

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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 Mlejnek  
Maintenance: Lynn Wolleat

**Others Present:**

Peggy Pearson  
Patricia Peters

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the August 2020 agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the July 2020 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** None.

**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 6097 through 6120. Motion carried.

*Resolution No. 2020-08-20-3 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer:* Motion by Eric Leivian second by Mark Osland to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer for Jeske Noordergraaf to perform the duties of Election Judge Under Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd. 5  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT  
WITH INTERESTED OFFICER UNDER  
Minn. Stat 471.88, subd. 5  
Resolution Number - 2020-08-20-3**

**WHEREAS**, Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service:

Election Judge

**WHEREAS**, Jeske Noordergraaf is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason:

- She is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the service of \$10.00/hour is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services could be obtained elsewhere at this time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. State 365.37; 471.88, subd. 5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Jeske Noordergraaf for a wage of \$10.00 per hour; payment to occur on the service as agreed and upon the filing of a proper affidavit by the interested officer.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

*Resolution No. 2020-08-20-4 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer* Motion by Eric Leivian,, second by Mark Osland to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer for Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to perform the duties of Election Judge under Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd. 5.  
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT  
WITH INTERESTED OFFICER UNDER  
Minn. Stat 471.88, subd. 5**

**Resolution Number - 2020-08-20-04**

**WHEREAS**, Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service:

Election Judge

**WHEREAS**, Carl Pete Johnson is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason:

- He is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the service of \$10.00/hour is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services could be obtained elsewhere at this time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. State 365.37; 471.88, subd. 5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Carl Pete Johnson for a wage of \$10.00 per hour; payment to occur on the service as agreed and upon the filing of a proper affidavit by the interested officer.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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

**Historical Museum / Old Town Hall:** Frank Lowden poster was taken down because of very obscene graffiti on the poster.

**Polling Place 2021 Site Resolution:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to accept Resolution No. 2020-08-20-2 designating Polling Place for 2021 Elections. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-20-2

SUNRISE TOWNSHIP, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE FOR 2021 ELECTIONS

**WHEREAS**, Sunrise Township has one voting precinct:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUNRISE TOWNSHIP, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The polling place for the 2021 elections will be held at the Royal Wilcox Community Center, 41259 Oak Street, North Branch (Sunrise), MN 55056

Adopted by the Town Board of Sunrise Township on August 20, 2020.

**Blue Sign Ordering:** There are 9 Emergency Blue Signs that have been paid for at the County Level. It will take about 6 weeks to get signs. Town Board Members will provide additional names and addresses that need blue signs that need to be billed the \$125 for the signs.

**Gunfire off Peaceful Valley Road Complaints:** There is citizen concerns about lots of shooting / hours at a time. They are not anti-gun. They deer hunt. People move out to the country for peace and quiet and also to be able to do what they want. There is a fine line. Suggested that concerned citizens call the sheriff's department.

**Citizens Forum:** Patricia Peters: Ferry Road – Thanks for grading the road. Blue Signs – The blue sign is not installed correctly. Street Sign – Sunrise Road and River Road sign is missing – sign is on order. Street Light – Patricia Peters talked with Xcel worker to have light fixed. Would like pavement in front of her shop. Stepp Manufacturing septic is leaching. Chisago County has asked Stepp Manufacturing for a certified survey. Eric Leivian apologized to Patricia Peters as she is very upset.

**Kost Dam Road Parking Ordinance:** Eric, Gerald. This is being done so Emergency Vehicles can get through. Motion carried.

**460<sup>th</sup> Culvert Replacement:** The 460<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert should be able to be replaced this season. Sunrise would pay \$20,000 (\$10,000 for engineering costs and \$10,000 for construction). Chisago County pays the rest which would be approximately \$225,000.00. The waterway is Goose Creek. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to move forward with the replacement of the culvert. Motion carried.

**Coronavirus Relief Funds Application (CARES Grant):** CARES Grant application is still in process. The Certification Form has been turned in. The DUNS number has been approved. The SAM account has been approved. Waiting for the CAGE number.

**Ferry Road Easement Resolution:** Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept Resolution No. 2020-08-20-1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-20-1**  
RESOLUTION FOR FERRY ROAD  
EASEMENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018, Sunrise Township submitted an application for the Department of Natural Resources State Park Road Account Program for improvements to Ferry Road located within Sunrise Township and within Wild River State Park for the benefit of its users; and

WHEREAS, the project limits include Ferry Road from Sunrise Road (CR 9) to the parking lot entrance near the Sunrise River Boat Landing and approximately 140 feet of Olson Road between Sunrise Road (CR 9) and Ferry Road; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2019, notification was provided that funding for improvements to Ferry Road was authorized to Chisago County on behalf of Sunrise Township; and

WHEREAS, an easement from the State is required for the improvements within Wild River State Park; and

WHEREAS, the easement and application fee are eligible costs in the State Park Road Account funding program.

WHEREAS, the required easement is for 22 feet right and left of centerline as described below and attached (Exhibit A):

- No. 1: 32+70 to 48+50, 22 feet right of centerline
- No. 2: 48+50 to 66+00, 22 feet right and 22 feet left of centerline
- No. 3: 66+00 to 70+50, 22 feet right and 22 feet left of centerline

WHEREAS, the cost of the easement including application fee is \$26,468.34 (see attached Exhibit B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SUNRISE AS FOLLOWS:

1. For reasons stated herein and per attached Exhibit A, a permanent easement is required for the proposed improvements.
2. As shown in attached Exhibit B, the reimbursable cost of the easement and application is \$26,468.34
3. The Township hereby directs the Township Clerk to certify this Resolution, with the attached Exhibits A and B to the Chisago County Auditor.
4. The Township hereby directs the Township Treasurer to issue a check for the application fee in the amount of \$2,000 payable to the Department of Natural Resources to accompany the easement application.

Approved by the Town Board of the Town of Sunrise this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

**Ferry Road Bidding Timeline:** Haven't heard back from the DNR how long the easement application may take. It's possible some work may begin this year, but likely the majority of the work will occur in 2021. In part due to contractors' schedules and those in the area being pretty busy right now.

**Audit Update:** Treasurer Anderson has provided everything CliftonLarsonAllen, LLC have asked for. Treasurer Anderson will be meeting with Christopher and Andrew at 9 AM on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Olson Road Billing:** Motion by Mark Osland, second by Gerald Bjork to pay Bolton & Menk the extra engineering fee of approximately \$2,000.00 since Bolton and Menk completed Olson Road \$25,000 under budget. Motion carried.

**Chris Sauro – Insurance:** Place on September Agenda.

**Board Member Meetings:**

Gerald: Regular Board mtg.

Eric: PC, Regular Board Mtg.

Jeske: District Meeting, Regular Board Meeting

Mark: Regular Board mtg.

Pete: Regular Board Meeting

**Maintenance Update:** The Keystone sign is missing by CR 95 and Keystone. Lynn Wolleat will order and replace sign.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

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Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair