

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, January 15, 2009  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chairperson 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  
Manley Olson  
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**       None

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the January 2009 Agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the Decembe 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

**Clerk Update:** Donations can be accepted by the Town Board. It is strongly recommended that any donation accepted is done through a resolution with name, amount and where the money is to be designated.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Joel Peterson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #2570 through 2581 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

Cheri Cunningham (graphic design).....	\$15.00
Bro-Tex, Inc. (bath tissue, towels, cleaners) .....	\$188.48
Lynn Wolleat (wages rate changes for federal and state).....	\$11.19

Motion carried

After Board discussion, Motion by Manley Olson, second by Joel Peterson to move \$10,000.00 to the Park Fund out of the General Fund; and move \$20,000.00 to building fund and \$40,000.00 to road and bridge from the General Fund

**February Budget Meeting:** Budget meeting will be Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 8 a.m.

**Sunrise Overlay Resolution Amended:** Stephen Merten offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, second by Joel Peterson to accept the amended Sunrise Overlay Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 090115-1  
Amending Resolution Number 081120-1  
REQUESTING LANGUAGE TO  
SUNRISE RIVER OVERLAY  
IN CHISAGO COUNTY ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Chisago County is in the process of holding public hearings on revisions to the Chisago County Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Sunrise is concerned with protecting and preserving the existing natural, scenic and recreational values of the Sunrise River and to provide for development activities which do not detract from these values; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Sunrise is concerned with the setback from the Sunrise River; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township of Sunrise hereby requests that language be added to Section 6.06 “Sunrise River Overlay (SO)” as follows:

- **E. Lot Width** – “. . . *except on those land presently zoned RR1, which are located within the boundary of what is commonly known as the City of Sunrise, where the lot width shall be 200 feet.*”
- **F. Setbacks From the OHWL. 1.** – “. . . *except in the platted City of Sunrise where the setback shall be seventy-five (75) feet.*”
- **F. Setbacks From the OHWL. 2.** – “. . . *except in the platted City of Sunrise, where the setback shall be fifty (50) feet.*”

Following voted:

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

**ABSTAIN:** Jack Kopp

**OPPOSED:** None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed and adopted on January 15, 2009, 2008.**

**Judge Recommendations:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept the judge recommendations for the March 2009 Township elections. Motion carried.

**Minimum Election Hours:** Motion by Stephen to deny the minimum election hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and keep the start time at 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., second by Gerald Bjork. Motion carried.

**Maintenance Update:** There is a big popular tree on Trulson Road which needs to be removed for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Sunrise Township. There are additional trees on 410<sup>th</sup> and Kost Trail to be removed by a contractor. These trees are in the township right of way and are a safety issue for the public. Lead Maintenance Wolleat together with Chairperson Jack Kopp are to obtain quotes to

have these trees dropped and have the Township Maintenance clean these trees up. Motion by Stephen Merten to authorize Supervisor Jack Kopp to work with Lynn to get bids to take down as many trees as necessary not to exceed \$2,000.00 with the home owner having first rights on the wood, second by Joel Peterson. Motion carried.

**Board Maintenance Direction:**

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

Outhouse painting – needs to be completed (spring project)

Richard Widmark - ongoing

*New Direction:*

Burn wood piles at Richard Widmark and Sunrise Dam site.

Obtain and replace roads signs for Jess Avenue

Shrubs by the steep slope at the park

Snowmobile parking signs

Tires need to be clean up (in process)

Picnic tables (spring project)

Outhouse (spring project)

Richard Widmark

Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson