Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Royal Wilcox Community Center

Chair 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 Mlenjke
Maintenance: Lynn Wolleat

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson	Jeremy Meyer	Luke Nelson, Renesolar
BJ Thorstenson	Peggy Pearson	Steve Forner
Katherine Tribbett	George Tribbett	Liz Lelm
Vivikta DeLoach	David Engmark	

Approve Agenda: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Mark Osland to accept the September 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Sheriff Brandon Thyen – Snow Plowing: Sheriff Thyen confirmed that plowing snow across the road is against the law. The Sheriff's office will put out on all social media regarding statute and law, reach out to local papers as education pieces, talk with the County Engineer, Joe Triplett. Statute 1062715 Right of Way Use and Misdemeanors. Sheriff only needs to see the remnants of someone plowing snow across the road to issue a citation.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Gerald Bjork to approve the August 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Update: Thank you from Chisago County Fair Board for donation received. Lakes and Pines Action Council annual meeting, and Attorney Couri & Ruppe, PLLP is increasing their fees effective January 1, 2020.

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 5840, 5842 through 5864 Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene Update: Not Present.

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ReneSola – Sunrise CSG 1 LLC – Luke Nelson: Screening must be at 75 percent of capacity by year 3. Driveway and overhead line and ReneSola is going to be cutting down a lot of trees, visually has concerns on the intent. The geothermal loop field is set back approximately 15 feet from property line. Chisago County only allow one access per property which is shared. Part of the lease with landowner he will provide a staging

area. Luke Nelson said he is willing to work with the dust control. Sunrise Township cannot put a moratorium on solar gardens because Sunrise Township does not do their own zoning. Jeremy Meyer said - Line 1 from county ordinance states "…limited adverse impact on nearby properties"" This is going to be the 3rd solar garden in his sight. *Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson for denial of IUP based on the proximity of the infrastructure and adverse impact to neighboring properties. Motion carried with 1 abstain – Mark Osland.*

Polling Place Designation Resolution: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian. Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09-19-1
SUNRISE TOWNSHIP
CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE FOR 2019 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 2020 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 September 19, 2019.

Wall Hanging in Museum / Museum: Jeske Noordergraaf will work with the Chisago County Historical Societ to have wall hanging restoredand displayed at Chisago County Historical Society.

George Tribbett - Sunrise Township Property: George and Katherine Tribbett are interested in purchasing a piece of property from Sunrise Township that is located off 2nd Street. George and Katherine Tribbett said they would leave the Richard Widmark marker in place. Sunrise Board will check with Township Attorney to know how to proceed. Place on October meeting.

Lead Maintenance Review: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Eric Leivian to give Lynn Wolleat a 4% raise. Motion carried.

Citizen Forum: Discussion took place regarding solar gardens,

Mike Caron (absent)– Tiller Corporation: Sunrise Township and Mike Caron are in negotiations regarding River Road paved.

Gravel: Crushing will be done in the next 2 to 3 weeks and hauled out on the road. After gravel is out, Sunrise will have to rent a dozer to clean the pit up.

Ferry Road: Application to verify Aquatic Resource Impact Summary signed by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson. DNR needs to complete assessments. Ferry Road is still on the time frame to pave in 2020.

Olson Road Reimbursement Resolution: Contract for Olson Road was signed.

New Web-site: Move forward with the new web-site

Broadband: Jeske read informational e-mail from Joe Buttweiler, CTC as follows: We have completed the preliminary fiber design for the portion of Sunrise Township served by Frontier. We found there to be 255 establishments which will require 52.17 miles of fiber to be placed at a total estimated cost of $1,647,792. We did not include cost to "connect" Sunrise to a fiber network as we see a couple different scenarios which may be possible. One such scenario (the least expensive) is dependent upon

the current grant application being reviewed by DEED which would fund the construction of Chisago Lakes Township. If that project were to move forward we could plan for an extension into Sunrise quite easily. Joe Buttweiler

Board Member Meetings:
Gerald: Olson Road
Eric: Administrative hearing for ReneSolar, Sunrise PC Meeting, L&R meeting
Jeske: Chisago County Meeting for Tiller, Tiller at Township
Mark: Nothing
Pete: Chisago County Meeting for Tiller, Tiller at Township

Maintenance Update: working on Olson Road.

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair