

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, May 16, 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:

Stephen Forner, Maintenance	Brian Geisebauer	BJ Thorstenson
Ted Krause	Mike Caron, Tiller	Nancy Hoffman, HRA-EDA
Peggy Pearson	Deborah Kellerher-Graleske	
Ted Meyers	Charlotte Wilcox	Dan Harrington
Steve Christopherson	Mary Christopherson	Brian Geisebuaer
James McCarthy	Clay McCarthy	

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to accept the May 2019 agenda adding Ferry Road under Old Business. Motion carried.

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

Clerk Update: No updates.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Karen Anderson went over treasurer’s report. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork, to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with claims list 5733 through 5757. Motion carried

Century Link: Sunrise Township is not allowing early payoff because it would create a bond shortfall. Sunrise Township will have to recertify the SSD every year. New builds will be paying the appropriate amount. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to move \$50,000 into a short term CD. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Not Present.

Sno-Barons Snowmobile Club, Inc. : Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to accept the Sno-Barons Snowmobile Club, Inc. temporary on-sale liquor license for the following dates of September 13, 14 and 15, 2019 for Hay Days event. Motion carried.

Kurt Nauman – Gravel: Place on June 2019.

Juniper Ridge – Druscilla Enos – Temp. Access Easement to T Turnaround: Engineer did not approve the crack sealing. Engineer Cristina Mlenjke will send a letter to Druscilla Enos informing her the crack sealing for Whispering Ridge is inadequate. Juniper Ridge needs a T turnaround

Internet for Non-CenturyLink Citizens: CTC (Consolidated Telecommunications Company) offers fiber connection packages. CTC is asking that townships help pay for an engineering study. This study would determine if CTC would be interested in servicing this area and also help determine the installation price per household. There is a Border to Border grant application through Blandin which would pay 50% of the engineering costs and HRA/EDA is willing to help with 25% of the 50%. *Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Mark Osland to pay 25% of the cost to do exploratory engineering study performed by CTC in the Frontier Territory contingent on obtaining the Blandin Foundation grant along with HRA / EDA Funding. Motion carried with one no – Eric Leivian.*

Sunrise Township Comments and Concern Tracking Form: Town Board members want to become more efficient add a comments, questions and concerns form on the web-site. Sunrise Town Board would like to add more accountability of Board Members and Staff. This form would help the Town Board become more efficient at addressing comments, questions and concerns by having a form on the website which the citizens can fill out.

Road Tour Update: Juniper Ridge crack filling is not adequate. James – water problem, Olson Road – looks good now. 2nd Street – there is some cracking. All black top roads are getting crack sealing is being worked on. Wilcox Road is a concern. Water problem @ 475th and James and the person who wants to build on Iris avenue will come to us with a proposal.

Citizens Forum:

Mike Caron – Tiller Corporation: Mike Caron said that they cannot pave River Road. Mike Caron would like to come to a solution to present to the County Board. Mike Caron would like to put together a working group consisting of a Sunrise Planning Commission member, Sunrise Town Board member. Chisago County Planning Commission recommended paving the portion of River Road to Tiller pit to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. Mike Caron does not feel this is a reasonable request and Mike Caron will take this back to the County Board.

Ferry Road: Ferry Road is scheduled to be paved in 2020. Peggy Pearson is requesting something be done with Ferry Road to make it better. Pot holes in the road that are seem to never graded out, secondary ditches. Mrs. Pearson is wondering how this road is going to be maintained. Sunrise Township will grade it more and possibly put more gravel on this year.

Olson Road: The citizens voted to place \$100,000 into a paved road fund budgeted in 2020. It was determined that car counts exceed the limit. It is the understanding of the citizens present that Olson Road was going to be paved in 2019. Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Eric Leivian to obtain bids to pave Olson Road. Motion withdrawn. *Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Eric Leivian for Cristina Mlenjke will provide a proposal with cost estimate at Bolton and Menk cost.* Discussion: It is fair to have a discussion on assessments. Steve Christopherson does not believe there should be assessments and believe that at the annual meeting that assessments would not be charged. Motion carried.

Painting Royal Wilcox Community Center. Place on June Agenda.

Business Cards: Eric to send template to Clerk Kowalke.

Board Member Meetings:

Gerald: Association Mtg., Board of Appeal and Equalization

Eric: Association Mtg., County Attorney regarding CenturyLink,, Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Jeske: Association Mtg., Co. Planning, Co., Bd, and Equalization

Mark: Association Mtg., Board of Appeal and Equalization

Pete: Association Mtg., Co. Board meeting, Equalization.

Maintenance Update: Working on crack filling, maintenance on snow plow equipment, Calcium chloride is just starting to be placed. All crack sealing that needs to be done should be done as this helps maintain the paved roads in our Township. New owner chained off part of the entrance to the Johnson Gravel Pit,

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair