

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, February 21, 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

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat	Christina, Tiller Corp.	Peggy Pearson
Mike Caron, Tiller Corp.	Jason Fredlund – Almelund Fire	Denise Calhoun
Tony Kllanderud	Gene Fisk	BJ Thorsteson
Mark Murphy	Mark Murphy, Jr	Mike Bufalini

Approve Agenda: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to accept the February 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork, to approve the January 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Received OSA number from Secretary of State to work on financials with treasurer.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Karen Anderson went over treasurer’s report. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Gerald Bjork, to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list claims 5669 through 5679 with additional claim:

MN Association of Townships (L&R meeting for Jeske Noordergraaf)\$70.00
Motion carried

Moion by Eric Leivian, second Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to accept additional claim:
Jeske Noordergraaf (mileage for L&R meeting)\$58.46
Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Not Present.

Keith & Deborah Johnson (not present) Mike Bufalini – MN-121819,LLC - Gordian Solar:

Motion by Eric Leivain, second by Gerald Bjork with Mark Osland abstaining.

1. Clarify who is the Permittee is and the project owner and they should be the same entity.
2. Ensure that the screening plan will be approved by the county and financial surety is in place before permit is issued.

3. Decommission Plan: Escrow should be 125%, of decommissioning costs posted before construction begins, held by the county, specified time frame for decommission work (12 months). Decommissioning plan require the removal of all structures, foundations and pilings regardless of depth below grade.
4. If project owner does not remove any temporary construction structures, The county would have the right remove any temporary construction structures 12 months after going on-line and costs for removal will be paid from the escrow funds for the decommissioning.
5. Memorandum of Lease must be recorded with county recorder prior to any construction. The Memorandum of Lease and the Lease need to include the signature of the spouse of the land owner. Memorandum of Lease and the Lease need to have the correct legal description. The Lease and the Memorandum of Lease must conform with each other.

Motion carried.

The Town Board is concerned with continuous solar gardens popping up each being under the max following the IUP, nothing stopping the contiguous solar farms.

Almelund Fire – Chief Jason Fredlund: Chief Jason Fredlund went over budget. Total for contracts with Amador, Sunrise, Shafer, Chisago Lakes is \$113,979.00. Contract will be \$50,170.70 for Sunrise Township. Almelund Fire has a new boat so can now do water rescue. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the 2019 Almelund Fire Contract. Motion carried.

Emergency Blue Signs Update: Place March Agenda.

Board of Appeal: Wed., April 24 at 9:00 AM

Business Cards / Orange Cards: Business cards will be redesigned.

Gravel Crushing: March meeting

Gravel Hauling: March meeting

Part-time and Temporary Part-time Personnel: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian that Part-time and Temporary Part-time maintenance personnel be paid at the same rate retroactive to January 2019. Motion carried.

March Meeting Date: Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Jeske to move the March meeting to March 14, 2019 to be in conjunction with the Election Canvass Board. Motion carried.

Review Annual Report: Reviewed.

Annual Agenda Items: Add playground update, recycle day and black top fund.

Citizens Forum: None.

Tiller Corporation Mike Caron – River Road: Sunrise Township would not consider paving River Road as a 10 ton road if Tiller was not there. Mike Caron does will not foot the entire bill for paving River Road. Mike Caron paid \$25,000 in aggregate tax in 2018 payable in 2019. According to Mike Caron, Sunrise Township should be receiving 42.5% from Chisago County. Sunrise only received \$2,000.00 in 2018. Mike Caron is willing to pay \$200,000 plus gravel tax. The total cost of paving

that portion of the River Road would be \$803,000.00. Sunrise Township is not willing to put in the majority of the pay for River Road. Town Board will check with Chisago County to find out what the aggregate tax breakdown is.

Web-site: Have Rebecca give site references. March agenda.

Johnson Gravel Pit: Need to obtain documentation proving she is the land owner or executor of the estate. Judy Koskala inherited the land so the contract goes with the land. Place on March Agenda.

Olson Road: Lynn Wolleat to look into a groomer for gravel roads.

Board Member Meetings:

Gerald: Audit mtg.

Eric: Audit mtg., planning commission, solar

Jeske: L&R mtg.

Mark: Audit mtg.

Pete: Audit mtg., planning commission, Fish Lake opening for High Speed Internet

Maintenance Update: dealing with snow, issues with people plowing snow across the road.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair