

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township  
Thursday, August 18, 2022  
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chair Mark Osland called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Osland, Chair

Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair

Dan Kaiser

Eric Leivian

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Engineer: Cristina Mlejnek, P.E.

Maintenance: Troy Montague

**Others Present:**

Peggy Pearson

Clair Dickson

Erica Heinen

Cindy Erickson

Mike Heinen

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser to approve the August agenda. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser to accept the July 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Update:** System Administration Management (SAM) update.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser to approve claims list 6719 through 6693 with no additional expenditures. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Rick Greene:** Absent.

**Erica and Mike Heinen – Meat Processing Ordinance Amendment:** The Heinen's live by Kost Dam / Vibo Circle. Their plan would be to process beef and hogs. The heinen's approached Chisago County to ask for a meat processing amendment allowing for a licensed facility. Currently the Chisago County Ordinance does not permit meat processing on ag land, only in a commercial area. The Heinen's understand that there is a push from farm to table. Currently, meat processing is way out by commercial companies. The Heinen's want to work with Chisago County and Sunrise Township. Looking at a facility of about 10 to 20 animals a week. Custom exempt license is a starting point for them. Ultimate goal is to expand to retail at another location. It is the consensus of the Sunrise Township Board that they support the Meat Processing Ordinance Amendment.

**Museum Plan:** Linn Strong and Jim Buleau said there were 45 people that visited the Sunrise Township Museum on National Night Out. (Natalee from the Historical Society has a lot of good ideas on how Sunrise Township could improve the interior if the board is amendable. Place Sunrise Museum on the tour for the summer of 2023. Some items – remove sink and put a school teacher's desk. It is the consensus of the Sunrise Board that the historical society pursue grants first if there could be monetary costs involved. The kids really liked the school kid pictures.

**CCATO September Meeting Held at Sunrise Township:** Informed Sunrise Board that the CCATO September meeting pot luck will be held at Sunrise Town Hall.

**Trail through Township Park:** A Citizen mentioned to Jeske Noordergraaf that there is a trail going through Sunrise Park. Just past the playground equipment by the swing set area and follows the river. This trail / road that a citizen built goes through Sunrise Township land. Jeske Noordergraaf will contact Charlotte Wilcox to determine where the road right of ways are.

**Citizen Forum:** Cindy Erickson running for County Commissioner for Sunrise Township District 5. Lived in Chisago County for 45 years. Lives on Horseshoe Lake. Background in business finance. Worked for Hazelden in the finance area. Has experience in Health and Human Services. Truly believes that our County Government public service is for serving the public. Retired.

**475<sup>th</sup> and James Culvert Placement:** Cristina Mlejnek said delineation report is being revised to include the intent and work on the permit application. Permit should be received about mid-October. Place quote opening on the September agenda. Troy Montague will order the culvert to be ready when the project is ready to start. Sunrise does not want to delay the project due to obtaining an 18" concrete culvert.

**River Road / Mill Street:** Cristina Mlejnek said clearing and grubbing is done and pipework is still being installed. There is a conflict with CenturyLink that there are copper communications that was supposed to be cut-over by August 1 which didn't happen. The plan is to have concrete within a couple weeks. Excess gravel is going to be used to rebuild the curve. Sunrise Township wants to salvage and reuse what is usable. There is a citizen asking if they could have some of the bigger rocks. It is the consensus of the Board that material is to remain the use of the Township.

**New Town Hall Update:** Dan Kaiser said there was a June meeting. New Town Hall informational letter was placed on Facebook and Sunrise web-site. The next meeting is going to be held at the Sunrise Bible Church to see how their facility is laid out. Need plenty of storage room for election equipment and file storage.

**Road Maintenance Plan:** Cristina Mlejnek provided a final spreadsheet that is editable. It assumes a 7-year cycle on pavement and gravel.

**Speed Limit Studies (Wilcox Road and Ferry Road):** Cristina Mlenjek reached out to Mn/DOT. It could be 6 to 12 months to get speed study from Mn/DOT.

**Ferry Road – Meeting / snowmobile entities follow-up:** Jeske Noordergraaf provided meeting notes from the 8-18-2022 meeting. Present was Mark Osland, Jeske Noordergraaf, Alice and Vince Bennett (resident), Peggy Pearson (resident), Kris Backlund (DNR & Wild river State Park Manager)

Concerns: Pavement wear, snowmobilers riding on road, groomer pulling snow too deeply into woods and then on return trip putting it on road, ditch erosion.

Plan:

- Have trail start on west side of where it come out on Ferry Road, then cross to east side after guard rail at a safe spot, then cross back to west side at Park entrance. This will avoid culverts by driveways.
- Meet with snowmobile groomer to explain plan and discuss how groom is done.
- Put up temporary forced barriers in the ditch during winter to force cross over on road.
- It will be easier to maintain these 2 distinct areas where snowmobiles are on road
- Obtain estimate to sealcoat road where damage has been done.
- Ask when New Look is going to come back to fix ditches from erosion
- Trimming of trees may not be done without permission of the DNR.

New Look is planning to come back for Ferry Road because there is erosion on the east side of the road.

**Whispering Ridge – 2<sup>nd</sup> Driveway Update:** Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson talked with Attorney Robert Ruppe to write a letter to property owner.

**Playground Equipment:** Troy Montague has been in contact with the Supervisor in Maple Grove. Maple Grove is having turnover. Troy Montague will continue to stay in contact with Maple Grove.

**938M CAT Wheel Loader:** Troy Montague has been in contact with BJ from Ziegler. There is a valve that needs to be on installed on the loader, then it has to go up to Falls to get installed. The valve is approximately 36 weeks out. Eric Leivian will contact BJ from Ziegler.

**Old Wheel Load Sale Status:** Attorney Robert Ruppe said that Sunrise can sell the wheel loader without complications if worth is less than \$175,000. Ziegler said that the current wheel loader is worth approximately \$130,000 to \$135,00.

**National Night Out Update:** Clerk Kowalke to send thank you cards to: Sunrise Bible Church – Pastor David Stertz and volunteers, Stepp Manufacturing – Branda and staff, North Branch Fire Department, Almelund Fire Department and Historical Society.

**Maintenance update:** There were a couple trees on the road. A citizen talked with Troy Montague about Washington and 2<sup>nd</sup> street with water issues. Troy Montague suggested we could ditch it. This is across from the Sunrise Bible Church. There is no ditch on the north side of Washington. Have to cut in a ditch and put in a culvert. Troy Montague will get locates and fix the water issue. This can be done with Township equipment. Maintain weeds on the ballfield.

**Board Member Meetings:**

Dan Kaiser: reg mtg., district mat mtg, town hall meeting

Eric: reg mtg., Town hall meeting

Jeske: reg, mtg., snowmobile meeting, park

Pete: reg mtg., district meeting, tree cutting,

Mark: reg mtg., park

Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

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Mark Osland, Chair