Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, March 18, 2015
Royal Wilcox Community Center

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited just prior at the Sunrise Town Board Canvass meeting.

Board Members Present:
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair
Gerald Bjork
Eric Leivian
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance

Ring Bell: Bell was rung by Lynn Wolleat at Canvass Board Meeting just prior to Regular Town Board meeting.

New Officer Oath: Joel Peterson and Gerald Bjork took the Officer Oath.

Appoint Chair: Nomination by Eric Leivian for Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson for chair. Hearing no other nominations motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf for Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson for Chair. Motion carried.

Appoint Vice Chair: Nomination by Joel Peterson for Eric Leivian for Vice Chair. Eric Leivian declined the nomination. Eric Leivian nominated Jeske Noordergraaf for Vice Chair. Hearing no other nomination, motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjrok for Jeske Noordergraaf for Vice chair. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian to accept the March 2015 agenda adding Sunrise Information and Maple Street Culvert. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the February 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Clerk informed the Town Board that the State of Minnesota awarded a vendor change for used electronic and electronic component recycling and management to Dynamic Recycling. Clerk Kowalke informed the Town Board of the legal short courses and Minnesota Benefit Association of offered benefits.

Treasurer Report

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Gerald Bjork to accept the treasurer's report with claims list 4439 through 4460: Motion carried.

Haven Stump Removal.....$5,183.44

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson for an additional expenditure for Minnesota Benefit Association dues. Motion carried.
Minnesota Benefit Association.....$565.00

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Not Present.

North Star Solar Field: Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and Gerald Bjork attended a general information meeting regarding North Star Solar. Chase Whitney of North Star Solar was present at an open meeting. There is a solar field of 1,000 acres planned and of that 800 acres is going to be solar panels. The solar panels are going to moving panels that start out easterly in the morning and they will self rotate westerly in the evening. North Star will pay $300,000 per year in taxes. It is going to take $200M to complete this project. The panels are expected to last 25 to 30 years. If this project does not come to fruition, North Star will have to remove all panels. North Star is contracting with Excel Energy. This project is 100MW.

Annual Inspection of Roads – Town Board: Road tour will be held April and May 1.5 hours before the Regular Town Board Meeting

Sunrise Township: Sunrise Town Board discussed different land options.

Gas Tax Dollars: For the 80 counties outside the Metro, 95% of money spent on transportation goes to roads (this 95% comes from gas tax). The other 5% goes to transit (this 5% comes from general revenue). For the Metro, 60% of transportation budget is from gas tax and 40% is from an increase in the sales tax revenue. By law, all gas tax money goes to roads.

Citizen's Forum: NONE

Road Sign Reflectivity Sign Policy: Place on April agenda.

Township Conference Tables: Additional conference table will not be ordered at this time. Building updating was discussed. Place on April meeting.

Maintenance Update: Gravel crushing and hauling will be decided in April. Equipment cannot be stored in the same building as salt because of the corrosiveness of the air. Building sizes need to be determined. Need to look at a sweeper for the front of the loader.

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Eric Leivian, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy Kowalke Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair