

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, January 19, 2017
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
Eric Leivian

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance
Lisa Novak
Bolton & Menk, Cristina Mlejnek
Robert Ruppe, Attorney
Deanna Dennis
Tony Kubat
Robert Palmer

Approve Agenda: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the January 2017 agenda with the addition of Homeland Security and Robert Palmer. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to approve December 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Gary Nelson from Mora, MN wrote a memo asking if Sunrise Township is ever in need of a part-time grader person he would like to be considered.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 4985 through 5013 and additional claims as follows:

MN DNR Water Permit (Johnson Pit).....	\$140.00
Chisago County Press	\$52.50
Michael Todd & Company, Inc.	\$318.42
Xcel Energy	\$26.12

Commissioner Update: Chisago County Board of Commissioner 2017 Chair is Ben Montzka and Vice Chair George McMahon. Chisago County is refurbishing CR 11 from Kost Church to CR 14. Chisago County applied for Federal funds Highway Safety Improvement for Hwy 95 & CR 70. Discussion will take place with Sunrise Township regarding CR 70 and Chisago County Engineer Joe Triplette.

Bob Palmer interested in Sunrise Township Land: Sunrise Township owns 09.00092.00 parcel which is landlocked. Deeded acreage is 24.08. It would be about \$4,500 to survey. Stephen Merten is willing to work with Mr. Palmer to purchase the land. Attorney Ruppe said to be mindful of restrictions that could be placed on the land. Mr. Palmer will pay for survey. Attorney Ruppe will

complete a quit claim deed and put the paperwork / purchase agreement together. Attorney Ruppe advised Mr. Palmer to negotiate an access with the other interested party or he may in the future have to apply for a cart-way. Motion by Stephen Merten second by Gerald Bjork for Attorney Ruppe to do research and enter into negotiation with Mr. Palmer to purchase land 09.00092.00. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and Stephen Merten will be the negotiation committee. Motion Carried.

Right of Way Ordinance - Attorney Robert Ruppe: Attorney Ruppe believes the Right of Way Management Ordinance should be in place for towns to be able to protect their right of way. This ordinance allows you to manage the road right of way. Application fee and some sort of bond or escrow that is required. More and more cities and towns are doing this to protect the right of way. This ordinance says that if you need utility companies to move their utilities the company would have to move the utilities at their expense. Summary needs to be published.

Another ordinance is Right of Way to Obstructions. Obstruction is a criminal act / misdemeanor. In this ordinance the Township has the right to go in and fix the obstruction and make a claim on their property taxes. There would be a sufficient period of time for the bill to be paid and if not paid, the Township can place a "Certification on Property Taxes". "Motion to Certify" is sent over to the county auditor to place on property taxes.

Last ordinance is a driveway ordinance: Clerk Kowalke to e-mail driveway ordinance and developers agreement to Robert Ruppe, Attorney.

Judge Recommendations for March 14, 2017 Township Elections Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the judge recommendations. Motion carried.

Homeland Security: Jeske Noordergraaf is going to contact Homeland Security.

Citizens Forum: None.

CenturyLink/Broadband: All the Deeds have been pulled at the County level for citizens that signed the paperwork by Attorneys Couri & Ruppe. Thirty deeds were not able to be located. The petition is 89 signatures short according to deeds. Attorney Ruppe communicated with Mr. Buce Hampton explaining to him where the process was at and suggested to go out and get additional signatures. Once the number of signatures is obtained, set the matter for a public hearing. Statute requires a notice to be put in the paper. The Board then needs to approve a Subordinate Service District and then there is 60 days to request a referendum. If the referendum passes then the whole thing is dead. If referendum fails then the Town Board enters into negotiations with CenturyLink. Time Frame could be complete in a month or two. Attorney Ruppe needs to see the grant for restrictions or strings that may be attached. All costs will be rolled into a bond. Sunrise Board thanked Robert Ruppe for doing a fantastic job and explaining things well. Are the missing deeds being counted / being taken off the total? Yes, but not a higher threshold. Are different marriage names being kicked out? If there is someone who wants to petition for this and have a letter sent into the Town Board

Maintenance Update: Met with Kip Rydberg. Discussed hauling gravel out the same time it is crushed. Rydberg has a pile of gravel at the Tiller Pit that he wants to sell. The pile is approximately 11,000 yards. Gerald Bjork will talk with Mrs. Johnson regarding the Johnson Gravel Pit. Clerk Kowalke to e-mail Robert Ruppe gravel contract.

Board Comments: None

Bolton & Menk: Cristina Mlejnek wondering about an assessment policy.
Paving Oriole Avenue? Sunrise Board suggested leaving Oriole Avenue alone for a couple of years working with Joe Triplett's support and do other projects.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair