

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was not recited as it was recited at the Public Hearing for Vacating Elm Street just prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Board Members Present:

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair
Gerald Bjork
Eric Leivian
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson (absent)
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Manley Olson
Jeff Lukanen
Ann Marie Kim

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Approve Agenda

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the November 2014 agenda adding North Branch Fire under new business. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Joel Peterson to approve the October 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Clerk Kowalke has been working with Century Link to obtain Internet connection at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. Clerk Kowalke informed the Sunrise Board that drug testing need to be completed to remain in the random pool. There are approximately 40 plat books that are for sale at the Chisago County Soil and Water office at a reduced price.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Karen Anderson was absent for the November meeting attending the Association Training for CTAS in Duluth, MN. A treasurer report was distributed to the Township Board for their review. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson, to accept the treasurer’s report with claims list, 4333 through 4370 and additional expenditures as follows:

Jeff Lukanen (40 pr gopher bounty at \$1.50) \$60.00
Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Not present.

North Branch Chamber: There was no action taken by Sunrise Town Board to join.

North Branch Fire Department: Proposed budget for 2015 went down. Sunrise had 1 fire call for in 2014. The North Branch Firemen's Relief Association donated \$500.00 to Sunrise Township.

Mica Avenue Access: Buyer should make sure that they get a survey to make sure of the legal property line.

Community Clean-up and Rummage Sale

Ever Green to be contacted at the beginning of 2015 to set up a date. Jeske will contact EverGreen in January of 2015.

Gravel Crushing: Place on Agenda in February 2015

Gravel Hauling: Place on Agenda in February 2015

Hay Days Post Event Meeting Update: Hay Days received a citation because the event ran over by 1.5 hours. This is now in the court system. Waldoch was stopping traffic on HWY 95.

Road Reallocation Meeting Held by the County on November 20, 2015: Joe Triplet recommending no change in road reversion but suggested maintenance agreement to coordinated salt storage at the County Center City Facility. Maintain as posted a paved 7 ton axle limit CR 88, and agreed to compensate the Township up to \$20,000 for their share of future replacement of the CR 88 bridge through the township bridge program. Road reallocation would take place in July 2017.

Citizen's Forum: NONE

Snow Plow Policy: Snow Plow 2014 Policy read by Chair Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson.

Sunrise Township ***Snow Plowing Policy***

SNOW PLOW POLICY STATEMENT: Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, has the safety of the traveling public and Township residents as its main concern and priority.

GOAL: The Township's goal is to have all Township roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after snowfall stops. Plowing priorities reflect a commitment to keeping key roads open to serve critical facilities and provide access between our community and County and State roads and highways.

**THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE A COMPLETELY BARE ROAD AND WILL NOT
NORMALLY SAND THE ENTIRE SECTION OF ROADWAY.**

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURE

- 1. PLOWING:** The Township will not plow until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made when accumulations exceed four (4) inches, or when snow is particularly heavy, wet or icy.

Snow plows will not be sent out in conditions deemed by Township Maintenance to be hazardous. Snow plowing may be stopped during low visibility or conditions otherwise determined to be hazardous by the Snow Plow Operator.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during night or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched at an early morning time according to the conditions. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion.

NOTE: The Township's Policy is to not use salt on gravel roads as salt causes them to become extremely muddy for extended periods due to the salt taking the frost out of the road.

- 2. RESIDENT / PRIVATE PLOWING:** State Law prohibits, and Township Policy forbids Township equipment and Drivers from plowing private roads or drives.
- 3.** Residents are reminded that **it is unlawful** to plow snow from driveways into or across Township roads. This can create safety hazards from the ruts made in the road and the gravel on the road is pushed into the ditches. Sunrise Township will not be responsible for damage to substandard mailbox installations.
- 4. MEDICAL PRIORITIES:** Upon written request, the Township will attempt to facilitate medical care and the providing of access during Medical Emergencies. The Township will not be deemed to know of any Medical problems unless a written Notice is delivered to the Township Clerk.

Any such notice shall be deemed to automatically expire at the end of each snow plow season and will need to be renewed annually by written notice.

- 5. INFORMATION:** Questions regarding snow removal and / or road conditions should be directed to the Township Garage at (651) 674-0113.

Adopted this 20th day of November 2014.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to Adopt the 2015 Snow Plow Policy. Motion carried.

Resolution Regarding Township Snow Plowing Policy:

Resolution Regarding Township *Snow Plowing Policy*

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, conducted Public Hearing on the 20th day of November, 2014, regarding adoption of an appropriate snow plowing policy;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, having hearing the interested parties, and considered the matter;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, has determined that adopting a written snow plowing policy is consistent with the public interest;

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunrise make the following background findings regarding plowing within the Township:

- 1 Number of Township Plow Employees:**
One (1) Full Time
One (1) Part Time

- 2 Miles of Township Road:**
Approximately Sixty (60)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota hereby resolves as follows:

That the Town of Sunrise will plow in accordance with the attached Snow Removal Policy

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to adopted the Snow Plow Resolution on this 20th day of November, 2014. Motion carried.

Nadeau Property: No action

Maintenance Update: Kurt Peterson built Shafer Township building.

Motion by, second by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair