

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Ted Meyers
Paul Steward, Thatcher Engineering

Approve Agenda: Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork, to approve the November 2011 agenda. Add: chainsaw safety class under new business. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to approve the October 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: NONE.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Manley Olson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3414 through #3432 for approval and additional expenditures as follows:

Cheri Cunningham (web-site).....	\$50.00
Manley Olson (49 pair of gopher feet at \$1.50 per pair).....	\$73.50
MATIT (Worker's compensation).....	\$3,875.00
Appliance Solutions (furnace).....	\$3,500.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to transfer from savings to checking:

Fire: \$31,500

Road & Bridge: \$38,000.00. Motion carried.

Set Audit Date of January 2012: Tentative dates Tues, January 17, 2012 or Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Place on December 2011 agenda.

Sign Reflectivity: Joel Peterson spoke with Joe Triplett from Chisago County regarding the sign reflectivity. The US Government sent out a study which is not complete as of to date. Sunrise needs to have a plan in place by January 2012. A person over 60 years old needs to complete the sign

reflectivity at night. Clerk Kowalke to look up sign reflectivity plan examples on the Minnesota Association of Township web-site. Place on December agenda.

Tree Trimming: Place on December Agenda.

Town Board Supervisor Resignation: No action taken at this time

Tiller Pit: Mike Caron informed Supervisor Stephen Merten that they will be using the pit more. Mike Caron is willing to pay additional costs to maintain the road. Joel Peterson met with Steve Putnum from Chisago County. Tiller Pit is over the acreage and need to come up with a new plan. Environmental impact study, new contracts need to be negotiated with Chisago County and Sunrise Township. Mr. Putnum suggests Tiller put in an asphalt or cement road. This pit is going to be used as a staging area. The material coming in and going out is going to need to be recorded.

OSHA Compliance: North Branch Maintenance Manger, Shawn, would like to know if Sunrise would like to attend an OSHA Compliance Training. There are 6 training sessions per year. There may be some grant money available to become compliant. 1st years cost is approximately \$1,975, then approximately \$1,200 per year.

Water Pressure Tank: Water Pressure Tank is installed.

Bat Removal: The bat inspector stated that the Royal Wilcox Community Center has approximately 400 to 500 bats in the building. The cost is \$1,550 to remove the bats and seal the entrances. Place on Township Annual Meeting as an information piece to the public.

Citizen's Forum- NONE

Kost Dam Bridge: Paul Steward needs to provide a proposed bridge replacement project schedule to Chisago County. Chair Stephen Merten signed Corps of Engineers Water/Wetland Project Permit.

Hay Days: Chisago County is holding a meeting at the end of November.

Haugrud Driveway: Sent letter to Travis Haugrud which was signed for by Sarah Lindgren.

Maintenance Update: Snow plowing by Kost Dam is very difficult. It is a high traffic road and there are a lot of complaints.

Chainsaw Safety Class: Lynn Wolleat and Duane O'Flanagan to attend class.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Vice Chair