Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Royal Wilcox Community Center

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

Board Members Present:
Mark Osland, Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair
Dan Kaiser
Eric Leivian
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson	Dan Dahlberg	Lori Aho
Clair Dickson	Tyler Richter	
Rick Daas	Dan Dahlberg	Shane Stepp

Timothy and Katy Albrecht and Family
Joe and Jayme and Family

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

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept the October 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: 911 blue sign order placed and received by Troy Montague. Election paperwork is under way for Township March 2023 elections. Requested LeTourneau Driveway letter from Attorney Couri and Ruppe – have not received letter as of today's date.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to approve claims list 6782 through 6811 with the following additional expenditures with holding the Ziegler check until Sunrise receives the loader, if Loader has not been received within 30 days Supervisor Eric Leivian will request Ziegler to issue a new invoice to stay within State pay guidelines. Motion carried. The wheel loader is currently at Falls.

Mike Just (13 pair gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair).....$52.00

Treasurer Anderson received CD paperwork from MidwestOne Bank to be turned in on November 18, 2022 for CD effective date.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Mark Osland to accept additional claim:
Terral Edson (74 pair gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair).....$296.00
Motion carried.

Commissioner Report: Dan Dahlberg will be sworn in January 7, 2023.

IUP – Residential Kennel – Timothy and Katy Albrecht: Per the meeting minutes from the Sunrise Planning Commission asked how they are going to address the noise issues. The Albrecht's are planning on planting cypress that is said to grow 6 feet a year. They are in pretty dense woods as it is. Mr. Albrecht said that none of the dogs are left out overnight - even the livestock dogs. Part of the signed rescue agreement states that the dogs are not out overnight. Kate Albrecht is home all day. The dogs are kept inside when they are gone. They have newer fencing. The Albrecht's said that there was a complaint on the dogs and they are going through the process for an Interim Use Permit (IUP). The property due south have cleared trees to drive vehicles, trucks, ATV's, etc. A neighbor said that the dogs bark whenever they are outside, open a car door, put wood in the outdoor wood burner for heating their home. Timothy and Kate are out of rescuing dogs and as the dogs pass away they will not be replacing them. However, they do not feel they will ever be a zero dog home. Dogs barking are not outside of noise ordinance. They are trying to be respectful of shooting hours. All the dogs are spayed and neutered. These are rescue dogs that are considered undesireable due to health or can't be adopted.

There have been 3 conversations with neighbors, complaints about hunting which ended hostilely, began to cut large trees near property line. The Planning Commission asked to address how the neighbors address their vehicle noise. The neighbor said they burn over 10 cords of wood per year. The neighbor cut their own wood. The Sunrise Planning Commission said the issue of noise between the neighbors is at this point subjective, outside the scope of the immediate application, and can be addressed through the county process. The Albrecht's moved in April, 2021.

Katy has a home business – raising goats. Katy Albrecht is a stay at home mom and does homeschooling.

Board member asked how much do dogs bark. Timothy Albrecht said that generally when something sets them off. Board member said that neighbors should be courteous. Sunrise Board informed Timothy and Katy Albrecht that the IUP will now go to Chisago County. Board Member would like to see a schedule.

Joe Reichkitzer said that he has had conversations with Timothy Albrecht and said that Mr. Albrecht laughed at him.

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Eric Leivian to approve the IUP accepting the Sunrise Township Planning Commission recommendations with the following conditions:

- No dogs will be added to the property
- As individual dogs pass away they will not be replaced, and
- The Interim Use Permit (IUP) will sunset with the number of dogs in compliance with the current Chisago County Ordinance.

Motion carried with Jeske Noordergraaf voting nay.

Porta-Potties: All porta-potties are removed from Sunrise Township Park for the winter.

Resolution – Acceptance of Donation from North Branch Fire: Motion Dan Kaiser, second by Eric Leivian to accept the North Branch Fire Resolution accepting the $1,000 donation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-17-1
SUNRISE TOWNSHIP
CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION

WHEREAS, Sunrise Township is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statues section 465.03 for the benefits of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The following entity has offered to contribute the donation set forth below to the Township:

North Branch Fire Relief Association (license Number 92238), PO Box 425, North Branch, MN 55056 for $1,000.00.

Contributions will not be used for a pension or retirement fund.

WHEREAS, All such donations have been contributed to the Township for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds it is appropriate to accept the donation(s) offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUNRISE TOWNSHIP, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donation described above is accepted and shall be used in accordance with noted terms or conditions either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to acknowledge to the donor the Towns acceptance of the donors donation.

Adopted by the Town Board of Sunrise Township on November 17, 2022.

Parking on River Road and Mill Street: Jeske Noordergraaf, Mark Osland, Engineer Cristina Mlejnek, Shane Stepp and Patricia Peter and Troy Montague met regarding parking. Sunrise is responsible for preparing the parking area. Parking alongside the alleyway - clearing the brush on the west side of Mill Street and get gravel there. Along the river there is public parking and gravel will be placed for more parking. Patricia Peters is going to have her property surveyed along River Road which she would like Sunrise to help pay for. Ms. Peters may be interested in selling some of that property to Sunrise. Discussion took place regarding clearing around the ball field for more parking. 6 to possible 10 vehicles could park in the alleyway. Signage came in on River Road and Mill Street. Placement of the signs are inconvenient. Signage placement will be reassessed.

River Road and Mill Street Meeting Update: See **Parking on River Road and Mill Street**

Survey River Road with Patricia Peters: See **Parking on River Road and Mill Street**

Possible Purchase of land from Patricia Peters: See **Parking on River Road and Mill Street**

3rd Seasonal Plow Person: Mark Osland will contact a potential 3rd person. Sunrise Township will put an ad on facebook, the website and on the local Township Community Board. Troy Montague will write-up an ad to place.

Ferry Road – Final Pay Request: Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to have Chairperson Mark Osland signed off on the final pay request for Ferry Road to be sent to the County in the amount of $32, 941.88. Motion carried.

Rick Daas and Dan Dahlberg and Lori Aho – Solar: Rick Daas is looking for the support of Sunrise Township opposing proposed solar power plant. US Solar is proposing 1,000 acre solar power plant off of CR 57 (Government Road). Part of this solar power plant touches Sunrise Township. This particular site does not have a request for need. If the panels catch on fire, they are hazmat, the fire department can't spray water – they have to just watch them burn. Lori Aho states that the peoples land rights matter. This project is proposed to cost $250 to $300 million. Supposedly the farmer has signed an agreement. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser to pass resolution opposing proposed solar power plant in Sunrise Township. Motion carried.

State of Minnesota, County of Chisago
Township of Sunrise
Sunrise Township Resolution No.: 2022-11-17-3
Resolution Opposing Proposed Solar Power Plant in Sunrise Township

WHEREAS, The Township of Sunrise recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission would be required to approve a solar power plant that may be proposed to be constructed in Sunrise Township, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The Township of Sunrise recognizes that the County of Chisago, Minnesota would be required to approve of said solar power plant that may be proposed to be constructed in Sunrise Township, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Township of Sunrise opposes the solar power plant proposed to be constructed in Sunrise Township, Minnesota and it encourages the Chisago County Board of Commissioners to also pass a resolution opposing said project and for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to deny approval of said proposed project.

Adopted by the Sunrise Township Board of Supervisors on this 17th Day of November, 2022.

Citizen Forum: NONE

475th and James: Cristina Mlejnek e-mailed Notice of Application was received on October 18, 2022. Any field reviews are likely out until the spring now. Should still get the delineation approval yet this winter. Mark Osland contacted Jeff Fertig, Chisago County and he will take a look at the project and give recommendations. Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept Mike Armstrong's bid of $17,000.00. Motion carried.

River Road / Mill Street – Pay Request 2 for Balance River Road / Mill Street Resolution: Cristina Mlejnek e-mailed that Sunrise Township needs to make payment for the difference between approved and sent last month of $116,835.63. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept Pay Request 2. Motion carried. Sunrise Town Board requested a full report on River Road / Mill Street for the December, 2022 meeting from Treasurer Anderson

Resolution 2022-11-17-02
A Resolution Authorization Payment to Knife River
for Balance of Pay Request #2
for River Road / Mill Street

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Town Board on October 20, 2022 Sunrise Township authorized payment to Knife River in the amount of $123,644.90 for Pay Application 2; and

WHEREAS, the amount due that application was $240,480.53.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota should and hereby authorize additional payment in the amount of $116,835.63.
Adopted by the Town Board on this 17th Day of November, 2022.

River Road / Mill Street – Pay Request #3: Cristina Mlejnek emailed Pay Request #3 for authorization and payment in the amount of $64,779.45. Upon receipt of signed PR3 Cristina Mlejnek will request reimbursement from State Aid. Site work is wrapped up for the season. Work remaining for the spring: final restorations and striping the cross walks. Email has been sent to Lumen (for Century Link) about the temporary copper lines still lying on the ground; haven't heard back yet.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser for payment of Pay Request 3 for River Road / Mill Street. Motion carried.

New Town Hall Update: Dan Kaiser reported - met on November 1, 2022. Discussed other town halls that have been visited. Chisago Lakes is higher quality and bigger than Shafer.
Building type: approximately
$575,000 for post frame
$750,000 for custom built wood frame
Discussed downtown location
Chisago County willing to donate the land next to CR 9.
Next meeting December 6
The goal is to compare apples to apples from other contractors
Looking at site options and pros and cons of each site
Would not have commercial kitchen - It would be more like a catering kitchen

Whispering Ridge – 2nd Driveway Update – Need Letter: .Clerk Kowalke contacted Attorney Couri and Ruppe to copy of letter which has not been received as of today's date. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson will contact attorney to have copy of letter emailed to Clerk Kowalke.

938M Cat Wheel Loader: See Treasurer's Report.

Old Loader Sale Status: There was a low offer received from Larsons. Ziegler recommended the current wheel loader is worth $138,000 to $150,000. .

Maintenance update: $6,453.60 culvert delivered for 475th and James. Haven't heard anything on playground equipment.

Board Member Meetings:
Dan Kaiser: building meeting, reg mtg.
Eric: reg mtg., CCATO
Jeske: reg mtg., CCATO and river road, county transportation meeting
Pete: CCATO, Town Hall Meeting, fire meeting,

Mark: reg mtg., CCATO, river road meeting

Motion by Eric Leivian, second by Jeske Noordergraaf, adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke	Mark Osland, Chair