

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, August 17, 2023
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

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

Board Members Present:

Jeske Noordergraaf, Chair
Mark Osland, Vice Chair
Dan Kaiser
Greg Strom
Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke
Engineer: Cristina Mlejnek, P.E.
Maintenance: Troy Montague

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson	Lynn Wolleat	Dave Kadlec
Kelly Hokanson	Kathy Naumann	Kelly Jordan
Milo Horak	Charlotte Wilcox	Janet Swanson

Approve Agenda: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to approve the August, 2023 agenda adding broadband meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to accept the July, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: 2 employees were randomly selected for drug and alcohol testing. Blue signs were ordered.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Mark Osland to approve Treasurer Anderson’s Report with claims list 7053 through 7084 with no additional claims. Motion carried.

Blue Ribbon Tree Farm Final Plat Signatures – Milo Horak: Signed by Chairperson Jeske Noordergraaf and Clerk Wendy Kowalke.

Preliminary Plat – Kelly Hokanson – Hokanson View The road was established in 1888. Planning Commission Member Charlotte Wilcox couldn’t find any vacation on any part of 460th. Sunrise Township has been maintaining the road to the 1st driveway on the left. Anything past that driveway is considered abandoned. If Sunrise Township has not maintained the road for 25 years it is considered abandoned. Sunrise Township is barred by state law to maintain past where they have been maintaining to. Charlotte Wilcox 460th Street east of Government Rd. is still a township road, it’s never been vacated – it’s still a road all the way to the river.

460th is a public road maintained to the point where it has been maintained and after that it is abandoned. By state law the Sunrise Township cannot do any maintenance on it without approval from the citizens of Sunrise Township at an annual meeting.

Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Dan Kaiser to approve the plat as is. Motion carried.

Jess Avenue Driveway Issue: Mark Osland has been out to the property. The Sunrise Township property owner that lives south have been driving with ATV's. Greg Strom said it has the look of a shared approach. This is more than likely not a Township issue if the alleged encroachment is more than 33 from center of the road then it is a private land issue. Planning Commission Member Charlotte Wilcox will research. Place on September agenda. Clerk Kowalke to email and let them know the Township is doing more research.

Ditch Mowing Timeline: Sunrise Township can start August 1st by law. Sunrise can go 33 feet. Mowing will be pushed out until August 15 in the future to protect pollinators for a little longer.

Citizens Forum: NONE.

Community Night Out: There were 98 adult tickets given out. Shirts and ball caps were counted. Out of small, medium and large t-shirts. Clerk Kowalke to look into the file to see where shirts were ordered from. Order any time. Clerk Kowalke to send thank you notes to Sunrise Bible Church, Stepp Manufacturing, Historical Society, North Branch Fire, Almelund Fire, Chisago County Sheriff's Department and Lynn Wolleat for use of the tractor and trailer for hay rides. Dan Kaiser is willing to continue order food for future Sunrise Night Out events.

Vibo Trail – Box Culvert: Cristina Mlejnek reported received initial review comments from state aide. Looking at hydraulic review. Permits from DNR for wetland delineation. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to advertise for bids before September meeting.

Speed Studies: Cristina Mlejnek said the state would recommend leaving 45 MPH on the straight away on Ferry Road. The state recommended for Wilcox be an unposted statutory speed limit. Charlotte Wilcox said there have been complaints on 2nd street of people driving too fast. There are lots of kids on that road. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to complete a speed study on 2nd street.

Ditch Cleaning: Remove from agenda.

New Town Hall Update: Mark Osland talked with Joe Triplett. Joe Triplett signed off on the driveway to come off CR 9. Chisago County received grants for the improvement of safety on some of the road in the Sunrise Township area. Sunrise will look into using the grant at CR 9 and HWY 95 to deter some fatal accidents. Greg Strom and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson staked the new town hall building.

Greg Strom has requested Board members to look at where the building is staked for feedback.

Greg Strom reported Sunrise will have to apply for a CUP at Chisago County.

Greg Strom is looking for approval for permit fee.

Greg Strom reported as part of the CUP – need a sewer plan. The sewer plan is in progress which includes a perk test and soil borings.

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve payment for the CUP permit from Chisago County and sewer plan up to \$2,000 for both. Motion carried.

River Road / Mill St.: Cristina Mlejnek is holding off on final pay request. Need to take care of the flared ends. Hydro seed is looking good.

470th Site Lines: Remove from agenda.

Roads in question of Plowing and Turnarounds: Proposed letters are pending which will need to go to lawyer.

Snow plowing roads:

It has been determined that (2) roads that have been plowed in the past - and thought to include plowing on private property - are in fact Township roads. These (2) roads are Jess Ave and 460th Street. Snow plowing will continue on these two roads with no easements needed.

Jake Brake Update: Remove from agenda.

Wilcox Road Chip Sealing: Chip sealing will start the 1st week in September.

Culvert Replacement: Culverts on 450th have been replaced. Sunrise Township is looking at replacing the rest will be completed next week.

Chisago County does not have enough culverts to supply Sunrise with what is needed. Culverts can be purchased through Contech. Kelly Excavating, Gustafson Excavating and Mike Armstrong quotes were received. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Greg Strom for Mike Armstrong to replace culverts. Haycreek, 450th and 475th for sure. Motion carried. Road tour minutes. (3 plastic 36inch 30 foot long plastic on Haycreek). The following roads are in consideration for culvert replacement: Hay Creek, 400th, 360th – needs to be tied together – concrete culvert, 470th – 2 culverts, 475th – large hole in road over culvert – 18” culvert needs replacing, 450th

Old Ditch Mower Offer: Sunrise Township has been offered on \$27,600. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson to accept the \$27,600.00 offer. Motion carried. Sunrise Township will accept a cashier’s check.

Broadband: The state is having some meetings regarding broadband. Jeske Noordergraaf would like to see better service in Sunrise.

Maintenance update: clearing trees out of road right of way. Waiting on salt order from state bid. 475th will be closed for a couple of hours which will be unpassable while culverts are being replaced. There are 3 houses.

Board Member Meetings:

Dan Kaiser: regular meeting,

Greg: regular mtg, planning commission

Jeske: reg mtg.

Pete: reg mtg,

Mark: reg. mtg

Motion by Carl Peter “Pete” Johnson, second by Mark Osland to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

Jeske Noordergraaf, Chair