Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, September 18, 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
Maintenance: Dave Kadlec

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson
Dave Kadlec
Glenn Mell
Carol Chandler
Kimberly Meers
Eric Leivian
Sara Rockensock
Tony Koran
Perry Lindberg

Approve Agenda: Motion by Greg Strom, second by Adam Grobove, III to approve the September 2025 agenda adding Road Vacation, Chisago County Historical Society and Almelund Threshing Company under new business. Motion carried.

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

Clerk Update: Just a reminder that all thank you's were sent out to National Night Out Volunteers.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove, III to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 7843 through 7863 with additional claims as follows:

Troy Montague (29 gopher feet at $4 per pair) $116.00
Glenn Mell (25 pair of gopher feet at $4 per pair) $100.00
Escape Fire Protection (Ballards pipe at town hall in front of transformer) $275.00
Motion carried.

Outside Audit for FYE 2025: Quote for FYE 2025 Audit will is $14,163.08. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Phillip Meers to complete a 2025 Audit by CLA. Motion carried.

Driveway Extension to #9 for New Town Hall at 12080 Sunrise Road: Troy Montague obtained a quote from Knife River for a new approach. Motion by Greg Strom, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to do the driveway extension in 2025. Motion carried.

Tree Buffer on South Line: Troy Montague obtained two quotes. One quotes was for getting donated trees from Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson's property and planting them at the new town hall which is $15,300. Buying 6 to 7 foot trees from Shermic farm 36 trees for $23,400.00 Price will go up with

a scope of work depending on type of soil / rock involved. Spring is better for trees. To move trees from Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson's property to the new town hall would be approximately $200 per tree. Motion by Greg Strom, second by Mark Osland to get trees from Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson and plant in spring with one abstain Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson. Motion carried.

Bridge Safety Inspections: Adam Grobove, III informed the Sunrise Township Board that Chisago County contracted with Collins Engineering Company to complete inspections at $900 a bridge. Chisago absorbed the cost of the bridge inspections for all Chisago County Townships.

Chisago County Historical Society, Deed of Gift of Grind Stone and Milling Part: Representative Perry Lindberg informed Sunrise Township Board that Roger Remer gave the Grind Stone and Milling part to the Chisago County Historical Society many years ago. Representative Lindberg was present with a Deed of Gift Document to be signed by the Board to gift the Grind Stone and Milling Part to Chisago County Historical Society. Motion to by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove, III to approve the Deed of Gift of the Grind Stone and Milling Part. Motion carried.

Almelund Threshers (Royal Wilcox School House): Tony Koran informed Sunrise Board that it is still the plan to move the Royal Wilcox Community Center on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 to the Almelund Threshing Grounds. Earned $79,000 in the last year. Total left to earn about $70,000. Asking what the Township is willing to donate to this project. Greg Strom voiced that Sunrise is not obligated to donate any money. Motion by Mark Osland, second by Greg Strom to pay $8,000 toward the Royal Wilcox Community Center to the Almelund Threshers once the Building is moved. Motion carried.

Road Vacation: Greg Strom would like to look at vacating two roads in Sunrise Township.

One is Oak St. that goes by the old school house which goes to the south. Sunrise Township would own half and Stepp would own half.

County has a road on its GIS and it goes north and south which goes through the middle of the ball park. Sunrise owns both properties on each side.

Sunrise Board is in agreeance to take a further look at vacating these two roads. Greg Strom will get together with Charlotte Wilcox to discuss.

Citizen's Forum: Clerk Kowalke has Peggy Pearson in attendance on the July minutes. Please correct minutes.

Royal Wilcox Community Center (School House Update): Jeske Noordergraaf reported through an email that there were about 70 people that attended the Sunrise School House event including someone who went to school there. $500 was raised which put the total raised over $80,000 which is the cost to move the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

Sunrise Township T-Shirts: Clerk Kowalke to send t-shirt information to the Sunrise Board. No actions taken on new t-shirts for the township.
Clerk to check with Joe Triplett, Chisago County HWY, as to where they purchase safety clothing for the HWY department – send information to Town Board.

Mailbox at New Town Hall – Greg Strom: Greg Strom would like to see mailbox and mailing address to new town hall. Mail person would like the mailbox on the west side. Motion by Greg Strom, second by Phillip Meers to change mailing address to town hall with a locking type mail box. Motion carried.

Park Equipment Update: No action taken

Maintenance Update: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove, III for Troy Montague to purchase a F550 diesel with the toy master box w/ pto. Motion Carried. Troy Montague reported salt coming in October from Skylite 50 tons 2 loads. Tractor is still being worked on. Troy will check on calcium chloride price for 2026.

Board Member Meetings:
Adam: regular meeting, CCATO mtg., comm mtg
Greg: regular meeting
Phillip: regular meeting
Pete: regular meeting, CCATO
Mark: regular meeting,

Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove, III to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Wendy S Kowalke
Signed: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Mark Osland
~~Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair~~
MARK OSLAND, VICE CHAIR