Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, July 18, 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
Engineer: Cristina Mlejnek, P.E
Maintenance: Troy Montague (absent)
Dave Kadlec

Others Present:

Dave Kadlec	Peggy Pearson	Lynn Wolleat
Tony Koran	Mark Strand	Michelle Gorsegner (Sno-Barons)
Kevin Lenk	Brandy Shultz	Martha Arnold
Deah Szymanski	Nancy Nadeau	Jake Holzem
James McCarthy	Charlotte Wilcox	Vince Bennett
Alice Bennett	Craig Johnson	

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

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the June 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Election trainings are in process along with election ballot testing completed by Chisago County Auditor on July 16. 911 Blue signs ordered, Letters for driveways and blue signs were sent out. A question was raised if there was going to be a election registration booth at National Night Out. Clerk Kowalke informed the citizen that Chisago County Auditor is open for registration.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Mark Osland to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7405 through 7436 with additional claim:

Calvin Anderson (50 pair of gopher feet at $4.00 per pair).....$200.00
Centurylink Bond Interest payment approved for payment when received. Treasurer Anderson does not know amount yet. Needs to verify with bank.
Motion carried.

Almelund Threshers – Royal Wilcox Community Center – Tony Koran and Mark Strand and Kevin Lenk: Township Attorney revised the contract. Jeske Noordergraaf 2.4 removal of hazardous materials – township attorney changed to as-is. Jeske Noordergraaf and Carl"Pete" Johnson agreed that Sunrise Township does not want to give up personal items in the building. Almelund Threshers are in agreement that Sunrise Township will keep personal items. Greg Strom questioned the closing date. Threshers will not be able to take the building until mid-January 2025. Jeske Noordergraaf will bring changes back to the Sunrise Township Attorney to update the contract and be signed by Sunrise

Township so Threshers can start the fund-raising aspect. Threshers will not take possession of the building until Sunrise Township is done using the building. Threshers want to make sure that Sunrise Township will continue with insurance until change of ownership.

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Greg Strom to agree to sign purchase agreement once changes are made. Motion carried.
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National Night Out: Clerk Kowalke reported that the National Night Out post cards went out. Boys and Girls bikes with helmets are purchased for the give-a-way. Stepp Manufacturing will donate a fire ring for give-a-way, Sunrise Bible Church will help out the games, Dan Kaiser is ordering food, North Branch Fire and Almelund Fire Departments will be here. Lora from the historical building will have the Sunrise Township Museum open. Lynn Wolleat will donate the use of his tractor and trailer with Troy Montague being the driver.

Park Committee: Adam Grobove III is continuing to contact citizens that may be interested in being on the Sunrise Park Committee. Adam Grobove III reported that there is approximately $33,000 in the park fund at Chisago County. Adam Grobovee III is in contact with Joe Tart, Chisago County Park Director to discuss playground / facility options. Looking at a possible half basket ball court. Adam Grobove III wanted to thank builders for their part of putting money into the fund when building. Builders are required to place a monetary fee into a park fund for townships to be able to use to enhance the community.

IIJA Grants Technical Assistance Application: Cristina Mlejnek let Sunrise Township Board know that there is a grant available for communities to go for potential transportation projects. Safety action plan, turtle crossing. This grant provides funding for various infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, broadband, ports, airports, and resiliency. It also reauthorizes several transportation programs and establishes new grant programs for electric vehicles, wildlife crossings, and healthy streets. Cristina Mlejnek will forward information to Clerk Kowalke.

Windstream – Representative Requested later meeting: No action taken.

MATIT Insurance: Jeske Noordergraaf thought the salt shed was valued too high at around $88,000.00. In 2023 the cost was less (around $9,000 +), but Sunrise added insurance for the new town hall off CR 9. Jeske Noordergraaf questioned December insurance payment. Treasurer Anderson reported that the 2023 December payment was for workman's compensation. The July payment was for everything else.

Citizens Forum: NONE.

New Sunrise Website: Clerk Kowalke reported that the new web-site should be up by the end of September. Jeske Noordergraaf requested that tentative agenda be posted prior to meeting when the new web-site is up and running.

New Sunrise Township Logo: Charlotte Wilcox will forward additional Sunrise Township logos for the Board to pick from.

New Town Hall located off CR 9: Greg Strom reported that the concrete floor is completed and steel on the outside is finished, interior framing this week, septic / drain field being completed. Plumbing and HVAC next week. Xcel completed a locate and the building will finally have electricity. Looking to contract for well installation.

EH Renters & Sons: $18,580.00 ($24.00 per foot extra if needed)
McCullough: $18,380.00 ($70.00 per foot extra if needed)
Extra foot costs was considered for the approval of this bid.

Motion by Greg Strom, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to accept EH Renters & Sons bid for the well contract. Extra foot cost was considered when accepting this bid contract. Motion carried.

Maintenance Update: Dave reported that maintenance is continuing to grade roads, working on town hall. Putting in frost Styrofoam. Grader warranty is up July 28, 2024. Ziegler needs to inspect it. Motion for Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove III to have Ziegler complete the warranty inspection and provide an extended warranty option. Motion carried. Chloride is complete.
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Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting
Greg: regular meeting, ,
Jeske: regular meeting,
Pete: regular meeting, CCATO,
Mark: regular meeting,

Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Greg Strom to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

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