

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Stephen Merten  
Joel Peterson  
Gerald Bjork

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Board Members Absent:**

Manley Olson  
Jeske Noordergraaf

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance  
Scott, Bjorklund Gravel  
Steve Hass  
Josephe Coombes  
Loren Johnson  
Various gravel Crushing and Hauling Contractors

**Appointment of Chair:** Nomination by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to nominate Jeske Noordergraaf for Chair. Nomination carried.

**Appointment of Vice Chair:** Nomination by Stephen Merten, second by Jerry Bjork to nominate Joel Peterson for Vice Chair. Nomination carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the March 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second Stephen Merten to approve the February 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** Association signatures obtained, Surplus Services signatures obtained, Xcel Street Lighting information was read.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson, to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3508 and #3511 through #3529 for approval with additional expenditures as follows:

Main Street Hardware.....	\$131.96
Minnesota Benefit Assoc.....	\$565.00
Void Claim #3517.....	\$20.00

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Absent, updated letter was provided at the March 13, 2012 annual meeting.

**Terry Johnson – Chisago County Surveyor:** County Surveyor Terry Johnson is retiring on April 30, 2012. Mr. Johnson would like the support of Sunrise Township for Chisago County to hire a full-time person county surveyor as opposed to a contract person. If a contracted surveyor is hired it will cost townships, citizens and other organization more money because contractors bill out. If a full-time surveyor is hired it will cost less money and provide more benefits to townships and citizens. County can only do more for the townships if it is county involved.

**Redistricting:** Stephen talked with Dennis Freed, County Auditor. North Branch went to 3 districts. There is no reason Sunrise needs to split. Motion by Stephen, second by Gerald Bjork to keep Sunrise Township as one (1) district. Motion carried.

**Tiller Pit / River Road – Mike Caron from Tiller Corporation and Steve Putman from Chisago County:** No action taken.

**Property Owned by Sunrise Township:** Place on April.

**Gravel Crushing:** Motion by Jerry Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to table the gravel crushing April 2012. Jerry Bjork withdrew motion to place gravel crushing on April bid. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jerry Bjork. to move forward with Gravel Crushing bids. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jerry Bjork to accept Dressel bid of \$3.84 per c.y. for crushing and stockpiling. Motion carried. Sunrise Board informed that that contractors will not be paid until Sunrise Township Contract is satisfied.

**Gravel Hauling:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to accept the Rydberg bid of \$2.88 per cubic yard minus .30 if township loads. Motion carried. Sunrise Township gravel hauling contract was provided to Rydberg and Sons, Inc. to be returned to Sunrise Township. It was also stated that a Certificate of Insurance is needed before any work can be started. Sunrise Board informed that that contractors will not be paid until Sunrise Township Contract is satisfied.

**Chisago County Water Plan:** Clerk Kowalke to contact Jerry Spetzman to ask for more specific detail as to what Chisago County is looking for from Sunrise. Place on April agenda.

**Board of Appeal and Equalization:** Wednesday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m.

### **Citizen's Forum**

Joseph Coombes lives on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Sunrise Township has been brushing. Mr. Coombes is wondering if Sunrise Township was going to come and pick up the lilacs that have been cut down that are in the road right of way. Township will not clean up brush that is cut down unless it is larger type items.

Joel received a call from Ms. Patton regarding the tree trimming because she was worried about oak wilt. Oak Tree trimming is suspended as of today of oak trees, because of the valid concern.

**Kost Dam Bridge:** No update due to updated given at the annual meeting.

**Arne Lerfald – Ziegler:** 938K loader. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to add a scale to the loader. Motion carried. Cost of the 938K Loader with scale will be \$217,010.00. Contract signed.

**Maintenance Update:** Tree trimming will be complete on March 16. Frost boils are coming out of the road.

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Stephen Merten, Chair