

**Special Meeting Sunrise Township
Friday, October 28, 2016
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair 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
Stephen Merten (Absent)
Eric Leivian

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

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat
Steve and Mary Christopherson
Sara Rockensock
Todd Rockensock
Cliff Leavstrom

Shane Stepp
Gabi Stepp
Mike Jackson
Matt Rockensock
Pastor David Stertz

Mike Kriz
Jamie Martinson
George (2 st. resident)

Sunrise Bible Church - 2nd Street (Olson Road to Wilcox Road) Town Board Member: Sunrise Township needs to obtain 2 quotes for projects costing between \$25, 000 and 75,000. The Township only needs quotes for projects under \$100,000. Prefer Paving turned in a quote for 49,900.00. Knife River will turning in a quote on October 31, 2016. The Town Board needs to alleviate the drainage problem. Ryan, from Bolton and Menk and Gerald Bjork went out and said to create a swale and catch basin and black-top the whole road. The catch basin needs to be cleaned out 2 to 3 times a year. The parking lot in front of the church was paved previously. 2nd street is a very high traffic road (2nd street is 1,800 feet). Jeske Noordergraaf would like to have a plan and want to be fair for everybody. The Board does not feel it is appropriate just to pave in front of the church. Gerald Bjork feels that every street in downtown Sunrise should be paved at the Township expense. Mike Jackson does not want Olson Road paved along with Steve and Mary Christopherson. Steve Christopherson is concerned about the speed limit. The State sets the speed limit. There should be a weight limit posted. Gravel needs to be done every 4 to 5 years. Gravel is about \$6.00 to \$7.00 per yard. Once the local gravel is out Sunrise will be paying double the amount of gravel per yard. 2nd Street has a 20 foot driving surface. The church has not petitioned to have to whole road paved. Jamie Martinson asked if 2nd Street residents are not going to be assessed, would that be the case for all other roads. Other roads could be assessed. Citizens are concerned about a precedent and will hold the Township to it. Todd Rockensock doesn’t necessarily need it or want to see 2nd Street paved. Steve Christopherson is concerned about the ends of the road getting chewed up when grading. The blacktop is sunk into the gravel so it is a smooth transition. Wondering about a bump out for driveways transitions. Shane Stepp wants to know if turn-outs are going to be done, if not part of project, that needs to be done. There are 8 homes outside of the church parking lot. The paving has to be done so the church can close on their project.

Eric Leivian feels that using the funds for capital improvements is good, but there are a lot of questions. Mike Jackson said that there needs to be an agreement on what they are going to do.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to pave 2nd street, knowing that a could set a precedent, but the positives do outweigh the negatives, Motion passes with one abstain Gerald Bjork.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to adjourn at 7:58 p.m

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair