Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Sunrise Town Hall, 12080 Sunrise Road, Harris, MN 55032

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
Phillip Meers
Greg Strom
Adam Grobove III

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson	Lynn Wolleat	Carol Chandler
David Olson	Debbie Olson	Dave Kadlec
Sara Rockensock	Kimberly Meers	Eric Leivian

Approve Agenda: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Phillip Meers to approve the May 2025 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Adam Grobove, III, second by Phillip Meers to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Phillip Meers to approve the 2025 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Surplus Property Program paperwork signed by all Board members. 1907 Road Order has been recorded at the Chisago County Recorder's office. Maintenance Dave Kadlec was chosen for compliance drug testing that was completed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Karen Anderson gave Treasurer's report.

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Phillip Meers to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7708 through 7747: Motion carried.

Greg Strom questioned new Town Hall fund amounts.
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson explained that Anita Mohr owns two different parcels in the CenturyLink Subordinate Service District. After research by completed by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and Treasurer Karen Anderson Anita Mohr pre-paid in full for one of the two parcels in full at the beginning for the Subordinate Service District. The parcel in question is still owed the CenturyLink Subordinate Service District service fee. Treasurer Karen Anderson will inform Chisago County Auditor Bridgitte Konrad to make sure she keeps the service charge on the parcel in question.

Engineer Cristina Mjelnek explained that the Bolton & Menk bill in question at the April 2025 meeting was for load requirements for Vibo Bridge.

Treasurer Anderson informed the Town Board that the CD for the Equipment Fund is due May 22, 2025. There is a balance of $28,078.50. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove, III for another 6 months at 4.8%.

Troy Montague informed the Sunrise Board that a new truck would have had to been ordered by May 2, 2025 to get this year. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Phillip Meers to place the $130,000 earmarked for the new truck into a 6 month CD. Motion carried.

Sno-Barons' Snowmobile Club – 2025 Hay Days Liquor Permit: Debbie Olson presented the 2-day 2025 Hay Days Liquor Permit to Sunrise Township for approval for Saturday and Sunday. Sno-Barons' Snowmobile Club is continuing to work on a CUP amendment for a 3-day Liquor Permit. Motion by Greg Strom, second by Adam Grobove, III for Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7, 2025 only. Motion carried.

Tree Planting at the new Sunrise Town Hall located at 12080 Sunrise Road, Harris: Greg Strom stated that Sunrise has 3 years as of November 15, 2023 to plant privacy trees. According to the CUP, Sunrise has until November 15, 2026.

Magnetic Board for Township Maps: Place on June agenda.

Citizen's Forum: Sara Rockensock asked the Town Board that there was mention in a past meting minutes the parking lot would not be paved at the new town hall. There is concern about water drainage from the parking lot towards the Campbell residence towards the south. Greg Strom reported that the driveway is sloped to drain to the southwest - towards the County ditch.

Debbie Olson of the Sno-Barons' Snowmobile club wanted to again extend the invitation to hold sunrise Township's National Night Out at the Sno-Barons; facility. Greg Strom asked if they can hold other events according to their CUP. Debbie Olson said that the CUP is only for the Hay Days event, but can hold some community events.

Illegally placed driveway on Joywood: Clerk Kowalke sent a letter to the property owner. Troy Montague will be meeting with the property owner. Property owner is not part of the Joywood development. The second driveway is to have access to his shed. Driveway needs a culvert and needs to be wide enough. It is the consensus of the Board that they would lean towards approving the driveway permit on Joywood.

National Night Out Update: Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and Adam Grobove, III will set up a time with the Sno-Barons to look at and discuss the Sno-Barons' site.

Maintenance Update: Troy Montague reported on More Ferry Road. More Ferry has asphalt coming down the hill on 95. Is the State or Sunrise responsible for the broken asphalt. Eric Leivian said when the State resurfaced 95 they came quite a bit into his driveway. There is a rough quote of $9,000 to do 30 feet and get up over the hill. Mark Osland said that if this is not Sunrise's to maintain, we cannot take this on. Troy Montague will look into see whose responsibility this is.

Troy Montague reported that placing chloride will start the 2nd or 3rd week in June. Graveling will start May 27th. Paving is set for May 20th for the parking lot. Septic tank is pulled, crushed and hauled out today from the Old Town Hall (Royal Wilcox Community Center). There is no power to the school

house is complete. Greg Strom wanted to commend Troy Montague and Dave Kadlec for the miserable job of moving the rocks by hand to get ready to pave the parking lot at the new Town Hall. Troy Montague will obtain pricing for 2026 trucks. Phillip Meers will set up a meeting with tony Koran. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson reported that fiber optic has been laid to the new town hall. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson said the street light is in process to be installed. Troy Montague will be absent at the June meeting

Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting, CCATO, Board of Equalization, commissioners meeting
Greg: regular meeting, Board of Equalization
Phillip: regular meeting
Pete: regular meeting, Board of Equalization
Mark: regular meeting, Board of Equalization

Adam gave update on fires in St. Louis County, MN.
Sara Rockensock asked how the wild parsnip in the township is being handled and who is checking on this. Troy Montague sprayed wild parsnip on Oriole in 2024. Chisago County sprays all their ditches. Adam Grobove, III said he is meeting with Jeff Fertig regarding wild parsnip in Sunrise. Troy Montague said it is on Oriole. Chisago County gets grants for eradication of obnoxious weeds. Wild parsnip is describe like - It looks like dill with little yellow flowers. It is located on CR 20.

Motion by Greg Strom, second Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair