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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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Supervisor/VC Mike Schack 340-8852
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Supervisor Dan Gilbert 259-4967
Supervisor Jim Kelley 327-0317
Treasurer Nancy Kopacek 398-3497
Clerk Beth Riendeau 244-1811

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2022, at 7:30pm
Minutes

Present: Madam Chair Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Davies, and Kelley; Treasurer Kopacek;
Absent: Supervisor Gilbert, and Clerk Riendeau

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

Approve the Minutes

Minutes of March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert

Additions and Corrections

Madam Chair Clayton requested the addition of Reconvene Board of Appeal, under New Business, as 10C, and also a correction (under Roads) to agenda item 6B Material Pricing for 2022. Material Pricing for 2022 should remain as 6B, and Casper Construction 2022 Road Grading Proposal should be removed and placed as agenda item 6C. (Both of these items were under 6B).

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the addition of addition of Reconvene Board of Appeal, under New Business, as 10C, and also a correction (under Roads) to agenda item 6B Material Pricing for 2022, and approve the rest of the agenda. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert

Business from the Floor

None.

Consent Agenda

Zoning/Land Use Itasca County Permits SSTS Permits

It was noted that under 5A Zoning/Land Use Itasca County Permits, Permit #220041 belongs to Feeley Township.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to pull Zoning/Land Use Itasca County Permit #220041 from 5A, and approve the Consent Agenda, as delineated above. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley stated that with the snow melting, potholes are starting to emerge on the gravel roads. Graveling of roads won't take place for awhile, so patience is appreciated.

Supervisor Kelley updated the supervisors on the Sunny Beach Road Project. Everything was sent to the State, but was returned due to some ROW questions, etc. Those concerns were addressed, and all were sent back (to the State).

Material Pricing for 2022

Supervisor Kelley discuss the Casper Construction Lundquist pit material pricing. Utilizing Casper Construction, would continue to allow maintenance staff to pick up class 5, etc. vs having it delivered.

Casper Construction 2022 Road Grading Proposal

Supervisor Kelley reviewed the 2022 Road Grading Proposal.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the 2022 Road Grading Proposal at \$205.00/hour for grading, and \$155.00/hour for mobilization. Motion carried. Absent Supervisor Gilbert.

Recreation

Trailer Quotes (tabled from March 23, 2022)

Supervisor Schack requested to table the trailer (repair) quote to the April 27, 2022 P and D Meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to table the trailer repair quote to the April 27, 2022 P and D Meeting. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Correspondence

Network Opportunities Team Meeting March 23, 2022

Informational only.

Township Association Minutes of March 14, 2022

Informational only.

Old Business

2022 Comprehensive Plan (tabled from March 23, 2022)

Chair Clayton discussed the Contract for Professional Services between CEDA and Harris Township, regarding consulting services for the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. CEDA agrees to provide technical and management expertise in the form of staff and materials to the township. Staff's services and associated materials will be provided in order to facilitate and support the accomplishment of the townships undertaking.

Harris Township shall reimburse CEDA for staff time provided "at the rate of not to exceed \$8000.00", not including any updated mapping that may be needed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Contract for Professional Services between CEDA and Harris Township, at the rate of not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Chair Clayton advised the supervisors that the Preparation of the Foundation Meeting with CEDA will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, and supervisors can remove the April 25, 2022 date from their calendar.

New Business

Stop Signs and Speed Limits

Chair Clayton provided information received from Transportation Director Karin Grandia, on the stop signs at the intersection of Harris Town Road (CSAH 64) and Wendigo Park Road. Karin supported the removal of the Harris Town Road stop signs, if the Board moved in that direction. Discussion followed.

Further information was provided on statutory language on speed limits. If the board wanted to post a speed limit sign, other than 55 mph, the board would need a speed study conducted. Resolution(s) would need to be passed prior to posting any 35 mph speed limit signs (rural residential district) or 25 mph (rural roadway). Discussion followed. Chair Clayton will provide copies of the statutory language.

Schedule Work Session re: Boat Landings, Parks, Land Sale, ARPA and City of Grand Rapids

Chair Clayton shared DNR information regarding a floating dock at Woodtick, and removal of the berm at Mishawaka Landing.

As ARPA reporting will need to be completed prior to April 30, 2022, and the board has not held any further discussions on the landings, etc, Chair Clayton suggested scheduling a few work sessions to discuss boat landings, land sale, ARPA, Blandin Grant, and City of Grand Rapids. Kasey Stanek with the DNR, and Sarah Carling with CEDA, would also like to attend any work sessions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to schedule 2 work sessions re: boat landings, land sale, ARPA, Blandin Grant, and City of Grand Rapids for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00pm, and Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Reconvene Board of Appeal

Chair Clayton discussed the potential need to schedule a Reconvened Board of Appeal, in case the scheduled April 28, 2022 9:00am Board of Appeal needs to be recessed (due to lack of time). The board has a previously scheduled work session, which is to begin at 6:00 pm on April 28, and if the board runs out of time, the Board of Appeal would need to be recessed (on April 28th), and would need to be reconvened on a different date. Chair Clayton previously spoke with the County Assessor, and both agreed upon the reconvened date of Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 9:00am at the Town Hall. Short discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the May 3, 2022 9:00am Reconvened Board of Appeal, and post and publish said meeting. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Treasurer's Report

Approve Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Treasurer Report dated March 1, 2022 in the amount of \$2,238,605.41. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Approve the Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve a claims #20471 to #20505, and EFTs 4132201 to 4132209, in the amount of \$29,032.28. Motion carried. Absent: Supervisor Gilbert.

Public Input

Dennis Kortekaas, 28086 Norberg Road, Grand Rapids, MN asked the board if they were taking over Golf Crest Road. The board had been approached by a constituent regarding the township taking over the road. Before the board would consider, the road would need be redone and repaved (by the constituents), and meet further studies, etc. Short discussion followed.

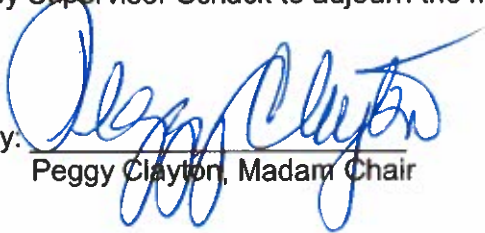
Dennis also asked about Mediacom and if the township had a franchise agreement, and what kind of money was being received. Treasurer Kopacek stated that the township does receive funds. Dennis then asked if the board was aware that the Mediacom office in Grand Rapids was closed. The Mediacom receptionist did leave employment, therefore, they had to close that office, until further notice.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

April 26, 2022	Work Session re: Boat Landings, ARPA, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, B. Grant	6:00 pm Town Hall
April 27, 2022	P and D Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
April 28, 2022	Board of Appeal & Equalization	9:00 am Town Hall
April 28, 2022	Preparation of Foundation Meeting	6:00 pm Town Hall
May 2, 2022	Work Session re: Boat Landings, ARPA, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, B. Grant	6:00 pm Town Hall
May 3, 2022	Reconvened Board of Appeal	9:00 pm Town Hall
May 11, 2022	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
May 25, 2022	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
June 1, 2022	Community Planning Workshop	5:00 pm Town Hall
June 8, 2022	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
June 22, 2022	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
June 29, 2022	Plan and Review Meeting	5:00 pm Town Hall

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Prepared by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair