Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Royal Wilcox Community Center

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair
Mark Osland, Vice Chair
Jeske Noordergraaf
Greg Strom
Adam Grobove III

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson
Tavis Walgren
Virginia Carlson
Jeff Zoller, Windstream
Eric Leivian
Kevin Lenk
BJ Thorstenson
Dwayne Hirsch
Terry Burke, Windstream
Mark Strand
Hayden Thorstenson
Derek Walraven, Windstream
Jake Holzem

Approve Agenda: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove III to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Greg Strom to accept the August 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Continuing to work on website. Setting up a training with Becky Caneday of Well Optimize for the Township Clerk to be able to complete some updates on the new website. Jeske Noordergraaf would like to put a link to the Almelund Threshers for raising funds under community events. A possible title of Read more about and donate. Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf second by Greg Strom to place on website.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7471 through 7498 with additional claim:

Hayden Thorstenson (23 pair of gopher feet at $4.00 per pair).....$92.00
Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson reported that all the ARPA money has been spent except for $1,977.24
Jeske Noordergraaf requested Treasurer Karen Anderson to spend the ARPA money and zero it out by direction of the Board..

Virginia Carlson – Preliminary Plat of Hirsch Homestead (one 10 acre lot from a 50.7 acre tract of land – located off Olson Road: Motion by Adam Grobove III, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept the Sunrise Planning Commission's motion to approve the plat as presented with no conditions. Motion carried.

Almelund Threshers – Mark Strand and Kevin Lenk: The Representatives of Alemlund Threshers the Town Board that there was around $1,000 raised at the Almelund Threshing show. Almelund Threshers have created a flyers to give to the public for information. There was $6,000 raised at the beginning of the Hay Days event. There were small tip jars at each of the bars during the Hay Days event to raise money. Almelund Threshers do not know the total amount yet, but the Snobarons will match. $326.50 was raised at the Apple Fest event which the Snobarons will match. Almelund Threshers are looking at new approaches for funding opportunities. The website for more information is almelundthreshingco.org which has a link for funding raising to move the Royal Wilcox Community Center: fundraze/movetheschool. Almelund Threshers have aspirations to obtain 50% of the moving costs within six months of the signing of the contact on July 20, 2024 to make the plan feasible.

Windstream: Terry Burke, Windstream Engineering Manager, spoke regarding Rdof Grant to provide high speed internet. Windstream is laying 226 miles of fiber cable in Chisago County and 36 of those miles are located in Sunrise Township. Terry Burke said that 75% is aerial. Looking at the backside of the ROW. There may be some overlap of internet service companies. Where the lines overlap the citizens would be able to chose which internet to go with. Adam Gobove III asked what type of pricing is going to be for Sunrise. Terry Burke said the pricing has not been set yet, but will be competitive with other providers. The project will start in 2025. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson would like a map for directional borings, which roads, would like Sunrise Township on their own maps. Windstream will be using power company pole ECE and Xcel. Windstream needs to obtain permission with pole attachment permits. Jeske Noordergraaf asked about how they are charging people. There will be no construction charges for going up the driveway which will be fiber to the home overhead or underground. Above ground lines will be at least 15.5 feet. Road crossing and driveways will more than likely be higher like 18 feet. Windstream is in North Branch currently. Terry Burke said they are not looking to expand beyond the Rdof grant.

Terry Burke will provide PDF of the over view map of where the internet is being placed in Sunrise Township. They will provide 12 maps and pdf to put on website

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Adam Gobove III to approve the project and permits for ROW. Motion carried.

The Rdof Grant is paying for the infrastructure and Sunrise Township is not charging ROW fees for infrastructure establishment. Individual permits will be applied for with the $75 permit fee. Aerial per individual customer will also have a $75 permit fee.

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to waive the infrastructure fee for the trunk lines. Motion carried.

Audit 2024: Jeske Noordergraaf said we did not do an audit for 2023. Sunrise used CLA in the past. Jeske Noordergraaf will obtain pricing for audit. Place on October agenda.

Citizens Forum: Peggy Pearson said the email system is not working on the new website. Clerk Kowalke to check with Becky Caneday from Well Optimized to make sure the site is working.

New Sunrise Township Logo: Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Mark Osland to approve the new logo that is on the new website. Motion carried.

New Town Hall located off CR 9: Greg Strom reported the well is complete and trenched to the building. Well is 117 feet deep. Wall insulation is complete, taping completed this week.

The following quotes were received for the suspended ceiling and bathroom tile.

Reed Construction: $27,240.00
A&K Construction: $24,861.00

Motion by Greg Strom, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the quotes from A&K construction with paying half down of $12,430.50 and paying the remainder upon completion. Motion carried.

Painting: Soft off-white called alabaster from Sherman Williams for inside the building
Trim – oak (natural or clear finish) on oak.

Other items discussed to have key pad for entry and close the pass through in the kitchen to stop disruption of noise.

Sheet rock person over estimated the sheet rock the amount of sheet rock need for the building. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson returned the sheet rock instead of having this done by a contractor to save on contractor fee and get the most refund for Sunrise Township.

Park Committee: Adam Grobove III would like to present to the Sunrise Town Board Phase 1 and Phase 2 plan. Place on October agenda. Adam Grobove III is in contact with the MPCA. The MPCA checks the river quality before and after rainfalls. We had one of the best rivers in the state of MN.
James.jahnz@state.mn.us
Working on grants.

Maintenance Update: Troy Montague reported that he is working at new town hall. Troy Montague also reported that the truck is down again. The Sunrise Town Board approved a new truck for 2025. Troy Montague is asking when he can order a new truck. There has been a lot of issues for a truck with only 92,000 miles. Place truck on October agenda. There is a section of Oriole Avenue Troy Montague would like to have cleaned out that would need to be hired out. Troy would like to get the ditch to flow better by cleaning out the silt (360th and Oriole). Chisago Township has a spare commercial flag pole for sale. 30 foot tall, 5 inch base. $1,720.00.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to purchase the commercial flag pole from Chisago Lake Township. Motion carried.

A citizen spoke to Troy Montague regarding oak trees on 455th off Government Road and was wondering if the Township had any plans to remove the oak trees.
A citizen spoke with Troy Montague about More Ferry and HWY 95. Troy Montague said there is cat tails and this is on state issue.
Adam Grobove III received a couple of complaints regarding Peaceful Valley Road. Troy Montague took care of these complaints

VIBO Trail: Two loads of gravel were placed on Vibo Trail.

Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting, Joe Tarte-County Park Dir, Commissioner's mtg, CCATO, Township PC meeting – dedicated traffic enforcement car starting in 2025 – state grant. All plats from the August 2024 meeting were approved at the County level, tax increases coming, .5% for Sunrise
Greg: regular meeting
Jeske: regular meeting, CCATO and Threshers mtg. Jeske Noordergraaf will be involved in interviewing with Almelund for a fire chief
Pete: regular meeting, CCATO
Mark: regular meeting, CCATO

Motion by Mark Osland, second Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

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