is it a viable option for the Township?

Joel Peterson – Disable and Recycle Electronics in Garage (Ordinance Amendment): Board states there are no issues. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson, to approve ordinance amendment. Motion carried.

Harris Fire Department Proposed Agreement: A motion was made by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork, to accept the proposed City of Harris Fire Contract that would consist of a yearly base charge of \$32,800 with an annual increase based on the cost of living, estimated at 2 ½ % to 3 ½ %. This contract would be renewed on an annual basis. Motion carried. Proposed letter of intent dated August 21, 2008 signed by Board members present.

Maintenance Review Date: Lead maintenance review dated is set for Sept 18th at 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

Gravel Hauling: Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat stated all gravel is hauled.

Harris payment: No invoice or documentation received as of this date.

Computers: Treasurer Anderson stated computers have been received and approval was made to pay the invoice. Treasurer Anderson said the computers are very nice, it came with software installed (windows 2007). Treasurer Anderson indicated computer bags were also received. Treasurer Anderson stated a good shredder was purchased as the old one died.

Maintenance Update-Lynn Wolleat: Lead Maintenance Wolleat wanted to know how much more chloride should be spread. \$31,000 has been spent so far. Board member Manley Olson stated we have \$49,000.00 in the budget for this project, which means we have \$19T left. The Town Board asked how many roads are left to do. Lead Maintenance Wolleat stated that Olson Rd, Peaceful Valley and 367th need to be done but there will not be enough funds to complete all three (3). Lead Maintenance Wolleat stated Olson and Peaceful Valley the worst and will chloride them next week.

Sunrise Park Powerhouse Removal: Removal complete. Bid went way over because the size of the powerhouse was greater than expected. The bottom turned out larger/wider than originally thought and there was another wall underneath. The cost increase is over \$30T. With all the adjustments (see list) we're still over budget by \$10T or \$18,5T if the sidewalk project is left in. Vice Chairperson Steve Merten stated when his business submits a bid and experience cost overruns, his business would eat the additional costs. It was an error on the part of the business and the business needs to stick with the bid. Vice Chair Steve Merten also stated that it appears adequate research was not done in preparation for the proposal and R.E. Peterson should have looked at it better. Engineer Warren White "*they bid what they bid and we accepted it-enough said*"

Two (2) Options Discussed were:

1. waive the prevailing wage rate, or
2. Table discussion and talk to R.E. Peterson.

Letter to Warren from R.E. Peterson discussed and their lock in's (Warren has had 2 meetings with them) Vice Chairperson Merten suggested tabling the discussion and establishing a committee to meet with R.E. Peterson.

A motion was made by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson and carried to take no action taken at this time.

Whispering Ridge (Drusilla Enos Plat) Warren White: Engineer White indicated that the Whispering Ridge Plat of Ms. Enos and escrow account. Site looks ok.

Sno Barrons: Commissioner Rick Greene concerned if County Road 70 is turned back to township.

Lynn Wolleat: Lead Maintenance asked if all the money for the park/power plant from the plat fees was available to use? Treasurer Anderson Karen informed the Board that is was and it is in the bank.

Gerald Bjork motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Manley Olson seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson