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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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REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 11, 2022 Minutes

Present: Madam Chair Peggy Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Davies, Gilbert & Kelley; Treasurer Kopacek

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

Approve the Minutes

Minutes of April 13, 2022 Regular Board Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Regular Board Minutes. Motion carried

Minutes of April 26, 2022 Work Session Re: Boat Landings, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, ARPA, and Blandin Grant

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 Work Session re: Boat Landings, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, ARPA, and Blandin Grant. Motion carried

Minutes of April 28, 2022 Preparation of Foundation Meeting

Motion was made by a Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Preparation of Foundation Meeting. Motion carried

Minutes of May 2, 2022 Closed Work Session Re: Employee Under Supervisor Direction, and Security

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Closed Work Session re: Employee under Supervisor Direction, and Security. Motion carried.

Minutes of May 2, 2022 Work Session Re: Boat Landings, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, ARPA, and Blandin Grant

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Work Session re: Boat Landings, Land Sale, City of Grand Rapids, ARPA, and Blandin Grant. Motion carried.

Additions and Corrections

Supervisor Kelley requested the addition of the LRIP Application (Sunny Beach Road), be added to the agenda under Roads, as 6D.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to add the LRIP Application under Roads, as 6D. Motion carried

Business from the Floor Dog Training Request

A request was received from Bernard Carey regarding the use of the township owned field adjacent to the cemetery for retriever training. Mr. Carey has utilized this field for the past six years, as he is training his retrievers for local and national levels.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to allow Bernard Carey the use of the township owned field, adjacent to the cemetery, once or twice a week, throughout the summer. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit Request

Brandon Jahn, 35122 North Moose Point Road, Grand Rapids, came before the board and provided information on a potential land purchase, off of Highway 169 and 17, which is located in Harris Township. The parcel is now farm residential and he will be requesting a conditional use permit to go to commercial. Brandon will be opening up a shop for business, along with adding outbuildings for storage. (The business is non-retail). Brandon discussed signage and the board advised him that he would need to go through DOT for that permit.

The board did let Brandon know they were interested in his new venture and that his next step would be to go to the Environmental Services Department to apply for the conditional use permit.

Consent Agenda

Dewey Cemetery Deed

Mannion Cemetery Deed

Zoning/Land Use Permits

Motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Consent Agenda, as delineated above. Motion carried.

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley reported that gravel roads are looking better, and the graveling of roads will take place toward the end of next week.

Weight restriction signs can be removed on Monday, May 16, 2022. Maintenance will remove signs.

Resolution #2022-013 Re: Opening Sunset Drive

Chair Clayton read, in its entirety, Resolution 2022–013, a Resolution Opening Sunset Drive.

Roll call was conducted. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley, and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve Resolution 2022–013, a Resolution Opening Sunset Drive for Maintenance. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-014 Re: Opening Sunset Lane

Chair Clayton read, in its entirety, Resolution 2022–014, a Resolution Opening Sunset Lane.

Roll call was conducted. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies, and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve Resolution 2022–014, a Resolution Opening Sunset Lane for Maintenance. Motion carried.

LRIP

Supervisor Kelley reported that the State has approved the LRIP application and all questions have been answered. The approval was contingent upon the State asking for Type C oil to be used, which is a higher cost oil. Short discussion followed. The board was in agreement to use Type C oil, as this was discussed a month or so ago when SEH brought that request forward.

Supervisor Kelley stated that the board has two options. The board can wait until the P and D meeting to approve the LRIP application, or approve it tonight. Nothing will change in terms of the contract, and moving forward at tonight's meeting would allow SEH to work toward going out for bids sooner rather than later.

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the LRIP application, and allow SHE to move forward with bids. Motion carried.

Recreation

Welcome Signs Update

Supervisor Schack reported that the "Welcome to Harris Township" signs will be installed in the designated areas of Harris Township, in the next week. Supervisor Schack will let Chair Clayton know so that pictures can be taken (at one or more of the signs) denoting when the "township" begins.

Correspondence (Informational only)

Thank you from Support Within Reach

Thank you from Itasca County Agricultural Association

Thank you from First Call/211

Thank you from Itasca County Historical Society

Township Association Minutes of April 11, 2022

Grand Rapids Fire Department Education Children's Program

Old Business

Schedule Closed Work Session Re: Security

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to schedule a Closed Session re: Security for Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Harris Town Hall. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to schedule a Work session re: Boat Landings, Blandin Grant, Land Sale, ARPA, and City of Grand Rapids, for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Harris Town Hall. Motion carried

Comprehensive Plan News Release

Chair Clayton briefly discussed the Harris Township Comprehensive Plan Community Planning Workshop News Release. This (news release) coincides with the Community Planning Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Harristown Hall.

Harris Township Feedback “Scan Me” Quick Survey

Chair Clayton discussed the Harris Township feedback “scan me” quick survey. The deadline for completing the survey is May 31, 2022. Constituents can scan the QR code to complete the survey. Flyers will be dropped off at each business (that will except them) in the township. Table tents will be placed at both Pickled Loon and Zorbaz, as well. The township feedback survey is also on our township website, and on the Facebook page. We ask that all constituents complete the survey, which will be helpful, in moving forward with our Comprehensive Plan, and our Community Planning Workshop, scheduled for June 1, 2022.

New Business

Memorial Day May 30, 2022

Chair Clayton discussed the Memorial Day Program, scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2022 at the Harris Town Cemetery. Grand Rapids Military honors, and wreath laying will be conducted at 10:15 AM at the cemetery.

The board discussed having cookies and coffee available, prior to the 10:15 am program.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelly to approve the Chair to purchase cookies, etc., be available at 9:00 am prior to the 10:15 am program. Motion carried

Schedule Board Comprehensive Plan Work Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to schedule a Board Comprehensive Plan Work Session for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

The purpose of this work session will be to review comments etc. coming out of the June 1, 2022 Community Planning Workshop, and referred back to CEDA, to prepare for the June 29, 2022 Review Planning Meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Approve Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Chair Clayton to approve the treasurers report dated April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$2,198,235.56. Motion carried.

Approve the Payment of Bills

Motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve claims Numbers 20514 through 20537, and EFTs 112201 through 112206, in the amount of \$20,084.59. Motion carried.

Public Input

Chair Clayton discussed the soccer net installation at Wendigo Park. Casey Cowan, who was instrumental in the purchase of the soccer net, and a couple of his teammates will be in uniform when the soccer net is installed on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 3:30 PM at Wendigo Park. Dave Cowan suggested it would be a good idea to share across the township and in the Herald Review, which sparked the interest of getting pictures taken of the group.


UPCOMING Events/Meetings

May 19, 2022	Spring Road Clean-up	4:30 pm Cemetery
May 25, 2022	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day	10:00 am Cemetery
June 1, 2022	Community Planning Workshop	5:00 pm Town Hall
June 2, 2022	Closed Work Session Re: Security	6-6:30 pm Town Hall
June 2, 2022	Work Session Re: Boat Landings, Land Sale, ARPA, Blandin Grant, and City of Grand Rapids	6:30 pm Town Hall
June 4, 2022	Spring Road Tour	8:30 am 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 23, 2022	Comprehensive Planning Workshop	6:00 pm Town Hall
June 29, 2022	Comp. Plan Review Meeting	5:00 pm Town Hall

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Prepared by: 
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Madam Chair

