

**Resolution #2021-017
Harris Township
American Rescue Plan Act**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY
FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans (“Pandemic”). The disease has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, township revenues, businesses and nonprofits in the township have faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 (“ARPA”) which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their townships, communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, funds has been allocated to the Township of Harris (“Township”) pursuant to the ARPA (“Allocation”); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds.

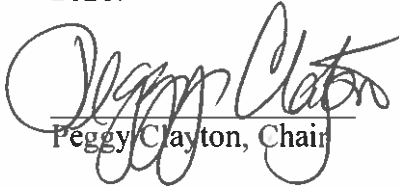
WHEREAS, the Township, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury’s ARPA guidance; and


WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will distribute ARPA funds to Harris Township because its population is less than 50,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HARRIS TOWNSHIP OF ITASCA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. Harris Town Board of Supervisors intends to collect its share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota to use in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance.
2. Harris Town Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to receive the Township's share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota for expenses incurred because of the Pandemic.
3. Harris Town Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to utilize all monies that may be reimbursed with ARPA funds.

Adopted by Harris Township, Itasca County, Grand Rapids, Minnesota this 23RD day of June, 2021.


Peggy Clayton, Chair

Attested:

Beth Riendeau, Clerk