

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, February 19, 2015
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Board Members Present:

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

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
Commissioner Rick Greene
John Bergfalk, Evergreen Recycling
Jason Fredlund, Almelund Fire
Dan Schleusnerk, Almelund Fire
Gene Fisk, Almelund Fire

Ring Bell: Bell was rung by Jason Fredlund.

Approve Agenda Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the February 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Joel Peterson to approve the January 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Informed the Town Board that there is a new Chisago County Watercraft Ordinance and informed the Town Board that Elections are all set to go.

Treasurer Report

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list 4419 through 4438 with no additional expenditures: Correction to the treasurer's report #13098 to Lowel Nelson should be made out to Lynn Wolleat. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Commissioner Rick Greene handed out the 2015 Chisago County Construction Projects. Commissioner Rick Greene said that County Engineer Joe Triplett is working on contract wordage to be able to discuss having Chisago County maintain the blacktop roads that are being reallocated to the townships.

Almelund Fire Annual Review and Contract: Almelund Fire and Rescue bought a new John Deere Gator for park rescues. Almelund Fire's total budget was \$96,542.00. Sunrise Township's portion of the Almelund Fire is \$41,413.62, which went up approximately \$1,145.00. All the retro fits for the tanks and gator came out of Almelund's Fire budget that was not passed on to the townships. Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the 2015 Almelund Fire contract. Motion carried.

Evergreen Recycling – John Bergfalk: John Bergfalk handed out a price sheet for recycling day. Sunrise Township's recycling day will be Saturday, August 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Mr. Bergfalk explained the process for recycling day. Evergreenrecycling.com

North Branch Fire: No action taken. 2015 contract not received yet.

Audit Levy to bring to the Citizens of Sunrise Township: Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Gerald Bjork to propose to the citizens of Sunrise Township the 2016 levy to be \$522,100.00. 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).

Gravel Crushing: Place on April Agenda.

Gravel Hauling: Place on April Agenda.

Annual Inspection of Roads – Town Board: Road tour will be held April and May 1.5 hours before the Regular Town Board Meeting

Annual Township Report: Town Board reviewed report to be distributed to the Citizens of Sunrise Township.

North Star Solar Field: Commissioner Rick Greene said that plans have been submitted to the PUC for 100 MW. This is a state issue which means that Chisago County and Sunrise Township does not have any control.

Telecom Construction (CenturyLink): Sunrise Township requires permits and notifications.

Regular March meeting date: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson March 12th 7 p.m. Motion carried.

Citizen's Forum: NONE

Road Reversion: Commissioner Rick Greene said that County Engineer Joe Triplett is working on contract wordage to be able to discuss having Chisago County maintain the blacktop roads that are being reallocated to the townships.

Road Sign Reflectivity Sign Policy: Place on March agenda.

Internet Connectivity: The maintenance shop has internet.

Camp Sunrise: Neighbors are wondering what is going on with the cart-way. Camp Sunrise applicants cancelled meetings with Sunrise Township and Chisago County to work on legal paperwork.

Township Conference Tables: Conference tables have been received to replace worn out and broken tables. Place on March Agenda.

Maintenance Update: Cutting Brush. Gerald Bjork is concerned about gravel tax and hauling and the wear and tear on the roads. Add gravel tax information to March agenda.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair