Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, January 16, 2025
Royal Wilcox Community Center

Chairperson Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson
Dave Kadlec
Tony Koran, Almelund Threshing
Dave Kalec
Connie Grobove
Kevin Lenk

Jesse Miller
Deah Szymanski
Mark Strand, Almelund Threshing

Teya Nelson
Perry Lindberg

Approve Agenda: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Greg Strom to approve the January 2025 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Greg Strom to accept the December 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Sunrise Township March 2025 election filing period closed on January 14, 2025. Elections will be held at the new Town Hall located at 12080 Sunrise Road, Harris. Post-cards to inform the citizens of Sunrise Township of the new election polling place have been sent out according to the Secretary of State. Post-cards for the new Town Hall do not need to be sent out to the Citizens of Sunrise Township, but should be posted once the Town Board approves the new location.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Greg Strom, second by Adam Grobove III to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7595 through 7620 with no additional claims. Motion carried

Town Hall Fund Balance as of 1-15-2025 $66,062.05

Almelund Threshing Company – Royal Wilcox Building Bill of Sale Signing / Pictures:: Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Clerk Wendy S. Kowalke, Tony Koran and Mark Strand signed bill of Sale. Clerk Kowalke provided a key to the building.

SnoBarons: Clerk Kowalke reported that Kevin Gustafson is working the Wild River State Park for a possible re-route of trail.

Josh Fields – After-the-Fact IUP: Mr. Fields stated Chisago County is requesting screening. Mr. Fields is looking at starting to build the berm which will be 10 to 12 feet in height about February /

March 2025 and should be finished with the berm by May / June. Water table is 60 feet. Berm material is going to come from the on-site property which will create swale. Tyler Richter also wanted to commend Mr. Fields for starting a business. Mr. Fields has 2 excavators, 1 full wood trailer, 1 tag trailer (trailers come home every night). Government Road is on west side and John Ave. is on east side. Business traffic will be using Government Road. Mr. Fields is creating a new entrance on Government Road which is already approved at Chisago County.

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove III to accept the Sunrise Town Planning Commission recommendation to approve Mr. Josh Fields IUP to run a small excavation business out of his property to be reevaluated in one year and the berm to be completed by July, 2025 with hours of operation of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Election Judge Recommendations for March 2025 Township /elections: Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Mark Osland to accept the resolution accepting judge recommendations for the March 11, 2025 Township Elections. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR
SUNRISE TOWHSIP MARCH 11, 2025 ELECTION
Resolution #: 2025-01-16-01

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 204B.21 allows Sunrise Township to appoint an election judges;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 204B.19, subdivision 2 requires that an election judge (1) can read, write, and speak the English language, (2) is not the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct or any candidate of the election, (3) is not domiciled, either permanently or temporarily with any candidate at the election, or (4) is not a candidate in the election;

WHEREAS, the base number of required election judges for an election in Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes § 204B.22 has been determined to be a minimum of 4 for the precinct of Sunrise Township;

WHEREAS, the clerk recommends the appointment of 12 election judges due to the anticipated voter turnout, election judge availability, and necessity of maintaining party balance at all times during the day; and

WHEREAS, the following list of judges fulfills the requirements listed in Minnesota Statutes §204B.19, subdivision 2:

Brenette Harrington	Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson	
Joyce Meyers	James McCarthy	Jeske Noordergraaf
Rick Olseen	Marc Dronen	Vicki Reher
Wendy S. Kowalke	Connie Grobove	Jenell Johnson

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statutes § 204B.21, subdivision 2, a resolution is mandatory if the appointment of the election judge is within 25 days of the election in which the election judge will serve.

WHEREAS, 03/11/2025 is the date of the election in which the election judge is to serve for the Sunrise Township March Election;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Town Board of Sunrise Township hereby appoints the following election judges as eligible to serve in the Sunrise Township March Election on Tues., March 11, 2025:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Brenette Harrington is designated the Head Election Judge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of Sunrise Township hereby authorizes any election judge to be compensated as required by Minnesota Statutes § 204B.3l, in an amount set by the Town Board at $21.00 per hour for the

head judge and $18.00 per hour for all other trained election judges, which is not less than the prevailing Minnesota minimum wage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of Sunrise Township hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to add additional election judges as needed and allowed by Minnesota Statutes §204B.21.
Passed this 16th day of January 2025

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda Items: Town Hall update. Deah Szymanski asked if the citizens can ask the Town Board to donate additional money toward the Roay Wilcox Community Center / School House move. Adam Grobove III will contact MAT to obtain information for appropriating additional money. Other items discussed: have advertisements of the subcontractors that performed the work at the new Town Hall located off County Road 9 during grand opening, have outside activities outside. Grand Opening date to be determined. Have audit / budget items from the audit for the annual meeting.

Citizen's Forum: No comments.

Sunrise Township – New Town Hall off CR 9: Greg Strom reported electrical is finished. Heating is having inspection, plumbing nearly finished. Final inspection should be done withing the next 2 to 3 weeks. The Town Board thanked Greg Strom and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson for all the work they have done on the building. Pete still working on phone / internet.

Township Road Agreements: Troy Montague reported he spoke with Pete Johnson from Amador Township. Road Agreement should be signed at the Amador Township meeting on January 16, 2025. Karen Anderson will send bill to Amador Township for labor at $200 / hr. for 1.5 hours and charged for .5 tons of salt for Oriole.

Maintenance Update: Going well. Having troubles with security system. Maintenance can still view security. D&W security has been out. Troy Montague will have pricing for the new town hall located on CR 9 at the February meeting.

Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting
Greg: regular meeting, planning commission
Jeske: absent
Pete: regular meeting
Mark: regular meeting

Motion by Mark Osland, second Adam Grobove III to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair