

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, April 16, 2009
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chairman Jack Kopp called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Board Members Present:

Jack (John) Kopp
Stephen Merten
Gerald Bjork
Joel Peterson
Manley Olson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat – Lead Maintenance
Mike Caron – Tiller Corporation
Patricia Peters
Sherry Stirling, Chisago Co. Historical Society
Veronica Clifford
Lynn Kirk, Family Pathways
Torri Clifford
Joe Kooms
Shane Stepp

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to accept the March 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer’s report with claims list #2633 through 2648 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

Nextel.....	\$79.38
Kimball Midwest.....	\$283.43
H&L Mesabi (grader blades).....	\$1,297.45
Cheri Cunningham Graphic Design.....	\$15.00
Office Max.....	\$66.57
R.E. Peterson, Inc.	\$3,035.44
Scott Hinz (135 pair of gopher feet).....	\$202.50
Delano Olson (195 pair of gopher feet).....	\$292.50
Al Tschida (Robert Cook / Sunrise Township - tree).....	\$1,400.00
Colton Olson (37 pair of gopher feet).....	\$55.50
Chisago County Sr. Center (donation).....	\$200.00
Chisago County recreation (donation).....	\$100.00
Family Pathways (donation).....	\$100.00
Chisago County Historical Society (donation).....	\$800.00
Sunrise Cemetery Association (donation).....	\$800.00
Motion carried.	

Treasurer Anderson informed the Board to pay the Ziegler off would be approximately \$42,995.26 which would save the Sunrise \$4,400.00 in interest. The current loan interest rate is 6.75%. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to pay off the loan. Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson is recommending to transfer \$58,000.00 from savings to checking.

- 44,000 out of road and bridge
- 14,000 out of the fire fund

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to accept Treasurer Anderson’s recommendation to transfer \$58,000.00 from savings to checking.

Commissioner Rick Greene: There is a stop on the county jail. Chisago County will need to be 2.5 million out of the County budget this year. The County is looking at making a hard turn at CR 9 and CR 67.

Weed Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 combined with the Association meeting.

Donation Requests: Chairman Jack Kopp explained that there is \$2,000 budgeted for donations. There was a motion at the annual meeting as follows: \$1,600.00 will be physically distributed in Sunrise Township and \$400.00 will be distributed outside of the township, but within Chisago County. Lynn Kirk from Family Pathways and Sherry Stirling from Chisago County Historical Society were present to give a presentation. Historical society to install signs and Sherry Stirling to get information to Clerk Kowalke to place on web-site. They are also looking at lighting issues.

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to distribute the \$400.00 as follows:

Chisago County Sr. Center (donation).....	\$200.00
Chisago County recreation (donation).....	\$100.00
Family Pathways (donation).....	\$100.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to distribute the \$1,600.00 as follows:

Chisago County Historical Society (donation).....	\$800.00
Sunrise Cemetery Association (donation).....	\$800.00

Motion amended by Stephen Merten to include documentation from the Chisago County Historical Society. Motion carried.

Scott and Veronica Clifford – Variance to build structure 55 feet from center line of County

Road: Chisago County states that 135 feet setback is required. The house is approximately 110 feet from the center line. As defined in the Statute for Hardship, the Clifford’s do not have a hardship. Veronica Clifford indicated that if they rebuild where they are requesting the building would be 55 feet from centerline. Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork stating this is a county issue and the Township does not have any say in this particular variance because it is located on a County road – referred back to Chisago County. Motion carried.

Tiller Corporation – Mike Caron – to amend existing mineral extraction permit to allow for washing of the extracted material: Gravel washing is portable and they are removing the fines the silts from the material. The material comes into the wash plant to be augured to remove the fines. Sediment ponds are constructed and the majority of the water will be reused to wash material again. After a few years they will be using it for reclamation. The noise level is not as loud as a crusher. End product can be washed rock / washed sand – it is removing the fine silts. Minimal extra traffic is created from this. The well size is approximately 8 to 12 inches. Maximum is rated for up to 1200 gpm. Initially they will be using 200 gpm at this location. They will need a water appropriations permit. They are not mining more materials; it is just being processed differently. Mike Caron state they are trying to add more properties to the site. There is time they will need to bring in material.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to accept the Amendment to the existing mineral extraction permit to allow for washing of the extract material with limiting the importation of extra material to no more than 25%. Motion carried.

Mike Caron stated they are willing to keep the road in good shape as long as they are using it. This would include but not limited to placing calcium chloride for dust control, adding additional gravel to the road, etc.

Patricia Peters – Wine & Strong Beer License:

Board Member Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 090416-1
ACCEPTING ANNUAL PERMIT FOR WINE AND STRONG BEER LICENSE AT THE
SUNRISE RIVER GRILL & PIZZA LOCATED IN SUNRISE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Town Board accepted the annual permit for Wine and Strong Beer License at the Sunrise River Grill & Pizza located in Sunrise Township with verification from the Chisago County Sheriff's Office that there has been not trouble in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sunrise Town Board accepts the annual permit for Wine and Strong Beer License at the Sunrise River Grill & Pizza located in Sunrise Township.

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Jack Kopp, Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Gerald Bjork, Joel Peterson

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed and adopted on April 16, 2009.**

Patricia Peters – Alley-way Block 10: Amador Town Board sent a letter to Patricia Peters stating the Almelund Fire & Rescue is her fire provider and they need to be able to park and turn around and need adequate clearance or they will not be responsible for damages. Patricia Peters addressed Shane Stepp asking him to remove any picnic tables. Mr. Stepp stated he will have the tables removed immediately. It was suggested to Patricia Peters to call the county sheriff department for future neighboring disputes that does not have anything to do with the Township.

Rock Arch Bridge – Kost Dam Park: .

Board Member Manley Olson, second by Joel Peterson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**SUNRISE RESOLUTION NO 090416-2
OPPOSING THE DNR PROPOSED ROCK ARCH RAPIDS PLANS FOR THE
DAM/SPILLWAY AT KOST DAM COUNTY PARK ON THE SUNRISE RIVER LOCATED
IN SUNRISE TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sunrise Township enjoy the Kost Dam Park located in Sunrise Township and the Sunrise Township Board with the negative impact that may be created with the proposed Rock Arch Rapid plan;

WHEREAS, the large rocks combined with low water flow which often occurs in the summer season and beyond may cause fish entrapment in rocks leading to dead fish and a rotting fish smell in the area of the spillway;

WHEREAS, The proposed 20:1 slope for the rock arch rapids would extend the rocks almost to the bridge over the river, which is approximately 250 feet downstream.

WHEREAS, there are many important mussel species that live in the Sunrise River below the dam; many of these species are on the State Threatened and Endangered Species list. The construction of the rock arch rapids will displace, or even kill these mussels.

WHEREAS, the rocks could actually have an unintended effect of creating an attractive nuisance; the slipper rocks may create new safety issues which could include head impact injuries, potential concussion, and even death;

WHEREAS, the preservation of the historic dam site may be jeopardized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sunrise Town Board opposes the proposed DNR Rock Arch Rapids Plan for the Dam/Spillway at Kost Dam County Park on the Sunrise River.

Following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Jack Kopp, Manley Olson, Stephen Merten, Gerald Bjork, Joel Peterson

OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed and adopted on April 16, 2009.**

Peip Insurance: Treasurer Anderson informed the Town Board Lynn Wolleat needs to fill out a health form and pick clinics for PEIP to be able to give Sunrise a quote.

Maintenance Update: Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat stated that the park is opened, bathroom painted, cleaned up, concrete is gone – Lynn picked it up with the backhoe. Place the planting of shrubs to be May Agenda. Lynn Wolleat to obtain quotes for 200 yards of 2” rock to fill frost boils, etc.

Kyp Rydberg has 6,500 yards of gravel that was proposed to the Township. No action taken by the board.

Adoption of Chisago County Ordinances: Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to adopt the Chisago County Zoning Ordinances, Chisago County Subdivision Ordinance; Chisago County Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance; and Chisago County Shoreland Management Ordinance as Sunrise Township's governing authority. Motion carried. Public Hearing to be held on , Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., just before the Sunrise Town Board Regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Beautification Committee: Board Member Joel Peterson stated that Sunrise Clean-up day will be May 15. Joel Peterson stated that the annual Friends of the Sunrise river clean-up day is Saturday, May 16. Dumpsters will be for clean-up of Sunrise. Sunrise Board is requesting Lynn Wolleat dedicate Friday, May 15th for the Beautification Clean-up day for Sunrise Township.

Board Maintenance Direction:

Picnic tables at Sunrise Park – need to be installed and bolted down (spring project)

Richard Widmark – ongoing

New Direction:

Street sign inventory

Purchase picnic tables for park

Burn wood piles at Richard Widmark and Sunrise Dam site.

Snowmobile parking signs

Tires need to be clean up (in process)

Picnic tables (spring project)

Outhouse Venting

Richard Widmark

Brushing (start up again July 2009)

Mowing

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson