

DRAFT 2019 Sunrise Township Annual Meeting
Royal Wilcox Community Center
Sunrise, Minnesota
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Chairman Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the 2019 Sunrise Township Annual meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson	Clerk Wendy Kowalke
Supervisor Gerald Bjork	Treasurer Karen Anderson
Supervisor Eric Leivian	Engineer: Cristina Mlejnek
Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf	
Supervisor Mark Osland (absent)	

Others Present

Charlotte Wilcox	Rick Olseen	Dennis Danich
Steve Christianson	Mary Christianson	Dan Pearson
Peggy Pearson	Jamie Martinson	Ted Krause
Bobbi Harrington	Dan Harrington	Joyce Meyers
Jim McCarthy	Lynn Wolleat	
Allison Bendickson, 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 Rick Olseen, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to accept the 2019 annual agenda moving donations hearing requests to top of agenda. Motion carried.

Donation Requests:

Motion by James McCarthy, second by Joyce Meyers to distribute \$3,000 for 2020 at the discretion of the Town Board. Motion carried.

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

- Family Pathways (Allison) – 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.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by James McCarthy, second by BJ Thorstenson to approve the 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Books closed for 2018 year. Checking account balance for 2018 is \$383,762.77. Savings account balance is \$998,469.18 which is broken down into separate funds. Motion by Steve Christopherson, second by Dan Pearson to approve treasure report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's 2020 Levy: Treasurer Anderson went over the budget. The Sunrise Township Board set the 2020 proposed levy held in February to bring to the citizens of Sunrise Township at a 2.5% increase at \$542,219.93. Motion by Mary Christopherson, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept the 2020 Levy. Motion carried.

Vote on Proposed Separate Blacktop Levy: starting 2020 for 5 years: Motion by James McCarthy, second Steve Christopherson to have a separate blacktop levy of \$100,000.00 each year for 5 years. The Town Board will move \$100,000 from Road and Bridge Fund to the Blacktop Fund in 2020. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Traffic counts on Olson road were approximately 225 per day.
- For one mile of road to be paved would cost approximately \$200,000 at 3.5 inches.
- Charlotte Wilcox commented that Olson Road would wipe out the whole 5 year levy since it is approximately 2 miles.
- James McCarthy asked how many miles the township is thinking about paving.
- Steve Christianson said that 2nd Street was paved without assessments.
- Sunrise Town Board would like to pave the most heavily traveled roads in the township (Olson Road, Kost Trail, Ferry Road) first.
- James McCarthy said Street Light data is available to the local agencies which is based on cell phone application to determine traffic.
- More traffic studies should be completed.
- The Sunrise Town Board said if township citizens want paved roads, taxes need to be increased.
- Dan Harrington is concerned about annexation.
- Charlotte Wilcox said if Sunrise Township forms their own zoning we may be able to avoid some part of annexation.

Motion by James McCarthy, second by Rick Olseen to set up a committee establishing a blacktopping plan, with prioritizing which roads that would be blacktopped first, forms of blacktop, assessments, and factoring gravel costs / increases and gravel vs. backtop and bonding to make recommendations at the next annual meeting. Discussion took place that Sunrise Township already has cost estimates. Motion fails.

Motion by Bobbi Harrington, second by James McCarthy to recess the annual meeting for 3 months to come back and hear the report with accurate cost estimate to recess on June 4 at 7 PM. Motion failed.

2018 Annual Township Report: Annual Report available at meeting.

Road Report: Annual road report is included in the Annual Township Report. Blue Signs, looking at selling the loader in the open market after the extended warranty period is over.

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 rates again in 2018. Moved into new new Public Safety Center, opened a new County Jail and welcomed a new County Sheriff Brandon Thyen. Probation (Court Series had an extremely busy year in 2018. Public Works reconstructed / resurfaced some 25 miles of highway ad seal coat another 36 miles. Replaced Bridge and Sign Replacemen Project with townships of Fish Lake, Franconia, Shafer and Sunrise. 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 Dollar Amount: Motion by Joyce Meyers, second by Bobbi Harrington for \$3,000 for the 2020 budget.

Gopher Bounty: Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Joyce Meyers to set gopher bounty at \$2.00 per pair. Motion carried.

Gravel Update: There is only one more year left for gravel in the current Johnson Pit. Sunrise Town Board will need to start looking outside of the township for gravel which will increase gravel costs.

Olson Road: Discussed under the blacktop levy.

Ferry Road: Acquired Grant to help pay for paving Ferry Road.

Subordinate Service District Update – High Speed Internet: CenturyLink is paid and the infrastructure is complete. More services still need to be buried. Prices are going up, so citizens are encouraged to get the installation date set up.

Community Night Out: Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Playground: Looking for volunteers.

Recycle Day: The recycling company is starting to charge. Not much interest

Tiller Corporation is new IUP: *Motion by Steve Christianson, second by Joyce Meyers the residents of Sunrise Township felt Tiller Corporation should pave River Road due to the damage that Tiller Corporation's gravel hauling trucks do on River Road from Co. 9 to the Tiller Pit. Sunrise Board to write a letter to Chisago County Zoning and Environmental Services and Chisago County Board of Commissioners informing them the integrity of River Road is being*

compromised by heavy truck traffic from CR 9 to Tiller Pit. River Road would not have to be built to higher specs if not due to heavy truck traffic Motion carried.

2020 Annual Meeting: Motion by BJ Thorstenson, and Steve Christianson Tues., March 10, 2020 at 8:15. Motion carried.

Other Business: Plowing snow across the road is against the law. Garbage cans have to be outside of the roadway. Non-standard mail box posts will not be replaced, Mail Box posts must be on a swinging post. Post master wants mailbox height set at 46”.

Motion by Dan Harrington, second by James McCarthy to have the planning commission research Sunrise Township to take on their own zoning, cost estimates and to protect itself from annexation. Can have an agricultural preserve district to protect the Township Borders. Sunrise Township has North Branch and Harris borders. Motion carried.

Steve Christianson is wondering about getting natural gas out to Sunrise. Sunrise Board informed Mr. Christianson that it is up to Excel where they install their natural gas line. Citizens would like to have the Royal Wilcox building painted. Rick Olseen said it was a good decision to go with North Branch Fire, they were very diligent and professional responding the emergencies on CR 9.

Emergency Blue signs have started being installed at the north end of Sunrise Township. Installation will be continued in the spring working to the south end of the Township.

Sunrise Township March 12, 2019 Election Results: Clerk Kowalke read the March 12, 2019 Election Results.

*A Total of 49 votes cast
(Total number of on register of electors 1,295)*

Supervisor E – Three (3) Year Term

*Jeske Noordergraaf.....43
Shane Stepp (write-in)..... 1
Greg Strom (write-in) 1*

Planning Commission L – Three (3) Year Term

*Charles “Chuck” Sinn 17
Brian Geisbauer..... 28
Delano Olson 1*

Planning Commission K – Three (3) Year Term

*Ted Krause..... 37
John Swenson..... 1
Scott Manske..... 1
Brian Geisbauer..... 3*

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