



**March 14, 2023  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Itasca County Boardroom  
7:00 pm**

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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.

**Call Annual Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, by Chair Peggy Clayton.

**Pledge to the flag** was conducted, and the mission statement was read.

Chair Clayton welcomed all in attendance to the annual meeting. Board members, and Treasurer were introduced.

**Election of a Moderator**

Chair Clayton called for nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Cyndy Martin and seconded by Bob Ross to nominate Mike Ives. Chair Clayton called for additional nominations from the floor twice. No additional nominations were made. Motion passed. Mike Ives was nominated as the Moderator.

**Review of Minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held March 8, 2023**

A motion was made by Burl Ives and seconded Cyndy Martin to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

**Additions or Corrections**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Receive and Approve the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report for 2022**

A motion was made by Dan Butterfield and seconded by Bob Ross to approve the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report as of December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

**Review Township Road Information**

Moderator Ives asked if anyone had any questions on Township Road Reports. No questions.

Burl Ives had questions about Isleview Road. Chair Clayton said that a joint resolution for detachment was approved and signed by the Harris Township board on July 13, 2022, and by the City of Grand Rapids on August 16, 2022, requesting detachment. The petition for detachment and the joint resolution for detachment was approved and detached from the City, and signed on December 8, 2022, by the State of Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings. Discussion followed.

**Review Levy Comparison for Years 2019 Adopted Through 2024 Proposed**

The levy comparisons show what happened between 2019 to 2022, what was adopted in 2023, and what is proposed for 2024.

Moderator Ives told the constituents that what they vote for today, will be effective for 2024.

Moderator Ives asked for a motion to approve the overall operational levies for the following funds: General, Road & Bridge, Equipment, Cemetery, Recreation, Buildings & Grounds, Fire, and Capital Improvement.

A motion was made by Mike Schack and seconded by Cyndy Martin to adopt the 2024 levies (General, Road & Bridge, Equipment, Cemetery, Recreation, Buildings & Grounds, Fire, and Capital Improvement, ARPA, and Grants). Motion carried.

### **Consider Requests for Financial Support**

- **City of Grand Rapids**

Tom Sutherland, spoke on behalf of the City of Grand Rapids. Tom talked about the Firework display on Pokegama Lake for 2023, and that this year Arrowhead Transit will be assisting with transportation of spectators to the fireworks. This years contract is for \$20,000.00.

The City of Grand Rapids is asking for a \$5,33300 contribution toward the fireworks. The breakdown of the \$20,000 is: City of GR-\$5,334.00; City of Cohasset-\$5,333.00; Greater Pokegama Lake Association-\$3,000.00; Blandin Foundation-\$1,000.00; Harris Township-\$5,333.00.

A motion was made by Dan Butterfield and seconded by Cyndy Martin to recommend the Board approve the donation request amount of \$5,333.00 to the City of Grand Rapids for fireworks display. Motion carried.

Discussion held on ARPA Funds and if the township can use these funds toward contribution requests. Monies have been budgeted toward contributions requests. ARPA Funds could be used toward contribution requests.

- **Elder Circle**

Lisa Randall spoke on behalf of ElderCircle.

Discussion held on there being no dollar amount requested (in the contribution request.). ElderCircle falls under MS 365.10 (Health).

A motion was made by Cyndy Martin and seconded by Mike Schack to recommend the Board approve the donation request of \$1000.00 to ElderCircle. Motion carried.

Peggy Clayton stated that a contract will be signed by ElderCircle for services.

- **First Call for Help/211**

Alice Anderberg (sp) representing First Call for Help/211, presented. First Call for Help provides crisis stabilization for many facilities in Itasca County and in the surrounding areas. First Call offers 24-hour service and are open 24/7. First Call for Help fall under MS 365.10 (Health).

Cyndy Martin made a motion to recommend the Board approve the donation request of \$1000.00 to First Call for Help/211. Motion was seconded by Dan Butterfield. Motion carried.

- **Itasca County Agriculture Association**

Lilah Crowe spoke on behalf of the Itasca County Agriculture Association which is also known as the Fair Board. They are planning for the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Itasca County Fair, which will be held on August 16-20, 2023.

Itasca County Agricultural Association falls under MS 38.12 (County Fairs).

Dan Butterfield made a motion to recommend the Board approve the donation request of \$1000.00 to the Itasca County Agricultural Association. Motion was seconded by Cyndy Martin. Motion carried.

- **Itasca County Agricultural Association**

Lila Crowe, Executive Director of the Itasca County Historical Society, stated that the Historical Society turns 75 this year. History back to 1948 will be featured on their Throwback Thursdays Facebook page.

As in past years, the Historical Society is once again asking for \$1.00 per person, which for Harris Township, that amount would be a donation request of \$3,317.00. The Itasca County Historical Society falls under MS 138.053.

A motion was made by Bob Ross and seconded by Ken Haubrich to recommend the Board approve the donation request of \$3,317.00 to the Itasca County Historical Society. Motion carried.

- **Support Within Reach**

Katie Carpenter spoke on behalf of Support Within Reach. Support Within Reach covers 6 counties. The goal of Support Within Reach is to reduce sexual violence. They are available 24/7 and currently have 3864 service types provided. Support Within Reach falls under MS365.10 (Health).

A motion was made by Cyndy Martin and seconded by Burl Ives to recommend the Board approve the donation request of \$1000.00 to Support Within Reach. Motion carried.

## **2022 Township Accomplishments**

Moderator Ives asked if there were any questions on the Township accomplishments. There were no questions.

## **2022 Township Properties**

Moderator Ives asked if there were any questions on the Township property report. There were no questions.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

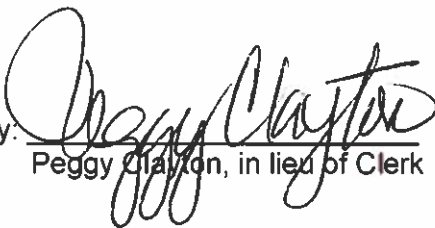
There was no new business.

## **Set time and place for next Annual Town Meeting, to be held the second Tuesday of March 2023.**

A motion was made by Bob Ross and seconded by Mike Schack to set the 2023 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, March 12, 2023, at the Town Hall, contingent on conditions warranting a change in venue. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the annual meeting, a motion was made by Mike Schack and seconded by Dan Butterfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by:   
Peggy Clayton, in lieu of Clerk

Signed by:   
Mike Ives, Moderator