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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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## **Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2023 Minutes**

**Present:** Madam Chair Clayton, Supervisor Gilbert, and Supervisor Kelley; Treasurer Kopacek

**Absent:** Supervisors Davies and Schack

**Pledge to the Flag** was conducted, followed by the reading of the township mission statement

### **Approve the Minutes**

#### **Minutes of January 11, 2023 Regular Board Minutes**

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes of January 23, 2023 Budget Session**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Budget Meeting. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes of January 26, 2023 Budget Session**

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 Budget Meeting. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes of January 31, 2023 Work Session Re: MATIT Consolidated Liability Coverage, and Driftskippers Snowmobile Club**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2023 Work Session Re: MATIT Consolidated Liability Coverage and the Driftskippers Snowmobile Club. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes of January 31, 2023 Board of Audit**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2023 Board of Audit Meeting. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

## **Additions and Corrections**

Chair Clayton requested to pull agenda item 9A Parcel 3 (Land) under Old Business, and table it to the February 22, 2022 P and D Board Meeting. Supervisor Kelley requested to change item 9C Mishawaka Road Soil Boring, under Roads, to Mishawaka Shores Soil Boring.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to pull agenda item 9A Parcel 3 (Land) under Old Business, and table it to the February 22, 2022 P and D Board Meeting, and change item 9C Mishawaka Road Soil Boring, under Roads, to Mishawaka Shores Soil Boring. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

## **Business from the Floor**

There was no business from the floor.

## **Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

## **Roads**

### **Road Update**

Supervisor Kelley stated that he met with and toured the roads with the new District 4 Foreman, Mike Wagner, for the Transportation Dept, who replaced Bill Lessard (who is now a foreman in another district).

As per Supervisor Kelley, Assistant Transportation Director, Ryan Sutherland, reported they will be keeping a closer eye on Sunny Beach Road during winter months, to get that area quickly plowed.

### **Dept of Commerce Construction Progress Reporting Survey**

This report will remain status quo, until Sunny Beach roadwork starts up in the spring.

### **Mishawaka Shores Soil Borings**

Supervisor Kelley reported that soil borings have been completed by Braun Intertec at Mishawaka Shores, and Sunny Beach Addition, with Aspen Drive to follow,

## **Recreation**

### **Rink Report**

Supervisor Kelley reviewed the rink report from January 17-February 4, 2023. Due to the weather, both Crystal and Wendigo were closed 9 of the 19 days.

## **Correspondence**

### **Intergovernmental Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023**

Informational

### **Trails Task Force Minutes of January 12, 2023**

Informational

### **Itasca County Township Association Minutes of January 9, 2023**

Informational

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Township Day at the Capitol Update**

Supervisor Gilbert provided a report on "Township Day at the Capitol" on February 1 and 2, 2023. The group met with 6A Rep. Ben Davis, who was newly elected to the House. Ben had questions of the road process with townships. The group then met with Senator Justin Eichorn. Discussions centered around transportation, funding, annexation, taxes and state aid, as well as pera eligibility for appointed officers in a defined contribution plan.

Supervisor Gilbert provided information on "Townships 101". There are 1780 townships across Minnesota representing 16% of the state population with 918,256 total residents.

All in all, it was an interesting, and well received township day at the capitol.

### **Schedule Work Session Re: Boat Landings, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Grants**

Chair Clayton suggested that the board needs to start working on projects for the spring, summer, and fall of 2023 with regard to boat landings, and the tennis and basketball courts at both Crystal and Wendigo Parks.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to schedule a work session Re: boat landings, tennis and basketball courts, and grants, for Thursday February 16, 2023 at 2:30 pm at the Town hall. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

Chair Clayton will post the work session, and contact Sarah Carling (CEDA), and Kasey Stanek (DNR) on the date and time. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Treasurers Report for January 2023**

Treasurer Kopacek presented the Treasurers Report/Cash Control Statement, Outstanding Checks and Deposits Report, and Schedule 1a (statement of receipts, accrued, interest, disbursements, and balances).

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the Treasurers Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$2,912,006.63. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

### **Payment of Claims**

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the claims list #20859 through #20875, and EFTs 282301 through 282304, and EFT 1312301 in the amount of \$21,673.14. Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent Supervisors Davies and Schack. Motion carried.

### **Public Input**


There was no public input.

**UPCOMING Events/Meetings**

February 13, 2023	Township Association Meeting	7:00 pm Town Hall
February 16, 2023	Work Session Re: Boat Landings, Tennis and Basketball Courts, and Grants	2:30 pm Town Hall
February 22, 2023	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
March 8, 2023	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
March 13, 2023	Township Association Meeting	7:00 pm Town Hall
March 14, 2023	Annual Meeting	7:00 pm Town Hall
March 22, 2023	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Prepared by:   
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by:   
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair