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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: Boat Landings, Land, ARPA, Isleview Rd, Crack Sealing, Blandin Grant
July 22, 2022
6:00 pm. Harris Town Hall**

Present: Madam Chair Peggy Clayton, Supervisor Schack, Davies, Gilbert & Kelley

Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

The purpose of the work session was to continue discussions regarding Boat Landings, Land Sale, ARPA, Isleview Rd & Blandin Grant.

Boat Landings

LaPlant

Discussion held on the new ramp installed by the DNR. The Board was in agreement that the DNR did a great job.

Wood tick Landing:

Discussion held on moving forward with continued tree removal at the landing. Supervisor Kelley stated that instead of five parking spots, they will be 4 parking spots to allow for a buffer. SEH redid the stakes. Once the necessary trees are removed, parking lot work will begin, to coincide with Sunny Beach roadwork. Cost on vinyl shaping and paving of lot will be \$23,905, by Hawkinson.

Mishawaka:

Considerable discussion was held on the Mishawaka Landing. DNR has the licensed forester ready to remove the trees, which needs to take place sooner rather than later. This will be completed once Woodtick is done. Discussion held on green space at Mishawaka.

Supervisor Kelly received a quote from Hawkinson, for milling and reclaim at \$78,000. Supervisor Davies is still working on getting the piping quote.

Supervisor Kelley was again contacted by a constituent near Mishawaka regarding issues with the culvert and surrounding area. The culvert, drainage etc. was checked by SEH, and the elevation of the culvert is set correctly, and drainage is not an issue, (the flow will move from culvert to culvert). A letter will be sent to the constituent with this information.

When the DNR is ready to remove trees, etc., the constituents will be notified of Mishawaka being temporarily closed (FB, website, newspaper) and barricades will be placed at Mishawaka, in order for this work to be completed.

DNR will be saving the Township quite a bit of money to complete these (landing) projects. Additional monies will come from the ARPA funds.

Isleview Road

The Joint Resolution, which the Board approved, and signed on July 13, 2022 has been sent to the City of Grand Rapids for their approval and signature, by the township attorney Andy Shaw. Once all signatures are obtained, the resolution will be sent to the Office of Administrative Hearings in St. Paul.

Land Sale:

Chair Clayton pulled together the draft of the land sale, and reviewed with the Board. Because two of the parcels that the township is selling do not actually have parcel IDs, a brief description will be placed in that portion of the ad. Once changes are made, this ad will be brought forward to the July 27, 2022 P and D board meeting for final approval, and then will be published in the Grand Rapids Herald Review, placed on Facebook and the website for a period of 30 days.

ARPA:

The new cybersecurity/antivirus has been installed on all but two laptops. The two laptops will be upgraded on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 by CW Technologies. Chair Clayton will contact CW Technologies with the phone numbers of the supervisor and treasurer so the upgrades can take place.

Chair Clayton continued research on "one drive". CW technology conducted a zoom session with Chair Clayton and provided a few options for "one drive". The first option would be needing to migrate Gmail email to the Microsoft office 365 email which would change the dynamics of all of the emails of the township and would be \$6,062.00 with an additional \$40.00 monthly charge. The board was not in favor of that option. The second option was checking with the current website vendor to see if they could make space for uploading documents. Chair Clayton did have a conversation and that is not doable, without incurring high costs for storage, etc to uploading documents. The third option was the "Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive" rollout which would create space where documents could be uploaded and viewed by each supervisor, and the Chair would be the administrator. The cost would be \$2100 and that would be a one time set up charge. The board was in favor of that option, so Chair Clayton will contact CW technology to get this moving forward. The board did state that this had been a long time coming and very necessary. Monies will come from the ARPA funds.

Blandin Grant:


Discussion held on grant opportunities. Grant opportunities will be out in August and the Chair will work Sarah Carling on applications. Discussion held on moving forward with grants once they come out, so we can moved forward with matching grants and get tennis and basketballs courts renovated, etc.

Crack Sealing

Supervisor Schack reviewed the 14 roads which are in need of gap and/or crack sealing, and which were discussed at the July 13, 2022 Board Meeting. The township has a \$60,000 budget and so determining what to include and what not to include was discussed. Supervisor Schack will contact Bargen and give them the updated list that the board reviewed, so they can provide an updated quote on those roads. That quote will come before the board meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to adjourn the work session at 7:37 pm.

Submitted by 
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by 
Peggy Clayton, Chair