

**2018 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting
Royal Wilcox Community Center
Sunrise, Minnesota
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

Chairman Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the 2018 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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| Supervisor Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson | Clerk Wendy Kowalke |
| Supervisor Gerald Bjork | Treasurer Karen Anderson |
| Supervisor Eric Leivian | |
| Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf | |
| Supervisor Deborah Galeske-Kelleher (absent) | |

Others Present

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| Charlotte Wilcox | Rick Olseen | Tom Chaklos |
| Mark Osland | David Stertz | Dan Harrington |
| Jim McCarthy | Lynn Wolleat | Mark Osland |
| Bobbi Eckel, Family Pathways | | BJ Thorstensen |

Appointment of Moderator: Rick Olseen volunteered to be the Moderator. No nominations were taken as Rick Olseen volunteered.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second Mark Osland to accept the 2018 annual agenda with the correction of prior minutes approval to state “2017” and add solar gardens to the agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by James McCarthy, second by Mark Osland to approve the 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Books closed for 2017 year. Checking account balance for 2017 balance of \$338,582.74. Savings account balance is \$996,463.48 which is broken down into separate funds. Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by David Stertz to approve treasure report. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s 2019 Budget: Treasurer Anderson went over the budget. The Sunrise Township Board set the 2019 proposed levy held in February to bring to the citizens of Sunrise Township is a 2.5% increase at \$528,995.05.

2019 Tax Levy: Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Mark Osland to accept the 2.5% increase for the 2019 Tax Levy. Discussion: There is 7 year buyback term for grader. Last year the Town Board decided not to purchase a new grader. Discussion took place with caterpillar regarding costs. Ownership and maintenance of equipment will pretty much be even, if not, lower with the purchase of a new grader. The current grader will now be out of warranty so additional costs will be had. The money for the grader is included in the budget. Motion carried.

Vote on Proposed Blacktop Levy: Treasurer Anderson went over the blacktop fund. If this fund is established the board would pull the first \$150,000 out of the road and bridge fund. This levy would be above the 2019 tax levy. This will increase your levy. This will be paid for by the entire township so there will be no assessments. This will increase the levy 28.5% based on property value starting in 2019. In 2 years Sunrise Township will be out of gravel. Sunrise currently spends approximately \$5 - \$8 per yard. Gravel costs will increase to \$15 - \$20 per yard once the current gravel pit is depleted. The most heavily traveled roads of Olson Road and Kost Trail will be the first to be considered for blacktopping. Motion by James McCarthy, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to have Sunrise Township's engineer to provide road costs to asphalt based on traffic counts and provide life cycle cost per paved vs. gravel roads and revisit the blacktop fund for 2019. A citizen count was take with the result being 7 citizens for an engineer study ad 5 against an engineer study. Motion carried .

2017 Annual Township Report: Annual Report.

Road Report: Annual road report is included in the Annual Township Report.

Bush Foundation Award: Sunrise Township received a \$5,000.00 award for the Subordinate Service District.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update (not present): Commissioner Rick Greene was not present, but had delivered Annual County update paperwork to include public safety, public works, health and human services, economic development, recorder / treasurer, information technology, environmental services and other general information. The Chisago County Sheriff's office saw stable crime rate in 2017. The County will complete construction of the new County Jail in 2018. General updates for the County Attorney's Office, Health and Human Services, Economic Development, County Recorder, County Auditor / Treasurer, County Assessor, Environmental Services, General Government and Partnerships and Cooperative Efforts and Public Works.

Donation Requests:

Motion by James McCarthy, second by Tom Chaklos to distribute \$3,000 for 2018 at the discretion of the Town Board for donations. Motion carried.

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

- Family Pathways (Bobbi Eckle) – Charitable Organization, (teen centers, 10 thrift stores, refuge network, senior program, youth center, food shelves, and thrift stores). Several families from Sunrise are being served.

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 Tom Chaklos, second by BJ Thorstensen, to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00 per pair of front feet. Motion carried.

Gravel Update: Discussed in Blacktop levy item.

Subordinate Service District Update – High Speed Internet: Service drops to continue through the summer. Dan Harrington is asking a Town Board member to make a courtesy call to CenturyLink to get Mr. Harrington’s line in at 11895 Olson Road.

Road Reallocation Board Update: Future turn backs are possible from Chisago County.

Community Night Out: Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

Solar Energy Projects: Currently a home-based solar installation is simply a building permit at the County level. Above 20 acres is a CUP, under 20 acres is an administration permit. Chisago County had a vote to have CUP for all solar energy projects up to 50 acres, except for individual. A new solar ordinance is going to be passed at the County level in April 2018. 50 acres solar applications is handled at the state level.

2019 Annual Meeting: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Tom Chaklos Tues., March 12, 2019 at 8:15. Motion carried.

Other Business: Joyce Meyers inquired about what is happening with River Road. Tiller Corp is looking at combining to 2 pits. Tiller is looking at extending to the east and across the road to the south. Jeske Noordergraaf will contact Chisago County to find out what is going on with the new CUP.

Election Results:

Sunrise Township March 13, 2018 Election Results: Clerk Kowalke read the March 13, 2018 Election Results. Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Jeske Noordergraaf..

*A Total of 75 votes cast
(Total number of on register of electors 1,268)*

Supervisor C – Three (3) Year Term

*Jerry Bjork63
Jack Kopp (write-in)1
undervote 11*

Supervisor D – Three (3) Year Term

*Deborah Kelleher..... 23
Mark Osland 52*

Planning Commission I – Three (3) Year Term

*Charlotte Wilcox 65
undervote 10*

Planning Commission J – Three (3) Year Term

Thomas Chaklos..... 59

undervoe..... 16

Planning Commission K – One (1) Year Term

To fill vacancy in term expiring March 12, 2019

Ted Krause..... 62

Undervote..... 13

Clerk – Two (2) Year Term

Wendy S. Kowalke..... 62

Stephanie Luras (write-in) 1

undervote 12

Public Comments: Charlotte Wilcox discussed annexation. To set up an agricultural preserve district along the borders. In addition, Sunrise Township would have to take over their own zoning. This is a long-range item.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 9:54 p.m.

Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk

Moderator