Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, June 15, 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 (absent)
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
Tara Leivian	Jeff Johnson	Kris Johnson
Deah Szymanski	Paul Fossing	Lynda Fossing
Erica Heinen	Becky Meyer	Bill Lloyd
Milo Horak	Janet Swanson	Charlotte Wilcox

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

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

Clerk Update: Driveway / Blue Sign reimbursement from Chisago County has not been received yet. Clerk Kowalke met with Diane Sanders to clarify paperwork for reimbursement. Paperwork for the ditch mower was sent to MAT to be added to insurance.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Greg Strom to approve Treasurer Anderson's Report with claims list 6995 through 6997 and 6998. Motion carried.
Walters Builders check should reference Job Number 60-1156.

Almelund Fire / Amador Township: Not present. No action taken.

Becky Meyer & Bill Lloyd – Operate a dog facility / boarding / dog daycare facility: Becky Meyer said the property is 36.2 acres. Becky Meyer and Bill Lloyd (son). There is be 10 dog pens - 8 x 8 (up to 30 dogs at maximum capacity). The building will be insulated. There will be fabric noise reduction installed and rubber garage flooring. Shrubs will be added for noise reduction. There will be 2 pens (80 feet by 150 feet) outside. Becky Meyer said they visited with 13 neighbors directly. Some neighbors were concerned about the noise. Becky Meyer said she has been in agriculture all her life but not this type of business. There will be no extra lights.

They will do a complete pre-screen with animals and owners, only spayed or neutered will be allowed at the facility. If any particular dog is an excessive barker – they will not be allowed back to the facility. Aggressive dogs will not be allowed. Dogs would be out 4 times a day. They will put canvass along the fence line until the trees grow. Outside hours will be between 9 am and 6 PM.

Greg Strom believes this is a valuable business for the community. Decibel levels were discussed and doesn't believe that the 115 decibels are going to be an issue.

Motion by Greg Strom, second by Dan Kaiser to accept the IUP to Operate a dog boarding / dog daycare facility with one abstain, Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson. Motion carried.

Janet E Swanson (Milo Horak) – Subdivision – 2 Lots (subdivision – Blue Ribbon Tree Farm): Janet E. Swanson said that there are no plans for houses at this point. This preliminary plat is located off Sunrise Road between 400th and 410th Street. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept the current plat revision of June 15, 2023 which eliminated 405th Street from the plat so that the only public road in the plat would be CR 9. Motion carried.

Cemetery Signs: The Sunrise Cemetery sign was on top of the of state park sign. Jeske Noordergraaf spoke with Shannon Johnson, Sunrise Cemetery Coordinator. Shannon Johnson will talk with Chisago County about getting signs put on CR 9. The state park is working on their sign.

MAT Insider Magazine: Greg Strom will scan pertinent information to be forwarded to Sunrise Planning Commission.

Community Night Out: Sunrise Township Community Night Out will be held August 1, 2023. Clerk Kowalke to send out post cards by end of the 2nd week of July. Lynn Wolleat volunteered to do hay rides. Clerk Kowalke to contact Sunrise Church so see if they are interested in participating in Sunrise Night Out. Jeske Noordergraaf will contact Patricia Peters to see if she is interested in participating.

Salary – Maintenance: There was a treasurer error on lead maintenance salary. Lead Maintenance, Troy Montague, received a higher percentage according to new step schedule. Troy Montague is currently on Step 2.

Citizens Forum
Peggy Pearson said the "No Parking Sign" on Ferry Road where the guard rail is – is missing. Troy Montague will install another "No Parking Sign".

Land Donation – Greg Strom: Greg Strom reported that Mr. Gustafson has withdrawn his offer to donate land. Chisago County gave several items that were daunting for Mr. Gustafson. Family decided they were going to do family preservation for the land.

MAT Insurance: MAT should be providing paperwork by July, 2023.

Vibo Trail – Box Culvert: Cristina Mlejnek reported for topographical survey to be done.

Funding Opportunities: Cristina Mlejnek said that Kost Trail is not well suited for anything. Wilcox Road will be determined at a future date.

Speed Studies: Cristina Mlejnek said a site visit for Ferry Road will be a late morning or afternoon in June or July. State Park is checking with Mn/DOT staff. Wilcox Road is also having a speed study done, but no site visit.

Ditch Cleaning: No action taken

New Town Hall Update: Treasurer Karen Anderson is sending check to Walters Buildings for plans. Beth from Chisago County said that Sunrise Township needs to file for a CUP. Sunrise already completed this when the salt shed was built. Clerk Kowalke to forward file to Beth, Chisago County, Greg Strom and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson of the CUP information. Deah Szymanski is concerned about light pollution – she will send some suggestions. Next step is to look at the site.

River Road / Mill St.: Cristina Mlenjek reported striping will be completed on June 16, 2023, need to swap out the flared end and water pooling. There is also going to be some cleaning out of the storm sewer. There has not been any conflict with any kind of parking. Tubing is closed because the river is too low.

470th Site Lines: Charlotte Wilcox found the easements which were recorded in the deed section. Charlotte Wilcox will give the folder to Cristina Mlenjek for the 470th Street project.

Roads in question of Plowing: Greg Strom brought a list of owners who need to receive a letter about easements. Troy Montague will go through the road list and make sure the list is correct. The next step will be to send letters to individual property owners. Charlotte Wilcox and Greg Strom will work together on letters.

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. Clerk Kowalke to send letter to property owner on CR 9.

Wilcox Road Crack Sealing: Chip sealing would cost approximately $85,000 which does not include striping. Other discussion: Joywood – not an immediate concern. Cristina Mlenjek will look at pricing for striping. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to chip seal Wilcox Road and stripe centerline. Motion carried. Troy will check on side striping.

Culvert Replacement: Quotes were received from Gustafson – waiting for quotes from Keller Contracting, Mike Armstrong.

Park Fund: Troy Montague reported that Sunrise Township did not win the bid for the playground set from the City of Maplewood, but there will be 5 more to bid on. Chisago County has a policy to apply for park fund money.

Maintenance update: Wood chipping being done in the Sunrise Park. Received used ditch mowing tractor. Does not have boom. Has side mower and flare on the back. The old mower is worth approximately $30,000. Troy Montague will work on advertising for old ditch mower. Calcium Chloride is coming between June 26 thru 30th. If it doesn't rain will need to get water truck in front of calcium chloride being placed.

Board Member Meetings:
Dan Kaiser: regular meeting, CCATO
Greg: regular mtg, CCATO, Planning Commission, new town hall building meeting
Jeske: CCATO, reg mtg.
Pete: reg mtg, new town hall building mtg., CCATO
Mark: absent

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

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke Jeske Noordergraaf, Chair