Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, August 21, 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 (absent)
Phillip Meers
Greg Strom
Adam Grobove III

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson
Jeske Noordergraaf
KJ Cole
Lynn Wolleat
Benjamin Bryan
Mike Sandell
Leighton Pruelier

Approve Agenda: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove, III to approve the August 2025 agenda with the amendment of Cristina Mlejnek and Troy Montague are present. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Greg Strom to accept the July 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Joe Tripplet contacted Clerk Kowalke for documentation on the Lowden Avenue boxed culverts. Thank you's were sent out to National Night Out volunteers and companies.

Treasurer Report:

Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Greg Strom to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7808 through 7841 with additional claims as follows:

Dan Kaiser (hotdogs for National Night Out) $229.90

Motion carried.

Received a Thank You from Chisago County Board on Aging.

Conditional Use Permit – David Bryan (Applicant) – Benjamin Bryan (Property Owner) After-the-Fact CUP for agriculture-oriented business including the processing & Packaging of agricultural products): Benjamin Bryan has a food grade mushroom farm located of Trulson. David and Benjamin Bryan are applying for a After-the-Fact CUP because a kitchen is needed to cut up, slice and dry mushrooms. The Bryans have converted a pole building into a packaging facility. There is very little traffic. 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. All the mushrooms are food mushrooms, gourmet mushrooms which are being sold to restaurants. The Bryans's have to meet the Department of Agriculture's criteria for the kitchen. Motion by Greg Strom, second by Adam Grobove III to approve as presented with the condition that the hours

of operation are 9 AM to 5 PM – Monday through Friday with the occasional Owner / Employee on the weekend. Motion carried.

Jeske Noordergraaf – Royal Wilcox Community Center (school house send-off) – September 14, 2025 – 2 PM to 4 PM: Jeske Noordergraaf would like permission to have a send-off on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Will be selling t-shirts, can koozies, mailing. The Plan to move the building on September 24th 9 AM to 2 PM – tentative. Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove, III to approve the send-off. Motion carried.

Pre-Pay Purchase Agreement Lakes Gas: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove, III to lock in the pre-pay purchase agreement with Lakes Gas at $1,358.22 for 720 gallons for all gallons are delivered or until May 31 ($1.849 per gallon) with approval of payment Motion carried.

Chisago County Collaborative Initiative (Dan Dahlberg) – October 22, 2025: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to waive the damage deposit for the Chisago County Collaborative Initiative Group for using the Sunrise Town Hall on October 22, 2025. Motion carried.

ROW Permit Update: ROW permits for CenturyLink will not be approved until they come into compliance with Sunrise Township's ROW ordinance by placing the reflective poles at the pillars. Adam Grobove, III mentioned that other townships to use county attorney for a letter. Clerk Kowalke to follow-up Jane Brown.

Sunrise Township T-shirts: Clerk Kowalke and Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson will obtain quotes for Sunrise Township apparel to come back September, 2025 meeting.

Wi-Fi at 12080 Sunrise Town Hall: Wi-Fi is set up at the New Town Hall.

LRIP Program: Engineer Cristina Mlejnek reported that the LRIP Program will be opening again. The only major change is that it was funded with $47 million, and last time it was $103 million. Sunrise Township as in the past will competed with the Metro.

Citizen's Forum: Jeske Noordergraaf asked about additional internet being installed off CR 9. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson reported that any additional internet being installed is going south of CR 9 at this point. No additional service in Sunrise at this time. Mike Sandell, Wild River Snowmobile Club, was in attendance and asked if there were any questions / help they can provide regarding River Access.

National Night Out Update:

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- Adults:110
- Girls: 30
- Boys: 26

	Yes	No	Resident	Non-Resident
Do you want to hold National Night out at the Hay Days site?	12	28	35	6
Do you want to keep National Night out at Sunrise Park?	32	8	35	6

New Town Hall Update: Automatic Door Openers: Greg Strom stated he does not believe it is necessary to have automatic door openers and it is not required. Greg Strom also stated that if automatic door openers were to be installed at this point a contractor would have to tear into the outside siding, closures of doors would need to be changed out along with other construction that would need to be completed. Staff can use the side door. Greg Strom does not see the use for them. Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson mentioned that if someone needs help at voting time curbside voting can be put into place. Adam Grobove, III mentioned that Sunrise Township is American Disability Act compliant.

Park Equipment Update – Board Members: Adam Gorbove, III is working with the Town Board to make a plan on what could be installed at the town hall.

Maintenance Update: Troy Montague called MAT regarding stickers for the side of the Sunrise Township vehicles. They are not required on the side of the township vehicles. Troy Montague obtained preliminary pricing on trucks:

Dodge, $57,363 base price – does not include bed

Ford $58,925.75 base price – does not include bed (7 yr warranty at $3,500 extra), (midway ford) ford has heavier gross and more options. Options would be extra. Diesel is about an $11,000 more for both dodge and ford.

Place on September agenda. Once a truck is ordered it could be at least 6 months to 1 year out to get the truck.

Lynn Wolleat: Would a gas transmission be able to handle a PTO pump to the sander.

Troy Montague obtained pricing for treated salt sale of $123.10 per ton through state bid for Skyline.

Greg Strom obtained quotes for concrete in front of the new town hall at 12080 Sunrise Road and in front of the shop:
Addyman & Sons: $5,950.00
Heinen Inc. $5,895.00
Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Greg Strom, to accept Addyman & Sons quote. Motion carried. Addyman will use rebar and dowel into existing slabs. Slabs will be edged with wet cut control joints to match existing sidewalk and broom finish. Motion carried.

Troy Montague informed the Town Board that the John Deere Tractor is getting worked on.

OTHER Items:
CCATO meeting is here September 24 at Sunrise Township
Mailbox at town hall – place on September agenda.
Citizen talked with Greg Strom. Even sitting in the front row, a citizen had a hard time hearing. This citizen would be willing to pay for a microphone to have at the townhall with a podium. Name plates were also mentioned.

Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting, Met with Max Rymer from the Capital for roads and bridges
Greg: regular meeting, PC
Phillip: regular meeting
Pete: regular meeting,
Mark: Absent

Motion by Greg Strom, second by Adam Grobove, III to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair