Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, July 20, 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
Tina Carey	Jim Nelson	Judy Koskela
Deah Szymanski		

Approve Agenda: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve the July, 2023 agenda. Motion carried.

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

Clerk Update: Clerk Kowalke is having discussions with Chisago County Zoning to make sure Sunrise is informed on building / driveway / blue sign permits. Building permit paperwork has not been sent out. Chisago County said they would put Clerk Kowalke on the list for monthly reports. Building permit report from January – June 2023 does not specify driveway / blue sign applications and fees. Clerk Kowalke to send property owners bill for blue signs on Ferry Rd. and east side of CR 9. District 7 meeting on August 10 at Cambridge Community College.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Mark Osland to approve Treasurer Anderson's Report with claims list 7032 through 7052 with additional claims:

Glenn Mell (53 pair of gopher feet at $4.00 per pair) $212.00
Jim Nelson (31 pair of gopher feet at $4.00 per pair)..... $124.00
Motion carried.

New Town Hall – July 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Mark Osland to approve the July 3, 2023 New Town Hall Meeting Minutes.

Solar Property - Blue 911 Sign Removal: It was the consensus of the Town Board to leave the blue signs address sign up at the Novel Solar project with property PID's of: 09.00102.00 and 09.00322.00. Novel has withdrawn the projects and the administrative permits have been cancelled and the address have been removed from the Chisago County Computer System. Beth Wulf, Chisago County MICS

Department, said that if the driveway move even 100 feet for any reason, then the addresses would change.

Dust Control 475th Street: It is the consensus of the Sunrise Town Board that it is okay for Tonja Hedemark to place dust control down on 475th Street at her own expense.

Blue Sign – Across from 7356 475th Street: Chisago County is not going to assign an address for the 09.00496.10 property until a building permit is issued, or power is needed. This also means there will be no address sign, since the fee has not been collected for the sign.

Citizens Forum: Tina Carey on 367th and Keystone. Road is very wash-boardy. A lot of problems on that road, drag racing, whipping donuts and destroying the road. The Sunrise Town Board informed Tina Carey that roads cannot be graded without rain. Lead Maintenance Troy Montague said that 367th is getting gravel this year. Tina was wondering if water could be brought in. It's too expensive. Troy Montague said other local townships say it just has to be waited out until rain comes. Tina said that early in the spring there was brush cutting of trees and they were chopped up and left – it's a mess. Supervisor Jeske Noordergraaf said that this will not be cleaned up and it will become mulch. Ms. Carey also said at the intersection – the pine tree on the end is difficult to see on the way out. Troy Montague will trim the pine tree to be able to see better. Sunrise will contact the sheriff's office regarding the problems on 367 and Keystone.

Community Night Out: Sunrise Bible Church is willing to help with games for Sunrise Night Out. Stepp Manufacturing is going to participate with National Night Out as well. Museum will be open. Lynn Wolleat will do hay rides. Dan Kaiser is going to get hot dogs, buns, chips, etc. Clerk Kowalke already has the bikes and helmets for the kids giveaway.

Vibo Trail – Box Culvert: Cristina Mlejnek reported there will be a wetland delineation done in the next couple of weeks. Plan will be submitted to state aide. Bids will be late August.

Speed Studies: Cristina Mlejnek said a site visit for Ferry Road was done. In the State Park speed limit is under the DNR's jurisdiction. Straight away on Ferry Road – recommended a post speed of 45 MPH or statutory "a duty to drive with due care". There would not be signs if "non-posted statutory speed limit. Sunrise Town Board decided to leave it at 45 MPH.

Wilcox Road is also in the queue for a site visit.

Ditch Cleaning: No action taken

New Town Hall Update: Greg Strom talked with Curt Miers, Walters Construction. It will still be a couple of weeks for plan and budget proposal. Mark Osland will reach out to Joe Triplett, County Engineer, regarding an additional driveway onto CR 9. There is currently 1 driveway onto Ferry Rd. Greg Strom and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson will continue to work on what zone the property is in with Beth Gervais at Chisago County Zoning. Sunrise Township will need to apply for an update to the salt shed Conditional Use Permit for new town hall.

River Road / Mill St.: Cristina Mlenjek reported crosswalks are complete. Reduce retaining fee from 5% to 3%. Continuing to work on the storm sewer. The project will be under the original bid amount. Warranty is for 2 years. Pay request #5 was signed by Jeske Noordergraaf.

470th Site Lines: Cristina Mlenjek is wondering where the Board would like to go with 470th site lines.

Roads in question of Plowing: Greg Strom is working with Troy Montague on the road list. The next step will be to send letters to individuals property owners. Charlotte Wilcox and Greg Strom will work together a letter that should be looked at by the Township attorney before they are sent.

Jake Brake Update: There are signs up on County Road 9. Jeske Noordergraaf has not heard back from the state for signage on HWY 95.

Wilcox Road Chip Sealing: Starting to haul chips in next week. Reached out to striping companies – Century Fence out of Forest Lake came in at $6,300 for centerline. It would be approximately $3,400 more for fog line. Chisago County Highway said to do the cheapest because it doesn't last. County said there is no law to have a fog line. Sir-Lines-A-lot had no time. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Mark Osland to do the centerline only. Motion carried.

Culvert Replacement: Chisago County does not have enough culverts to supply Sunrise with what is needed. Culverts can be purchased through Contech. Quotes 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. Other possible Roads to have culverts replaced: 400th, 360th, 470th, (Sunrise will try 3 plastic 36" 30 foot long plastic culverts on Haycreek)

Old Ditch Mower: It's been repaired and ready for sale. Troy Montague will complete a write-up to put on facebook, facebook market place, Sunrise facebook page and Sunrise web-site

Maintenance update: new mower is working great. It would be nice to have a boom. At this point it would be best to rent a boom instead of purchasing at approximately $57,000. New wood chips at the park, painting picnic table, rock wall complete.

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Board Member Meetings:

Dan Kaiser: regular meeting, CCATO, bldg. mtg
Greg: regular mtg, CCATO, building meeting
Jeske: CCATO, reg mtg., building committee
Pete: reg mtg, CCATO , reg. mtg, building mtg.
Mark: CCATO, reg. mtg., building meeting

Jeske Noordergraaf reported that Chisago County Board approved the new dog kennel with 20 dogs maximum, can have 50% plus 1 outside at one time, windows and doors can be open at all times in the dog kennel / pole barn area.

Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke

Jeske Noordergraaf, Chair