Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, April 16, 2026
Sunrise Town Hall, 12080 Sunrise Road, Harris, MN 55032

Chair Greg Strom called the Regular Sunrise Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Greg Strom, Chair
Phillip Meers, Vice Chair
Mark Osland
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson
Adam Grobove III

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

Others Present:

Peggy Pearson
Sarah Rockensock
Lynn Wolleat
Dave Kadlec
Stephen Forner
Eric Leivian

Adopt Agenda: Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to adopt the April, 2026 agenda. Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Adam Grobove III, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk Update: No update

Treasurer Report: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve Treasurer Anderson's report with claims list 8036 through 8069 with the following additional claim.

B&C Farms (Moving and planting 36 trees to new town hall, 12080 Sunrise Rd., Harris @ $200 per tree) $7,200.00

Motion carried.

Supervisor Meeting and Approvals (NOTE: Not all meetings are paid):

Adam: Regular mtg.
Greg: regular meeting,
Phillip: Regular meeting,
Pete: regular meeting,
Mark regular meeting
Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to approve meetings.

Clerk and Treasurer's claims, milage and expenses and approvals: Treasurer expenditures were turned in for reimbursement. Clerk to turn in expenditures for May approval.

Cell Phone Stipends: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to issue a $50.00 stipend per month for personal cell phone use for part-time employees, lead maintenance and clerk positions. Motion carried.

Donation Distribution / Passing of Former Board Member:

Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove III to spend up to $150.00 for flowers for prior board member Gerald Bjork. Motion carried.
Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove III to distribute the approved $4,000 at the Sunrise Township Annual meeting by the citizens of Sunrise Township as follows: Motion carried.

Chisago County Historical Society	$600.00
North Branch Fire (Fire Safety Education Program for Children)	$250.00
Seven County Senior Federations	$250.00
Chisago County Ag Society	$350.00
Sunrise Cemetery Association	$400.00
Chisago County Senior Center (Chisago Co. Board on Aging)	$1,000.00
Viking Vittles	$1,000.00

Tauer Road Signage: Troy Montague had a discussion with Mr. Tauer who would like the Tauer Road sign put back up. Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson to reinstall the Tauer Road sign. Motion carried.

First Aide Kit for Town Hall: Motion by Mark Osland, second by Adam Grobove III to spend up to $100 for a first aide kit to be installed at the new town hall.

Move Seasonal Employee to Part-time Employee: Motion Phillip Meers, second by Mark Osland to move all seasonal employees to part-time employees. Motion carried.

Wilcox Road Four Accidents, Signage and Right of Way Damage: Adam Grobove III informed the Town Board there was four accidents that have happened at the Wilcox Road 20 Mph corner just south of Lowden on Wilcox within the past eight months and took down several safety signs which should be replaced. That particular of the road is posted for 20 MPH. Sunrise Township would like to seek reimbursement for damages. Lead Maintenance Tory Montague informed the Town Board that the Township sign needs to be replaced. Other damage would include ditch damage and maintenance time for damages. Supervisor Phillip Meers has the case number. Sunrise Township would more than likely need to submit a claim to the insurance company or bill driver for expenses. This could possibly have to put an assessment on taxes for reimbursement if Township is not reimbursed by other means. Lead Maintenance Troy Montague and Treasurer Karen Anderson to work on this.

Crack Filling: Lead Maintenance Troy Montague obtained tow quotes for crack filling the following roads for 2026: Joywood, 452nd, Ivywood, 465th, 434th, Juniper Ridge, Little Oak Lane and Nustad.

Seal Tech came in at $26,946
M&P Asphalt Maintenance - $16,750

Seal tech has more mastic in their mixture.
M&P router the cracks and has more of the rubberized mixture.
Lead Maintenance Troy Montague would like to accept the M&P quote.

Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Phillip Meers to accept the M&P Quote. Motion carried.

Citizens Forum: NONE

Approval to Pay LHB Surveyors for Town Hall Services: Greg Strom reported that the survey has been completed. Greg Strom will pick up paper copy on Monday. Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Carl Petere "Pete" Johnson to approve the payment of $1,100.00 for the survey. motion carried.

Cell Phone Booster for Town Hall: No action taken. Phillip Meers reported that Bridgitte Konrad will meet Town Board personnel at the Town Hall sometime in July to complete an election test to make sure the hot spot will work for uploading election information on election equipment properly.

North Branch Fire – Sign Contract: Town Board Chair Greg Strom and Clerk Wendy Kowalke signed North Branch Fire Contract.

Town Board Name Plates: Clerk Kowalke to order the name plate holders for Board Members.

Olson Field Usage: Troy Montague reported that the individual that uses the ballfields in Almelund would like to possibly use the Olson Ballfield in Sunrise for their boy's youth team. Troy Montague let them know that they can use the field except for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 00 PM to 8:00 PM from May through July because the girls' softball team had already contact Sunrise to use the field.

Clerk Kowalke to place the Olson Field usage on the website. Troy Montague let the Sunrise Board know that the striping machine is there and ready to be used.

Sprayer for Maintenance: Troy Montague received a quote from Frost out of St. Croix Falls for a 300 gallon tank, boomless nozzles, gas engine, controls in the cab, self-contained unit, sprays in the ditch for $7,900.24. Motion by Phillip Meers, second by Adam Grobove III to purchase the sprayer from Frost is approved. Motion carried.

AED Unit Installed and Working: Clerk Kowalke in formed the Sunrise Board that the AED unit is installed and working. Rollie said that Sunrise received too many batteries which need to be returned and get a partial reimbursement.

Maintenance Update: Troy Montague received hydroseeding and black dirt quotes for the new Town Hall. Quote was for 50 feet around the town hall and all the way around the parking lot, 25,200 square feet total of hydroseeding.
Anderson Landscaping
$4,550.00 from Hydro-seeding
Quote: Black dirt at 156 yards at $140 per load of 11 loads. - $5,212.84.

Town Board would like to wait on this and get the trees taken care of first according to the CUP first.

Other Items discussed: Greg Strom said he lives close to the Haydays site - there is a meeting there on Saturday to discuss future events. Adam Grobove III said that Winberg Construction Company did a nice job of cleaning Wilcox Road after a lot of their construction traffic left dirt on the roadway.

Motion by Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, second by Phillip Meers to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed: Wendy S. Kowalke, Clerk

Greg Strom, Chair

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, April 23 – 9:30 a.m. – Board of Appeal and Equalization
Road Vacation Hearing: Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.