

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, October 21, 2010  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Joel Peterson  
Stephen Merten  
Manley Olson  
Gerald Bjork  
Jeske Noordergraaf

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance  
Paul Steward, Thatcher Engineering  
Diane Miller, City of Harris Mayor  
Trevor Williams, City of Harris Fire Chief  
Loren Johnson  
Mike Just  
Shane Stepp  
Sherry Stirling  
Shane Stepp  
James McCarthy  
Clayton Humble  
Ken Anderson

Rob Kravitz  
Vicki Wyss  
Martha ARnold  
Peter holte  
Jean Adair  
Marilyn Bobick Johnson  
Vonna Lou Humble

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the October agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the September 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** Playground equipment has been ordered and due to arrive at the end of October.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Manley Olson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3066 through 3084 for approval with additional claims as follows:

Loren Johnson ( 157 pr. Gopher feet).....	\$157.00
Clayton Humble (74 pr. Gopher feet).....	\$74.00
Mike Just (43 pr. Of gopher feet) .....	\$43.00
Glenn Mell (93 pr. Of gopher feet).....	\$93.00
Colton Olson (18 pr. Gopher feet).....	\$18.00
Cheri Cunningham (website).....	\$15.00

Motion carried

Transfer from savings to checking:

\$5,000 from general fund

\$21,500 road and bridge

\$20,000 fire

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork, to accept the recommendation of Treasurer Anderson to transfer:

Motion carried.

**420<sup>th</sup> - Diane Miller, Mayor of Harris:** Mayor Diane Miller asked Sunrise Town Board if they would like to participate in the 420<sup>th</sup> street project. A resident complained to Oberstar's Washington D.C. office about Harder and 420th. That started a chain reaction of Oberstar to MnDot to Chisago County to me. Mayor Miller had had multiple telephone conversations with each office. Mayor Miller assured each office that Harris was doing what they could to maintain the roads but that a repair of 420th must be a cooperative effort with Sunrise, North Branch, and Harris because it is a border road. I also told them that Harris does not have the money for such a project. Oberstar's office suggested we get together and apply for an appropriation. I asked the Harris Engineer what it would cost to do testing on the road and prepare a preliminary analysis and he said about \$6,000.

Sunrise Town Board is going to opt out of this project at this time. The Board feels that the part of 420th that Sunrise maintains is in good shape. Sunrise has placed gravel on 420<sup>th</sup> over several years to keep their portion in good shape and feel that Sunrise's portion of the road has been maintained very well.

**Harris Fire Chief, Trever William Update:** Harris Fire Department is not going to dissolve the Harris Fire Department. Harris has two (2) new members

**Ziegler Caterpillar – Arne Lorfald: Caterpillar 140H motor grader:** A full appraisal of the Sunrise grader has been complete. Representative Lorfald distributed a breakdown of different options for Sunrise Motor Grader Replacement as it relates to tier IV emission compliance. An extended warranty is an option on the current grader (power train or full warranty). Place on November 2010 Agenda.

**Jay Norelius Variance:** Would like new septic system closer to the river than required setback. This variance is being sent back to the planning commission for comment to the Town Board. Place on the November Planning Commission and Town Board meeting. Clerk Kowalke informed the Town Chair that the Norelius variance will be heard on the November 4<sup>th</sup> County Agenda.

**Kost Dam Bridge Update: Thatcher Engineering – Paul Steward:**

- The City of Lindstrom is interested in salvaging the Kost Dam Bridge and using it for a walk bridge. Chisago County Parks no longer has an interest in the bridge.
- Meet with DOT to go over the plan set. The big point that is going to be talked about is the 60 foot span length. Allowing the 60 foot span will change their standards.
- Paul Steward will be submitting preliminary bridge plans by the end of the month.
- DNR indicated the island does not need to be removed to make the stream work.

Speed limit: There is going to be a need to reduce the speed. Would like to have the speed limit reduced to 35 mph. Mr. Steward will have a permit put together for the October meeting.

- Rock Arch Rapids: The rock arch bridge will not move forward anytime soon.
- DNR is going to take care of the mussels, Mike Davis.
- There is an erosion control issue that is a separate issue, but is being addressed at the same time.
- Ken Anderson stated there is a lot of pedestrian activity and he hoping there will be adequate protection.
- There will be 95 feet of pavement.
- There is an easement from the County to Sunrise.
- Some trees will be taken to taper the road.
- There is a rumor going around that Commissioner Rick Greene is responsible for wasting government money. Commissioner Rick Greene has had no opinion on the Kost Bridge as this is a Sunrise Board decision.
- The Town Board reviewed Martha Arnold's letter which had many discrepancies
- Paul Steward reviewed all the issues of this bridge.
- Money is only slated for replacement and not repair
- Mr. Steward discussed the deduct alternate for the bridge.
- Money came available because of the 35W Bridge going down.
- There is a Safety issue of having a 55 mph right now, as to when the project will be complete the speed limit will be reduced with possible other precautionary measures taken.
- The township puts in \$15 to \$20,000 dollars about every two (2) years.
- Ken Anderson would like to see a wider width of the pedestrian walk-way.
- Public would like to see the walk-way going into the park area as opposed walking on the road. The Board informed the public that this would be a project to bring to the County Park Board.
- Martha Arnold did not have the intent to have falsified information put out.

Lead Maintenance Vacation: Chair Person Joel Peterson indicated that Lead Maintenance Lynn Wolleat is eligible for 4 weeks of vacation according to Chisago County guidelines.

Part-time Maintenance Review: November 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (this will be just before the regular Sunrise Town Board Meeting).

Map-point for sign reflectivity for Sign Inventory: Sunrise Board members attended a sign reflectivity meeting held in Forest Lake. Sunrise will need to start inventory on signs to determine appropriate action. Sunrise Board will start putting a process in place. Sunrise Board members will get together will Lendt Township to look at a sign reflectivity program.

Gravel Hauling: January 2011 agenda

Gravel Crushing: January 2011 agenda

Fire Siren Update: Clerk Kowalke informed Sunrise Board that sirens will be picked up and delivered.

Election Judges: Sunrise Board would like to see less hours for election judges.

**CITIZEN FORUM – NONE:**

**Maintenance Update:** 4 wheeler damage at park. Look at the extended warranty on the power train for motor grader.

**Thank You:** Sunrise Board thanked Paul Steward for being here to answer questions regarding the Kost Bridge.

**Land Question:** Shane Stepp is interested in working with the township on the corner lot.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Joel Peterson, Chair