Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, October 20, 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 (absent)

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson	Patricia Peters	Cindy Erickson
Clair Dickson	Shane Stepp	Justin Burvee
Adam Artz	Brad Canada	Donna Bergin
Patricia Peters		

Approve Agenda: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to approve the October agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Dan Kaiser to accept the September 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Election judges have been trained and Sunrise is ready for elections.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Eric Leivian to approve claims list 6750 through6780 with the following additional expenditures. Motion carried.

Mark Beavens (18 pair gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair) $72.00
Mike Just (42 Pair of gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair) $168.00
Randy Lauson (100 pair of gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair).....$400.00
Hardy Boyce (30 pair of gopher feet @ $4.00 per pair).....$120.00
Knife River (pay estimate request #2) $123,644.90

Certificate Deposit were discussed. Funds have to be secure. Attorney fees for driveway violation was discussed and Surnise Town Board has not received a copy of the letter that was sent. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to check with Edward Jones to see if there is anything additional terms to receive the 4.10% CD otherwise go with MidwestOne for a 12 month CD at 1.65%. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene: Absent.

Adam Artz - Preliminary Plat Discussion Pre-plat creating 3 parcels – Keystone Avenue, Harris (Ryan Farms Plat 1): Adam Artz was present to discuss his plan on implementing a minor sub-division of 3 lots on Keystone Avenue in 2022. Chisago County is requesting a 60-foot ROW from the centerline of Keystone Avenue. Plat is Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, and Lot 1, Block 2. Jeske Noordergraaf asked if they looked at a planned unit development. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Dan Kaiser to accept the direction of the Sunrise Planning Commission to accept the preliminary plat as presented Motion carried.

Brad Canada – Sketch Plan off Keystone & 420th – NW Corner (Bergin – Keystone Pines): Lot 2 has 8 acres with the house and 6 acres with lot one and lot 3. At this point the Sunrise Board did not see any discrepancies. Mr. Canada was informed that he will need to complete an application at Chisago County Environmental Services and Zoning to get started with the application process.

Sunrise Park – Road through Park: Justin Burvee and Aaron Oquist - Phone: The Sunrise Board discussed that there was heavy equipment brought through the park and the road built goes through a parcel owned by Sunrise Township. Aaron Oquist stated that they didn't want to encroach on the property to the north. Justin and Aaron said they will move the trail / road onto the non-vacated road which is next to their property. Sunrise is worried about liability. Aaron is wondering if the Sunrise Township is interested in selling property. Long-term Sunrise Township is looking at making a trail, parking and kayak launch.

475th and James Quotes: Sunrise Town Board is waiting on further engineering information before accepting any quotes.

MN Association of Township Insurance: Work comp will be the same as last year.

MATTIT Discussion: There is concern about representation. Election will be January 31, 2023 in Wright County. It was discussed at the CCATO meeting about hiring a bus to go to the Association Elections. Discussion took place about Sunrise possibly getting insurance through the League of Minnesota Cities. Identical mileage to 2021.

Mileage Certification: Mark Osland signed the Mileage Certification form to be forwarded to Chisago County Highway.

Citizen Forum: Discussion took place regarding baiting gophers. Bait can be purchased over the counter. Concerns regarding poison being ingested by other animals. Discussion took place regarding River Road and Mill Street Development. Temporary parking was created by the alley way and ballfield while the River Road / Mill Street project is in process. Once the project is complete, Sunrise Township is definitely looking at adding additional parking in the future. Additional parking would be at the last phase. Service Charge question for CenturyLink was brought up on new builds – New builds need to pay back service charge fee to get up to date. It is started when a new build is pulled.

475th and James: Cristina Mlejnek sent an e-mail stating there is no updates on permit. Too early yet.

River Road / Mill Street: Pay estimate #2 was signed by Mark Osland.

Cristina Mlejnek sent an e-mail stating work done includes curb and gutter, paved first layer, working on sidewalk. There is still room on the west side of Mill Street to consider / build – along with other areas nearby that are under consideration. Sidewalks were talked about and they are 5 feet.

New Town Hall Update: Supervisor Dan Kaiser said that the Town Hall Committee had their 3rd meeting - went to Chisago Lakes and Shafer Town Hall. Shafer stated their town hall is nice but it needs to be bigger. The Committee likes the Chisago Lakes Hall.

Ferry Road Speed study Resolution: Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to adopt Ferry Road Speed Study Resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-2022-01

A Resolution Authorizing the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to Complete a Speed Study on Ferry Road from County State Aid Highway No. 9 for Approximately 1.32 miles to the North.

WHEREAS, Sunrise Township is interested in reviewing the speed limit on Ferry Road from Sunrise Road (CSAH 9) for approximately 1.3 miles north; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, that it should and hereby request that Mn/DOT complete a speed study on Ferry Road from Sunrise Road (CSAH 9) and to the north for approximately 1.3 miles for the purposes of determining the proper speed limit within the corridor.

Adopted by the Town Board on the 20th day of October, 2022.

Whispering Ridge – 2nd Driveway Update: Bill received from Attorney Ruppe for sending a letter to the property owner. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson will obtain a copy of the letter.

938M Cat Wheel Loader: Wheel Loader is at Falls based out of Little Falls. Gave a time frame of sometime in November to get working on it.

Old Loader Sale Status: Troy Montague placed an ad that stated interested parties to send information to Clerk Kowalke. This has been sent in the fall issue of the MAT magazine. Troy Montague will look into advertising in other places. Place an ad for at least $150,000 or best offer.

Ferry Road / Snowmobile Trail: Snow fencing will be put up. Remove from agenda.

Maintenance update: Discussion took place regarding culverts in the road right of way. Shafer Township adopted that the township is responsible to maintain culverts after it is installed. Sunrise is not going to adopt such an ordinance. Clogged culverts affect township roads. Driveway permits – Sunrise Township Board requested Chisago County driveway specs to be put on the Sunrise Township web-site. A question was raised – Does Sunrise Township give an extension on the permit process. Troy Montague said he will not to sign off on a permit until approach is complete. The Ford 550 needs repairs $780.14. Sunrise Township okay'd Troy Montague to get Ford 550 fixed. Sunrise Township Board discussed to put a tier system in place. Eric Leivian will put trhe tier system together on November agenda. Troy Montague completed the traffic study on Kost trail on both ends. The results were within 3 vehicles. There were 142 vehicles a day within a 7 day period.

Board Member Meetings:
Dan Kaiser: reg mtg., CCATO, town hall meeting
Eric: reg mtg., SSD, Planning Commission

Jeske: reg mtg.
Pete: absent from October meeting
Mark: reg mtg

Motion by Dan Kaiser, second by Eric Leivian to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke Mark Osland, Chair