

**201-321-0349 Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:11 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, P.E.  
Maintenance: Lynn Wolleat (absent)

**Others Present:**

Peggy Pearson  
Patricia Peters  
Malachi Velez

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf accept the January 2021 agenda. Adding Loader discussion under new business. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, to approve the December 2020 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Update:** Election candidacy closed. Clerk Kowalke to e-mail Sunrise Town Board a list of what is in the safety deposit box.

**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 6216 through 6237. With no additional expenditures. Motion carried

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

**Malachi Velez – IUP 1 MW AC Ground AC Ground Mounted Community Solar Garden:**

\$25,000 comes from 1.5 cents per watt that has become a template in the industry. There is 735 Foot set back from state and county roads. Both roads are by this project are county roads. Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to deny the variance because the setbacks requested are so far removed from the language of the Amended Chisago County Zoning Ordinance Section 7.31, Subsection F, Paragraph 10, (which requires 735 feet from centerline of state and county roads) that we don’t feel Sunrise Township can act on it; and also because the \$25,000 decommission security falls far too short of 125% of the stated \$87,767.00 cost of decommissioning - with one abstain (Mark Osland). Motion carried.

**Teleconference Option for March 9 Annual Meeting:** Place on February agenda.

**Snow Plow Policy:** The Sunrise Township Snow Plow Policy is on Sunrise Township facebook page and web-site. It was discussed to have the Chisago County Sheriffis’s Department to speak with Sunrise Township residents that are pushing their snow across the road when plowing.

**Move March Regular Board Meeting to Thurs., March 11 to hold on the same day as the Election Certification meeting:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to move the Township Regular Board meeting to Thurs., March 11 to be held on the same day as the Election Certification meeting – which is 1 week earlier. Motion carried..

**February Audit Meeting Date:** Tues., Feb. 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

**Judge Recommendations:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to accept the March 2021 Judge Recommendations. Motion carried.

**Job Descriptions:** Place on February agenda

**Employee Policy:** Place on February Agenda.

**Annual Report:** Place February Agenda

**Planning Commission Member:** Clerk Kowalke to e-mail Planning Commission member and place on February for open position.

**Group Life & Disability Program:** Place on February agenda.

**911 blue signs:** Clerk Kowalke to work with Eric Leivian and Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to get the \$125 blue sign fee on property owner’s taxes to pay for sign.

**Loader:** May 2022 the warranty expires on the Loader. Ziegler is going to send pricing and trade value to Eric Leivian. Place on February agenda. Rough estimate is \$300,000 outside the state bid program.

**Treasurer Review:** Motion Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to give Treasurer Anderson a 3% raise. Motion carried.

**Citizens Forum:** It was brought to the attention of the Town Board that black tar or skids being burned should be turned into Chisago County to Steve Putman, Chisago County Zoning, or Dan Anklin because of the toxins being released. Paint and solvents from Stepp Manuarfacturing is filtered out and it runs out right in front of the Sunrise Tubing Office. Customers get sick. Chisago County is aware of it. Please report incidents to the Chisago County

**Old Business:**

**Patricia Peters – Downtown Sunrise Lots:** Patricia Peters received a call from Jeske Noordergraaf to discuss multiple property on Mill Street. Sunrise Town Board is asking if Ms. Peters could do some clean-up on her parcels. Sunrise Township owns property behind Patricia Peters property and could possibly construct trails to get tubers to the river safer.

**Private Driveway Culvert:** Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to amend the November 2020 Minutes under Box Culvert - Lowden. Change Box Culvert heading to Private Driveway Culvert: It was brought to the Sunrise Township Board’s attention that a private driveway culvert located on Lowden Avenue backs up water onto another property. No action taken at this time. Motion approved.

**Outside Audit Year to Year:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to have a second outside audit. Motion carried. The cost would be \$8,300.00 to do a second year for continuity.

**North Branch Fire Contract:** Clerk Kowalke to contact Renea, City of North Branch, to get signed fire contract copy.

**460<sup>th</sup> Culvert Replacement:** Nothing to report.

**Ferry Road:** Nothing to report.

**LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program):** Sunrise Township’s cost will be approximately \$46,000 (for River Road to Mill Street) for engineering costs. Grants covers the construction costs.

**SSD (Subordinate Service District) Service Charge:** Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to approve the SSD Service Charge paperwork to be submitted to the Chisago County Auditor.

**Board Member Meetings:**

Gerald: Regular Board mtg.

Eric: Regular Mtg., PC, SSD mtg

Jeske: Regular Board Meeting

Mark: Regular Board Meeting

Pete: Regular Board Meeting, PC, SSD

**Maintenance Update:** Lynn Wolleat not present for a maintenance update.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

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Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, Chair