

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, May 16, 2013  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Person 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, Chair

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Vice Chair

Stephen Merten

Jeske Noordergraaf

Gerald Bjork

Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Sunrise Lead Maintenance

Mike Caron, Tiller Corporation

Wade Olson

Manley Olson

Greg Korstad, Tiller Corporation

**Ring Bell:** Bell was rung by Manley Olson.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Stephen Merten to approve the May 2013 agenda with the addition of picnic tables and security cameras at the park. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve the April 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:**

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #3863 through #3884 for approval with additional expenditures as follows:

City of Harris (first half of Fire Contract) .....\$18,555.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to close the checking and savings at Associated Bank and open a new checking and savings at Central Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to transfer \$27,700 from savings to checking (\$7,700 from fire and \$20,000 from road and bridge). Motion carried.

Place Financial on June 20th meeting.

**Becky Rentola:** Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Gerald Bjork to deny second driveway request per Township Development Agreement / Ordinance. Motion carried.

**Tiller Corporation – Mike Caron:** Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf stated she talked with Mike Caron regarding watering River Road during the summer of 2012 because of the dust issue. Mike Caron told Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf that watering would be done. Watering was not completed by the Tiller Corporation. Sunrise Township watered the road. Mike Caron denied discussing this with Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf. Mike Caron states that the right people are not being notified by Sunrise Township. Lynn Wolleat states that he usually communicated with Pete of Tiller Corporation, who is the Director of Operations, because Mr. Caron does not answer his phone or is unavailable. Supervisor Bjork stated that Sunrise keeps dealing with the same issue every year without getting any results from Tiller Corporation. Tiller Corporation's trucks tear up the road. Mike Caron does not believe it is fair that they pave the road, because they are not the only company that uses the road. The Town Board stated again that Tiller had 40 trucks a day instead of 3 trucks a day that other company may have. Mike Caron stated that if they are hauling they will pay for dust control. Mike Caron stated they have about 5,000 tons of gravel for the 95 project. Bjorklund is purchasing 30 tons of gravel from Tiller Corporation to haul for the City of Harris.

Tiller Corporation is looking at hauling sand out at a few hundred tons a day later this summer. One truck has about 20 tons.

Mike Caron said that he asked Attorney Tschida to set up a meeting for the week of April 15, 2013. Mike Caron stated he did not receive letter from Attorney Tschida of November 19, 2012. Chair Joel Peterson showed Mike Caron the letter that was sent. Chair Joel Peterson stated it took 5 months for Mr. Caron to contact the Township.

Jeske Noordergraaf asked what Mike Caron is going to do to keep the Township happy. Every time Mike Caron is contacted nothing gets resolved. Mike Caron is asking for another opportunity. Supervisor Peterson stated that there are a lot of unhappy people.

Mike Caron stated they are going to have a water truck available and have a source for the water. Mike Caron stated that Tiller Corporation's people will water whether they contract with Bjorklund or Tiller's employees.

Mike Caron stated he is willing to be at all meetings until the Township is satisfied. Supervisor Joel Peterson wants Mike Caron to put a plan together to include all contacts. Electronic contacts were mentioned by Greg Korstad to make sure that no contact is missed and there is verification of each contact and if it was responded to. Greg Korstad stated the Mike Caron would like to know about citizen concerns. Lynn Wolleat is to contact Stephen Merten with any issues with Tiller Corporation and Stephen Merten will contact Tiller through electronic means.

There is no production well at their site. There is a pond and the 8 to 12 inch well is not in existence per Mike Caron.

Mike Caron would like to add 15 acres which would just be construction material only. The Owner's wife of Tiller Corporation and Mike Caron use the house on the old Don Davis property a few days a week for gardening and hunting. Mike Caron stated they do use it year-round and stated it is not their primary residents.

Mike Caron stated the cost would be \$300,000 to \$500,000 to pave the road from CR 9 to the Tiller pit.

Mike Caron asked when the postings will come down. Supervisors agreed that they will wait for Tiller Corporation's plan and decide at that time if they will remove road restrictions.

**Chisago County Historical Lease Contract:** Sherry Stirling is getting the new lease together and will have it ready for the June 2013 meeting.

**Gravel Hauling Contract:** Contract is being mailed to Sunrise.

**Gravel Crusting Contract:** Contract is being mailed to Sunrise.

**Crack Filling:** Sunrise Township is planning on crack sealing in 2013. Lynn Wolleat will contact North Branch to check on buddying with them for crack filling at a lesser cost for Sunrise.

**Chisago County Transportation Plan Update:** Chisago County is giving Sunrise Township back 2 roads to include Wilcox Road and the very south part of CR 70. Joe Triplett suggested that Sunrise Township pay \$20,000.00 to replace the bridge on Wilcox so when the time comes Sunrise's portion has already been met and cannot be charged additional later. Township will need to complete further research on road turn-backs.

**Kost Dam Bridge Final State Funds Request:** Treasurer Anderson said that all the funds have been turned in and requested.

**Kost Dam Bridge Speed Zone:** No action.

**Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Park Picnic Tables:** 2 benches and 6 tables will be installed at the park and 2 tables installed at the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

**Citizens Forum:** Sherry Stirling and Wade Olson are wondering the status of the signage for the park. There is a sign made. Place on June agenda. Wade Olson is wondering what can be done to improve the cemetery in Sunrise.

**Sunrise Festival:** Tuesday, August 6, 2013 from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., this is in line with National Night Out.

**Maintenance Update:** North Branch wants to swap the roads back on 420<sup>th</sup> (Sinkhole Road). Sunrise is willing to swap the road of 420<sup>th</sup> as long as they bring the road up to Sunrise Township Standards and all legal fees, recording, etc. are be paid by North Branch. A speed limit of 10 MPH was put up on Mica by a private citizen. The Board directed Lynn Wolleat to take the sign down. Lynn Wolleat stated that our part-time person retired. Set up meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7 p.m. to discuss temporary employee.

A flag was donated by Clark Peterson of Hinckley for the ball field, because he survived the Oklahoma City bombing. Wade Olson will get his address for thank you letter to be sent.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke

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Joel Peterson, Chair