

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, April 18, 2019  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:05 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:**

Stephen Forner, Maintenance  
Kurt Nauman  
Peggy Pearson

Brian Geisebauer  
Mike Caron, Tiller  
Kathy Grace

BJ Thorstenson  
Christina Morrison, Tiller  
Dustin Koenig

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

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

**Clerk Update:** Township Legal Seminar presented by Couri & Ruppe Law Office on various dates and locations. DFL Caucus reserved the Community Center for Feb. 25, 2020 for Caucus night.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Karen 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 claims 5707 through 5732 with additional claims:

Amador Township (semi-annual billing 1 <sup>st</sup> half fire) .....	\$28,085.35
Associated Bank .....	\$3,086.64
Bolton & Menk .....	\$680.00
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Brian Geisebauer (82 pair gopher feet at \$2.00 per pair) .....	\$164.00
Web-duck Designs (web-site upgrade).....	\$1,200.00
Motion carried	

**Commissioner Rick Greene Update:** Not Present.

**Kurt Naumann – Gravel:** Has clean washed sand and medium to large size rock. Looking at 5 to 8 acres of possible gravel. 651-707-2885. Lynn Wolleat and Gerald Bjork will look into gravel.

**Juniper Ridge – Druscilla Enos – Tep. Access Easement to T Turnaround:** Place April for signature Agenda.

**Driveway off Iris – Dustin Koenig:** Town Board Member Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Lynn Wolleat and Township Engineer Cristina Mlenjke will look at driveway proposal on Tues., April 23 at 6:00 PM.

**Mike Caron – Tiller Corporation:** Mike Caron said that they cannot pave River Road to the pit. Mike Caron would like to come up with a better maintenance program. The Tiller Pit is Subject to inspections by State and County and the Mine Safety and Health. There has been discussions with Chisago County regarding signage with phone numbers for Tiller and no idling. Tiller has hired an additional superintendent to help manage sites. Motion Jeske Noordergraaf second by Eric Leivian to include as a condition of approving the IUP that Tiller Corp. pave River Road from CR 9 to their gravel pit entrance at their expense.

1. This would improve the road condition and alleviate some of the noise for the neighbors.
  - a. Decrease the constant dust from the heavy traffic.
  - b. Reduce the damage to the road when it is driven on during wet conditions.
  - c. Reduce the development of pot holes and wash board.
  - d. Reduce the noise and vibration impact to neighbors from washboard and pot holes on the gravel road.
2. As Tiller Corporation is planning to keep this pit productive for the next 30 years, the large majority of wear and tear on River Road will be from trucks hauling out of the pit which is why Tiller Corporation should be responsible for the cost of paving this road.
3. Request that hours be reduced on Saturday to 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM with the exception of 1 to 2 Saturdays per year.

Motion carried. Place on May agenda.

**Gravel Crush and Hauling:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the following quote:

- Crushing and Stockpiling gravel in Johnson Pit @ \$4.50/c.y.
- Casting out material with John Deere 350 Excavator @ \$1.50/c.y.
- Hauling material @ \$3.47/c.y.
- Township will dewater pit
- Haul pit run gravel to tope of hill for crushing @ \$1.50/c.y.

Motion carried.

**Citizens Letter Regarding River Road:** Citizen letter will be sent to Chisago County for consideration regarding Tiller’s new IUP.

**Olson Road:** “Street Light” is not a viable option for Sunrise as it is too expensive. Brian Geisebauer to check into the costs of renting traffic counters.

**Emergency Armer Communication System:** Chisago County has a signed an interim agreement until the end of 2019. Fire Departments will be working with Chisago County for an agreement.

**Donation Distributions:**

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian same as last year. Motion fails.

Motion by Mark, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the following entities for donation distribution:

Sunrise Cemetery Association.....	\$500.00
Chisago County Sr. Center .....	\$400.00
Family Pathways.....	\$1,500.00
Chisago County Historical Society .....	\$400.00
Chisago County Fair (Ag Society) .....	\$200.00

Motion carried.

**Annexation Inquiries:** Per instructions received by resolution from the citizens at the Annual Meeting, the Planning Commission held discussion regarding steps that the Township might be able to take at this time in order to prevent the possibility of annexation by the City of North Branch or the City of Harris at some point in the future. Chairman Greg Strom emphasized that there is no immediate danger of this happening. Charlotte Wilcox agreed, and explained that the reason why research should be done now is because there may be actions that the Township can take at this time that could prevent annexation decades down the road. She cited MN Statute 414.033 and MN Statute Chapter 40A. Place on next agenda for annexation information.

**Maintenance:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to set pay for Maintenance Stephen Forner and Gerald Bjork at \$21.00 per hour with 2 Board Members abstaining (Gerald Bjork, Eric Leivian). Motion carried.

**Citizens Forum:** Kurt Nauman inquiring about the possibility of putting in tiny home community. They would have to lease the space. Chisago County is zoning authority. Chisago County requires 750 feet. Chisago County has not currently investigated this.

**Web-site:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to accept the contract and down payment of \$1,200.00 to upgrade web-site with Webduck Designs to make Sunrise Township website updated and more compatible with mobile devices. Motion carried.

**Business Cards:** Business cards will be redesigned.

**Olson Road:** Gravel is starting to breakdown, Counters will be placed on Olson Road.

**Liz Lunzer – Damaged Fence:** Fencing was replaced.

**Board of Appeal:** Wed., April 24 at 9:30 AM.

**Board Member Meetings:**

Gerald: Association Mtg.

Eric: Association Mtg, Planning Comm.  
Jeske: Association Mtg., Legislative Mtg.  
Mark: Association Mtg.  
Pete: Association Mtg., Planning Comm., Legislative Mtg.

**Maintenance Update:** Need rock for frost boils. Need to get gravel on River Road to get the crown back on it. Road Tour 6:00 PM May.

**Ferry Road:** Timeline will be 2020 for paving.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

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Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair