

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, April 19, 2018  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair  
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair  
Gerald Bjork  
Eric Leivian  
Mark Osland

Treasurer: Karen Anderson  
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke  
Engineer: Cristina Mlenjke

**Others Present:**

Lynn Wolleat, Maintenance  
Kathy Grace  
Peggy Pearson  
Adam Rydberg  
Manley Olson  
Doug Engle

Bill Grace  
Benjamin Bryan  
Patricia Peters  
Lee Huenecke  
David Bryan, Architect  
Steve Welcome

Joe Rascke  
Attorney Vince Stevens  
Kirsten Sersland  
Charlotte Wilcox  
Michelle Carroll  
Anita

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the April 2018 agenda with the addition of Tiller Corp. and grader. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the March 2018 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** Received bill from Amador Township Amador Fire for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the fire protection. Radio Equipment was not taken away from the bill. Chisago County Park Director is wondering about removing the assessment fees on the donated property since this would remain as park reserve land.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Karen Anderson went over treasurer’s report. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list claims 5381 through 5406 and additional claim expenditure of:

Chisago County Auditor – treasurer (election ballots and publication) .....\$440.84  
Xcel Energy .....\$22.67  
Lowell Nelson Electric .....\$527.00  
Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Blue sign discussion. Administrative Solar Draft Ordinance adopted by Chisago County Board. The Courthouse will be the official meeting place for solar meetings. Notification distance ¼ mile for urban and ½ mile for rural. Standard setback will be 135 feet, screen updated, etc. Contact Chisago County Zoning for draft solar ordinance.

**Benjamin Bryan – CUP #1 and #2:** Discussion took place that there is lack of information for these CUP's.

*CUP #1 in Kost off of 375<sup>th</sup>:* Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to recommend to the Chisago County to consider CUP #1 as long as all zoning, sanitation, state criteria, health department, structure, building code, setbacks, any Minnesota governing body and their rules, laws and regulations are met. Motion carried.

*CUP #2 off of Trulson:* Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to recommend to the Chisago County to consider CUP #2 as long as all zoning, sanitation, state criteria, health department, structure, building code, setbacks, any Minnesota governing body and their rules, laws and regulations are met. Motion carried.

**Michelle Carroll – 370<sup>th</sup> Street / Driveway Issue:** The way the road is set up Ms. Carroll's property is lower than the road. Ms. Carroll has already placed 23 loads of gravel on her driveway. Paving is not going to be completed in 2018. Doug Engle said that there are 13 people that live on the road are willing to pay for paving part of the road. At the annual meeting the citizens turned down the blacktop fund. Place on May agenda with a possible estimate for paving. Lynn Wolleat to look at Ms. Carroll's driveway vs. road. Cristina Mlenjke will get an estimate together for 370<sup>th</sup>.

**Property Tax for High Speed Fiber Optic Internet:** Property Tax issues are being worked on with the Sunrise Town Board Supervisors Pete Johnson and Eric Leivian and the Chisago County Auditor and Assessor's office. There seems to be issues with people with more than one property ID. Lynn Regenauner, County Assessor's Office is going to go through the tax information. Auditor will send new revised tax statements out. Citizens can pay assessments off at any time. There are approximately 120 people hooked up.

**CenturyLink Ribbon Cutting:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to have a Ribbon Cutting for fiber optic high speed internet on June 7 from 4 PM to 7 PM. Among some of the attendees will be construction engineering, retailers, local Chisago County elected, DEEDS, with media.

**Cristina Mlejnek – Preliminary numbers for gravel vs paved maintenance cost:** maintenance numbers were discussed. Roads should be paved with car counts between 150 to 300 cars per day.

**Gravel Crushing and Hauling:** 1 quote received from Rydberg & Sons, Inc. Rydberg. Rydberg would like to get into the pit in July. Taking 10,000 yards. \$9.47 per cubic yard. (for crushing, hauling and casting). Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Mark Osland to accept the quote. Motion carried

**Appoint Planning Commission Ex-Officio:** Eric Leivian will continue to be the Sunrise Township Planning Commission the Ex-Officio.

**Appoint Official 2018 Paper:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf for the Chisago County Press to be the official paper as they are the only qualified paper in Chisago County according to statute. Motion carried. Other forms of media that Sunrise Township uses is Post Review, Sunrise Township Web-site and facebook.

**Ferry Road DNR Grading Inquiry:** Certificate of Insurance requested from Country Insurance for grading. Certificate was requested and provided to the DNR by Country Insurance.

**Harris Fire Contract Inquiry:** Sunrise Township is happy with the current fire services.

**Donation Requests:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to disburse donations requests as follows:

Sunrise Cemetery Association.....	\$500.00
Chisago County Sr. Center .....	\$500.00
Family Pathways.....	\$1,500.00
Chisago County Historical Society.....	\$500.00

Motion Carried.

**Board of Appeal:** Board of Appeal and Equalization to be held on April 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Citizens Forum:** Discussion regarding 430<sup>th</sup> Street took place. The Township will request a response from Sunrise Township Attorney Robert Ruppe as to whether the position stated in your September 19 letter still fully applies to the road in question, and if not, an additional opinion from you regarding the status of the road.

**Grader:** Sunrise Township will pay an additional \$135,000. Trade value \$154,000. Sunrise Township sold the current grader to Spencer Brook Township for \$165,000 without the wing. Ziegler is going to loan Sunrise a grader at no cost for approximately 8 weeks. Motion by Ericc Leivian, second Mark Osland to sell the 2011 140M grader for \$165,000 without the wing. Motion carried.

**Short Course Update:** Jeske Noordergraaf learned that 2 people need to keep financial books. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf for dual books. Motion carried.

**Land Donation Chisago County Parks:** Larid Mork will provide all the PID's that will be in the land donated to the Chisago County Parks Department for park reserve land. These parcels will possibly taken off tax assessment roles for high speed fiber optic internet.

**CenturyLink Fiber Optic Update:** Problems are happening with people getting hooked up with CenturyLink saying they can't get hooked up. Citizens that want to get hooked up for CenturyLink internet need to contact Nick. Citizens that need to get fiber buried that have above ground internet at this time should contact Clerk Kowalke to get in touch with Kirsten Sersland to organize CenturyLink to bury the cable.

**Tiller Update:** On Thursday, April 19th I received a call from Mike Caron who works for the Tiller Corporation. He went over 3 points. He expects the amount hauled out of the pit to be approximately the same as in 2017. He will work with our maintenance man Lynn once road restrictions come off regarding treating the road with chloride. Lastly he mentioned that Tiller is working with Chisago County on redoing their CUP. It is not at the stage where he is able to discuss it but he requested that he be on the agenda for May, 2018.

**Blue Sign:** Discussion took place over the blue signs.

**Board Member Meetings:**

Gerald Bjork attended Blue Sign meetings.

Mark Osland – short courses, historical meeting

Jeske Noordergraaf: short courses, historical meeting

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson: Auditor meetings, planning commission meeting, high speed internet meetings

**Keystone Ave. Graveling – North Star:** Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson will continue to work with North Star.

**Maintenance Update:** NONE.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair