

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Stephen Merten  
Joel Peterson  
Jeske Noordergraaf  
Gerald Bjork  
Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Board Members Absent:**

Manley Olson

**Others Present:**

Gene Fisk, Amador Township  
Commissioner Rick Greene  
Shane Stepp  
Joyce Meyers  
Ted Meyers  
Don Lawrence, Taylors Falls Lions Club  
Tim Lauer, Taylors Falls Lions Club  
Trevor Williams, Harris Fire  
Diane Miller, Harris  
Bob Linder, Almelund Fire  
Larry Ferrier, Almelund Fire  
Dan Schleusner, Almelund Fire  
Paul Steward, Thatcher Engineering

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the January 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the December 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** State Bid Agreement is approved and notice will be sent to township.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3467 through #3485 for approval and additional expenditures as follows:

*Receipts*

Marilyn Bobick Johnson.....	\$2.00
Joyce Marienfeld .....	\$2.00
Tom Chaklos.....	\$2.00
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson.....	\$2.00
Vicki Wyss.....	\$2.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to transfer from savings to checking:

*General Fund: \$20,000.00*

*Road & Bridge: \$20,000.00*

*Motion carried.*

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Closing Farm Service Agency in North Branch and moving it to Isanti. Soil and Water and Extension will stay in North Branch. A.R.M.E.R. System updates. Base in for tower at jail site and approved Nessel. Will be boring in Almelund and Nessel. Expect to be fully on line by July 1, 2012. District 5 and District 1 will be getting redistricted, which means Sunrise will have to split into 2 districts. Township will be involved in the redistricting. Place redistricting on the February 2012 agenda.

**Taylors Falls Lions Club – Tim Lauer and Don Lawrence:** Taylors Falls Lions Club is interested the Kost Dam bridge to use as a span to go over a ravine. Tim Lauer (651-428-6203) spoke to Shafer contracting to move the bridge. Taylors Falls Lions Club has been added in the add alternate of bid proposal.

**Harris Fire Department-Trevor Williams, Harris Fire Chief:** Harris Fire has 1 new member. First responders being refreshed in February. 19 members total. 3 to 4 on call during the day.

**Almelund Fire Department-Bob Linder, Larry Ferrier and Dan Schleusner:** Bob Linder reviewed budget breakdown and fire calls to include 19 total runs in Sunrise that included 2 fire, 1 motor vehicle and 16 medical. Budget changes: Due to the new 800 MH radio system Almelund will need to budget for 16 new pagers which will cost approximately \$8,500 over the next few years. Almelund Fire and Rescue's budget went up \$11,640.00 mostly due to the 800 MH system. Sunrise's portion of Almelund Fire's Budget is \$45,742.00. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson to accept the 2012 Almelund Fire Contract. Motion carried.

**Tiller Pit/River Road:** Jeske Noordergraaf informed Sunrise Board and the Sunrise citizens that Mike Caron called and stated he would not be attending the January Sunrise Board meeting because the County wanted to meet with him. Mr. Caron informed Jeske Noordergraaf that he plans on attending a meeting before they start hauling in March. Place on the February 2012 agenda.

**Property Own by Sunrise Township – Joel Peterson:** There is a gentleman interested in purchasing a piece of Sunrise Township property. This particular piece is landlock and can only be accessed by the river. Clerk Kowalke to research.

**Gravel Crushing:** Place on February Agenda.

**Gravel Hauling:** Place on February Agenda.

**March Regular Meeting Date combined with Certification Meeting:** No action taken. The certification meeting date is the same date at the regular township board meeting which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

**Citizen's Forum**

**Amador Township – Gene Fisk:** Amador Township Supervisor looking for information on where Sunrise Township purchased vehicles.

**Kost Dam Bridge:** The State sent a letter asking for further information. #6 is of concern. Joe Triplett stated the funding is all there. Paul Stewart is planning to finalize all plans the week of January 22.

**Tree Trimming:** Place on February agenda.

**Maintenance Update:** Cutting brush, truck ready for plowing

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Stephen Merten, Chair