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Mission Statement:

The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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Fire Contract Work Session
November 23, 2020
6:00 pm Harris Town Hall

Present: Chair Ken Haubrich, Supervisors Kortekaas, Clayton, Kelley and Schack

Others Present: City of Grand Rapids Fire Chief Travis Cole, Shawn Graeber, Captain

The Purpose of the work session was to meet and discuss the current fire contract, and budgeting for future years.

The current fire contract was for the time period 2010 to 2015. As per the City of Grand Rapids Attorney the contract is still valid as no language has changed. Both parties would like to have the term of contract changed so contract runs perpetual.

A major point of discuss was increasing costs from year to year, and how to budget accordingly. Supervisors expressed a strong interest in receiving incident reports, and agreed to receive them on a monthly basis.

Discussion held on educating our public on fire prevention measures. Utilizing the township newsletter remains a great avenue in education, along with the township Facebook page.

Travis expressed an interest in attending future board meetings to provide information, and updates.

Discussion held on the new fire hall being constructed at 104 SE 11th Street, which would be closer for response time for Harris Township.

Question asked on the usage of the water pump located at Wendigo Park. As per Shawn, that location is very rarely used. As of November 2020, Harris Township has had 12 calls.

Travis reviewed the fee comparisons going back to 2019. Treasurer Kopacek asked for summary sheets for the years 2017 and 2018. Chair Haubrich requested that we be provided summary sheets which reflect, across the board, the same year so all numbers are consistent.

Travis stated that they will update the current contract, via the City Grand Rapids, and bring it forward to the township board for final approval.

Travis and Shawn were thanked for their presentation and meeting with the township, which hopefully will bring forth better means of communication between the two entities!

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Clayton, Acting Clerk

Dated: _____
Ken Haubrich, Chair

