

**2012 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting
Royal Wilcox Community Center
Sunrise, Minnesota
Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Chairman, Stephen Merten called the 2012 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Joel Peterson
Supervisor Gerald Bjork
Supervisor Stephen Merten
Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf

Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Treasurer Karen Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Supervisor Manley Olson

Others Present

Muriel Kennedy	Sue Swenson	Laurie Allmann	Bryan Baillie
Commissioner Rick Greene	Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson		Tom Chaklos
Rob Kravitz	Joyce Marienfeld	Ted Meyers	LeAnn Christenson
Vicki Wyss	Sherry Stirling	Martha Arnold	Kenneth W. Anderson
Marilyn Bobick-Johnson	Jeff Lukander	Jim Lorge	Paul Steward
Mike Sparks	Lee Larson	Loren Johnson	

Appointment of Moderator: Stephen Merten called for nominations for moderator. Jeske Noordergraaf nominated Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson with second by Joyce Marienfeld as moderator. Hearing no other nominations. Motion accepted

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Rob Kravitz, second by Mike Sparks to accept the 2011 meeting minutes with the correction of 2010 Election Results should state "2011 Election Results". Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Rick Greene's update was ready by Moderation Johnson. Some highlights include US Hwy 8 both Lindstrom and Center City are scheduled for major road work this summer, HWY 8 St. Croix River Bridge will experience construction; MN HWY 95 from Taylors Falls to Sunrise has been postponed for 2013. Chisago County projects will include: CSAH 20, 1 & 30, 30 & HWY 95, 28 and 21. Bridge replacements on CR 81, CR 57 at Kost Dam road. Seal Coat projects for CSAH 22 in Wyoming and CSAH 18 in Lent Township. Many other County Activities can be found at the county website.

Treasurer's Annual Report for 2011 and 2013 Budget: Treasurer Karen Anderson's report was available at the meeting. Sunrise Township invested \$200,000 in the money market fund and received \$14,357.10 in interest. Motion by Marilyn Bobick-Johnson, second by Martha Arnold to accept the Treasurer's year-end report.

2011 State of Township: Clerk Kowalke went over the report that was available at the meeting. Highlights include the purchase of a new motor grader and the purchase of play equipment which was installed at the Sunrise Park.

2013 Tax Levy by Fund: Motion by Ken Anderson, second by Loren Johnson to accept the proposal of the Town Board to the Citizens of Sunrise Township at the annual meeting to decrease the 2013 levy by approximately 2%. (\$10,990.14) making the levy at \$538,516.56; and Sunrise Township Budget by fund as follows:

General Fund.....	\$64,621.99
Road and Bridge Fund	\$376,961.60
Fire Fund.....	\$86,162.65
Equipment Fund.....	\$5,385.16
Park Fund.....	\$5,385.16
Township Hall.....	\$0.00

Motion carried.

Donation Requests:

The following are the entities that are requesting donations: The Baby Blanket, Chisago County Historical Society, Chisago County Recreation, Chisago County Senior Center, Family Pathways, Refuge Network, and Seven County Senior Federation.

The following entities were represented at the Sunrise Township Annual Meeting:

- The Refuge (Jim) is a domestic violence advocacy and shelter. Operates the only shelter within 55 miles outside the Twin Cities. This is not funded, it operates by donation only.
- Family Pathways – LeeAnn (senior program, youth center and food shelves.
- Chisago County Historical Society – Operate Sunrise Museum (museum is open on an election day, family reunion, upon request)

Other items discussed:

- The Board stated that according to the State there is criteria state for donation of Township money.

Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Ted Meyers to distribute the donation budgeted amount of \$2,000 as the Town Board sees fit with the concentration on entities that primarily serve Sunrise Township. Motion carried.

Gopher Bounty: Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Ken Anderson to keep the gopher bounty at \$1.50. Motion carried.

Kost Dam Bridge Update: Paul Steward, Engineer, Thatcher Engineering, for Kost Dam Bridge Project. There is 15 different species of mussels. Mn/DOT is interested in getting this bridge replaced because it is a fracture critical bridge. The historical nature of the bridge was looked at. Mn/DOT identified that there were other bridges that were more historical in nature.

This bridge is deemed not to be a historical bridge. The island is going to be left alone and let nature take its course for the island. Township will be reimbursed through the state. Sunrise Township will be paying the first \$10,000 engineering and first \$10,000 construction. The erosion control portion of this project will be approximately \$16,000 for erosion control. The engineering estimated amount for the entire project is approximately \$850,000. Pedestrian use was a concern. There will be 5 foot shoulders for walking. Speed study has been sent forward. Engineers have signed off on the project. Bridge will not be removed until the precast is complete. It should take about 8 weeks. Looking at July time-frame with bridge operational October/November time frame. There is a possible buyer for the bridge (Taylors Falls Lions Club). This bridge is going to be a showcase for Mn/DOT.

Community Picnic: Sunrise Town is looking for volunteers to put together a community picnic. Contact Jeske Noordergraaf.

Park Board Volunteers Needed: There is new playground at the park. Sunrise is looking for additional volunteers for the park board.

Sunrise Township Land: Sunrise Township owns 16 pieces of property. Sunrise Township has some landlocked property that is difficult to access. Offered to bordering land owners. Motion by Rick Olseen that the Sunrise Town Board presents all properties the Board is interested in selling at the 2013 annual meeting. Motion rescinded. If parcels are sold it could bring income to the township because of the tax base. Motion by Rick Olseen to investigate the sale of the following 2 parcels of land.

1. Parcel #R09.00092.00 which is 24.08 acres, and
2. Parcel # R09.00029-10 which is 7.25 acres

Second by Mike. Sparks if it legal Rick Olseen accepted an amendment by Mike Sparks to the motion to include the funds generated from the town property would be appropriated in a fund for community improvement/enhancement. Motion carried.

Bats located in the Royal Wilcox Community Center: 250 to 500 bats are located in the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

2013 Annual Meeting Date: Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Marilyn Bobick-Johnson to hold the 2013 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2nd Tuesday in March. Motion carried.

Other Business: Laurie Allman Coordinator spoke regarding the Amador-Sunrise Land Registry, which is a free program for conservation-minded landowners in Amador and Sunrise townships.

Volunteer Fire Warden for Sunrise Township is Needed: Sunrise is in need of a fire warden. Contact the Cambridge DNR if interested.

Sunrise Township March 13, 2012 Election Results: Clerk Kowalke read the March 13, 2012 Election Results. Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Lee Larson to accept the preliminary election results. Motion carried. Marilyn Bobick-Johnson requested a recount. A recount was performed with observers Marilyn Bobick-Johnson, Jeske Noordergraaf and Martha Arnold. Motion by Rick Olseen, second by Martha Arnold to accept the recount with the same results. Motion carried

*A Total of 164 votes cast
(Total number of names on register of electors 1,239)*

Supervisor C – Three (3) Year Term

*Jerry Bjork 147
John “Jack” Kopp 3
Jeff Wolleat 1
Blank 13*

Supervisor D – Three (3) Year Term

*Joel Peterson 114
Tom Cchaklos 39
Blank 11*

Planning Commission I – Three (3) Year Term

*Charlotte Wilcox 136
Vicki Wyss 22
Gwen Swenson 1
Blank 5*

Planning Commission J – Three (3) Year Term

*Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson.. 130
Joyce Marienfeld 21
Blank 13*

Clerk – Two (2) Year Term

*Wendy Kowalke 82
Marilyn Bobick-Johnson 81
Blank 1*

Public Comments: Rob Kravitz would like to propose a resolution for the township to adopt land use regulations. The Town Board stated that the Township follows County Zoning ordinances and explained that developers have to abide by a developers agreement. We have a planning commission as well.

When plans for the Kost Dam Bridge are released for bid, Ken Anderson would like a copy.

Redistricting: It was recommended that Sunrise did not need to split. This is on the agenda for the March 15, 2012 regular Town Board agenda.

Gravel Pit: It is the understanding of the Town Board that everything hauled in is going to be hauled to North Branch.

Motion by Loren Johnson, second by Marilyn Bobick-Johnson to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

Moderator