

**2015 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting  
Royal Wilcox Community Center  
Sunrise, Minnesota  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

Chairman Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the 2015 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Supervisor Joel Peterson  
Supervisor Gerald Bjork  
Supervisor Eric Leivian  
Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson  
Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf

Clerk Wendy Kowalke  
Treasurer Karen Anderson

**Others Present**

James McCarthy  
Doug Goodwin  
Joyce Meyers

Rick Olseen  
Gina Goodwin  
Mike Shank

Bobbie Eckel, Family Pathways  
Michael Jackson  
Mike Tauer

**Ring Bell:** Royal Wilcox Community Center Bell was rung by Mike Shank.

**Appointment of Moderator:** Rick Olseen volunteered to be the Moderator. No nominations were taken as Rick Olseen volunteered. Rick Olseen thanked the attendees of Sunrise Township for attending the annual meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by James McCarthy to accept the 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Commissioner Rick Green was not present, but had delivered Annual County update, road update and state information for the citizens to peruse.

**Treasurer’s Annual Report for 2014 and 2016 Budget:** Treasurer Karen Anderson went over the annual report. The annual report was also available at the meeting for the citizens of Sunrise Township. Motion by James McCarthy, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to accept the Treasurer’s year-end report. Motion carried.

**2016 Tax Levy by Fund:** At the February Regular Town Board meeting there was a motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Gerald Bjork to propose to the citizens of Sunrise Township that the 2016 levy to be \$516,092.73. The levy is being proposed to be increased by 4% (\$19,849.72) due to the Chisago County Road Reallocation which includes CR 88 (blacktop) and CR 70 (gravel) which will increase our maintenance and labor cost by approximately \$51,000 each year starting July 2017. Motion carried with 2 opposed (Jeske Noordergraaf and Eric Leivian). Michael Jackson asked where the numbers for the increase came from. Joel Peterson said that the \$51,000 based on information given by Joe Triplett, County Engineer.

*Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Jonson, second by Joel Peterson to accept the proposed levy for 2016 to be set at \$516,092.73. Motion carried with one opposed (Eric Leivian).*

**2014 Annual Township Report:** Clerk Kowalke went over the annual report that was available at the meeting. Some highlights include the Adoption of the Fifth Amended Private Driveway and Culvert Ordinance February, 2014, Elm Street Vacation, Fire contracts with North Branch Fire, Alemlund Fire and Rescue and Rush City Fire, and an updated Snow Plow Policy which was sent to the citizens of Sunrise Township. A new PTO water pump was also purchased.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the annual township report. Motion carried.

**Donation Requests:**

Motion by Joyce Meyers, second by Mike Shank to distribute \$3,000 for 2015 at the discretion of the Town Board for donations. Motion carried.

The following are the current entities that have requested donations for 2015: Chisago County Recreation, Family Pathways which includes North Branch Food Shelf and Refuge Network. Seven County Senior Federation also submitted a donation request at this time.

*The following entities were represented at the Sunrise Township Annual Meeting:*

- Family Pathways – Bobbie Eckel-Coordinator and the North Branch Food Shelf (senior program, youth center, food shelves, and thrift stores).

*Other items discussed:*

- The Board stated that according to the State there is specific criteria for the distribution of money slated to be donated.

**Gopher Bounty:** Motion by Mike Shank second by Lynn Wolleat, to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00. Motion carried.

**Royal Wilcox Community Center:** Sunrise Town Board presented to the citizens of Sunrise Township that they would like to see some updates completed at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. Citizens are concerned about what could be more structural / electrical / etc. that could lead into expensive repairs than what should be spent. Motion by Mike Shank, second by James McCarthy to have Sunrise Township contact Xcel Energy to perform a test to make sure there is no electrical issues with the building. Motion carried. Rick Olseen stepped down as Moderator to motion to obtain estimates on repainting interior, overlaying walls and ceilings, sanding floors, second by Mike Shank. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Community Night Out:** Sunrise Community Night Out will be held in conjunction with National Night Out which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

**Sunrise Recycle Day:** Sunrise Recycle Day will be on Saturday, August 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 (noon). The charge would be the same as if you would bring your items to your regular

recycling center. An Information card will be mailed out to inform the citizens of Sunrise Township.

**Community Garage Sale:** The Town Board is wondering if the community would be interested in a community garage sale. There didn't seem to be an interest at this point.

**Road Reallocation:** Road studies were completed by the Chisago County. Chisago County is turning over a portion of CR 70 (gravel) and CR 88 (black top) to Sunrise Township. Sunrise Township will have additional expenditures of building a salt shed and additional buildings for equipment to be able to maintain additional roads.

**2016 Annual Meeting Date:** Motion by Mike Shank, second by Gina Goodwin to hold the 2016 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March. Motion carried.

**Sunrise Township March 10, 2015 Election Results:** Clerk Kowalke read the March 10, 2015 Election Results. Motion by Joyce Meyers, second by Mike Shank to accept the preliminary election results. Motion carried.

*A Total of 36 votes cast  
(Total number of on register of electors 1,199)*

***Supervisor C – Three (3) Year Term***

*Jerry Bjork .....34*  
*Jack Kopp (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Tom Boyce (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 0*

***Supervisor D – Three (3) Year Term***

*Joel Peterson.....29*  
*Steve Merten.....4*  
*Wendy Kowalke..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 2*

***Planning Commission I – Three (3) Year Term***

*Charlotte Wilcox.....36*  
*Blank ..... 0*

***Planning Commission J – Three (3) Year Term***

*Tom Chaklos, Jr. ....34*  
*John Swenson (write-in) ..... 1*  
*Blank ..... 1*

**Public Comments:** Gina Goodwin is requesting that Sunrise Township place calcium chloride twice a year instead of once a year so that roads are not as slimy. Michael Jackson also said that calcium chloride it is very corrosive. Other items have been experimented with other townships such as soybean and they have gone back to chloride. The Town Board said it makes a difference with the binder, shade and sun with calcium chloride. Motion by Gina Goodwin, second by Joel Peterson to possibly cut the calcium chloride concentration in half for the first application and have further applications placed as needed and investigate other options. Motion carried. NOTE: there will more than likely be an additional cost for applying twice as the roads need to have water applied and then be graded.

**River Road:** All the frac sand is out of the River Road pit. Tiller Corporation is hauling clay in and out from what seems Wednesday through Saturday from Scandia.

Motion by Mike Shank, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

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Moderator