

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, July 18, 2019
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
Eric Leivian
Mark Osland

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

Others Present:

Jennifer Etchieson	Dustin Koenig	Jay Flodquist
Ted Krause	Sam Falk	Dennis Danicch
Joel Peterson	BJ Thorstenson	Mike Morgan
Steve Christopherson	Peggy Pearson	Jenie Brackett
Kurt Nauman	Charlotte Wilcox	Nat Sondrol

Approve Agenda: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the July 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the June 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Justin Buehring Driveway Permit, District 7 Meeting Notice for August 8, 2019 in Big Lake Town Hall, MN Assoc. of Townships Membership cards handed out, Chisago County Historical Society sent a thank you for donation, Family Pathways is holding a Community Meal on Tues., August 13 in North Branch and Community Night Out post cards are in the mail.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Anderson went over treasurer’s report. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 5788 through 5817. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Jeske Noordergraaf gave Commissioner Rick Greene’s report in his absence. Tiller Corp. requested Chisago County to table their CUP for 30 days. Tiller will be on the Chisago County agenda for August 21. County Roads: 67 and 81 construction will be begin August 1, County Road 89 doing soon. A roundabout will be constructed on HWY 95 and Hemingway and CR 67 will be part of their detour.

Jay Flodquist – Helicopter Rides during SnoBarons Haydays grass drags from 9 am to 9 pm:

Jeske Noordergraaf is concerned about the noise level. A Ride will be 5 to 10 minutes in length. Jeske Noordergraaf said that in the past they were not flying as high as it states in the application. The application states that they are supposed to be flying at least 1,000 feet. Horses tend to be more of a flight animals than cows.

Jeske Noordergraaf cited Chisago County Ordinance No 7.05:

7.05 Noise and Vibrations Noise and vibrations generated from any use shall be in compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency rules. Any use established shall be so operated that no undue or objectionable noise resulting from said use is transmitted beyond the boundaries of that plat line of the site on which such use is located. This standard shall not apply to incidental traffic, parking, loading, construction, or temporary maintenance operations. Any use creating periodic earth-shaking vibration shall be prohibited if such vibrations are perceptible to persons beyond the lot line of the site on which the use is located. The standard shall not apply to vibrations created during the process of construction.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf to oppose this conditional use permit, motion fails due to lack of a second.

Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second Mark Osland to accept the CUP for helicopter rides from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with additional hours on Friday from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. There will be 2 helicopters. 1 abstain (Eric Leivian), 1 oppose (Jeske Noordergraaf). Motion carried.

North Branch Fire – Wayne Blodgett: Wayne Blodgett presented a check for \$1,000 from the North Branch Fire Relief Association for a donation to Sunrise Township. Sunrise Board thanked Wayne Blodgett and North Branch Fire very much for the donation. North Branch Fire purchased a new pumper tanker which should be coming in in approximately 1 year.

Sam Falk – Solar Fields: They are looking to construct 3 one mega watt solar systems. Community meeting scheduled for August 8 at 6:00 PM at the Chisago County Government Center. All 3 fields are less than 10 acres Gwen Swenson, John Swenson and Keith Tuhy. Jeske Noordergraaf and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson will attend the County meeting as Township representatives. Place on August agenda for update.

Blandin: Received grant from Blandin with the help from Nancy Hoffman. Clerk to contact CTC to inform them that Sunrise will participate in the engineering study for high speed internet for the South part of Sunrise Township.

New Web-site: There was good feedback. Eric Leivian will continue to be in contact with WebDuck Design for the new web-site.

Road Tour Final Update: 460th Street culverts need to be replaced; Juniper Ridge, Joywood and Olson Road look at.

Citizen Forum: BJ Thorstenson is concerned about the solar fields not having to attend Sunrise Township Planning Commission. There is a new administrative process at the Chisago County level to include the communities. BJ Thorstenson is concerned about the residential taxes not going down with the business to residential ratio. Sunrise Board Informed the citizens that Sunrise is going to have to start buying gravel so Sunrise Township taxes will be going up. Kurt Nauman is wondering about zoning for tiny homes / ordinances. Pocket Community Zoning for tiny homes.

Juniper Ridge – Druscilla Enos (absent): SealTech did not notify Engineer Cristina Mlenjke when they were at the site. A lien waiver was received from SealTech and a final bill of \$2,800 from SealTech. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to accept the road on the condition that we retain \$5,000.00 after all the bills are paid. Motion carried.

Kurt Nauman – Gravel: Meet with neighbor to the north and has permission to complete tests on the Hokanson property and on Mr. Nauman's (651-707-2885) property as well for gravel possibilities.

Driveway Off Iris (Re: Dustin Koenig): Dustin Koenig does not have adequate approval to complete driveway in the road right-of-way. Need a staging platform and retaining wall. Sunrise Township is concerned about the driveway erosion is going to erode the Township Road right-of-way.

Olson Road: Bids were let. Received 3 plan holders and one bid. Base bid to pave keystone to Lowden. Prices came in about as expected with the alternate to pave Lowden to CR 9 being cheaper than expected.

Knife River

West end: \$239,645.10

Alternate to shoulder west end: \$7,540

Alternate east end: \$153,055.06

Alternate to shoulder east end: \$7,076

Alternate Tree trimming for paving operation on east end: \$400

We are checking their numbers/math presently. Numbers are all really close to our estimate except the east end for \$153k, I thought would've been higher. Also, north side widening would require a right-of-entry from those property owners. Base bid and alternates to be awarded at a special meeting after bonding squared away.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf that Sunrise Township come up with a policy for assessing roads that the citizens come to the Town Board to pave their road. For lack of second, motion fails.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to pave Olson in its entirety, use the \$100,000 in the blacktopping fund, based on approval of bonding \$300,000.00 and Lynn Wolleat to help widen the road based on the specification. Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson will contact Ehlers for bonding process.

A Right of Entry is an agreement with home owners understanding that the road is going to be widened. Engineer Cristina Mlenjke will provide a Right of Entry Form to be signed. Steve Christopherson to help with Right of Entry forms. Steve and Mary Christopherson 11624 Olson Road, Harris, MN 55032 651-237-0470. stevechrist8@gmail.com

Elections: Not have PC elections according to law, have a straw ballot or recommend to the Town Board to talk with Mark Koran and Ann New (local legislatures) to sponsor a proposed legislation to allow township planning commission elections in Sunrise Township.

Community Nigh Out – Tues., August 6

Tiller Corporation – Mike Caron (absent) – River Road: They have been keeping the road watered, put chloride on once.

Painting Royal Wilcox Community Center. Pressure washing completed. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to pay Gerald Bjork for the window air conditioner for town hall. Motion carried. Motion by Eric Leivina, second by Pete to pay Sealtech. Motion carried

Board Member Meetings:

Gerald: Association Mtg., loaded trucks for 3 days

Eric: Association Mtg., PC Meeting

Jeske: Association Mtg.

Mark: Association Mtg.,

Pete: Association Mtg.

Maintenance Update: chloride complete, gravel complete for the year. Kip Rydberg gravel placed on 367th and 360th and crack sealed all blacktop roads.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair