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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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**Work Session**  
**re: Casper Landing, Wendigo Park, ARPA Funds, Mishawaka Landing**  
**April 18, 2024**  
**5:00 pm Harris Town Hall**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Madam Chair Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Davies and Kelley; Clerk Derfler

**Absent:** Supervisor Gilbert

The Work Session was called to order at 5:00 pm by Madam Chair Clayton.

**Pledge to the Flag** was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss Casper Landing, Wendigo Park, ARPA Funds, and Mishawaka Landing.

### **Casper Landing / Wendigo Park**

Sarah Carling spoke briefly with the Board by phone allowing the Board to update her on the recent quote and estimated cost received for Casper Landing.

Chair Clayton will email Sarah the quotes/estimated costs for Casper Landing so she can input the data into her spreadsheet for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session.

Sarah stated that Kacie Stanek's DNR replacement (Jim) will be looking into the Harris Township/DNR's earmarked funds. She will also follow up with his supervisor.

Chair Clayton requested that Sarah add picnic tables / benches for Casper and Mishawaka Landings. Sarah stated that she has a contact for picnic tables that may be at no-cost.

Discussion held on the 2024 projects and if they should be done separately or all at the same time. Supervisor Kelley stated that it might be cheaper to complete the projects all at once.

Sarah stated that she will discuss the Casper Landing project with Jim/DNR and invite him to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session. This will allow the Board to meet him and have more discussions about the seed money.

Supervisor Schack asked the Board if they would consider removing the stop sign on Badger Road at Casper Landing. Discussion followed.

The Board also discussed applying an overlay on Badger Road leading to Casper Landing at the same time work is completed at the landing.

Discussion held on the life jacket stands at the landings. Chair Clayton will contact the Corps of Engineers regarding when they can place life jacket stands at the boat landings.

**ARPA Funds**

Chair Clayton will complete the Itasca County ARPA Grant Disbursement and Recipients Certification for the \$75,000.00 Grant received and provide quotes for the projects (Wendigo Park, Crystal Park, and Casper Landing) to be completed. This certification will be placed on the April 24<sup>th</sup> P and D Meeting Agenda.

The Work Session was recessed at 5:24pm in order to reconvene at Mishawaka Landing for a site visit.

The Work Session was reconvened at 5:36pm at Mishawaka Landing.

**Mishawaka Landing**

The Board reconvened at Mishawaka Landing to discuss the future green space. Discussion was held on different locations for green space without taking away from parking spaces. Supervisor Schack will have maintenance mark off the green space area, of which the Board was in agreement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the work session at 5:41pm.

Prepared by:   
Kelly Derfler, Clerk

Signed by:   
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair