

**Harris Township
RESOLUTION #2023-011
(Revoke Resolution #2008-004)
Resolution Re: Contribution Request Policy**

WHEREAS On May 14, 2008, the Harris Town Board adopted Resolution 2008-004 which the board determined was necessary to review the position of the board regarding those requests for donations and contributions, which are presented at each township annual meeting for consideration of the electorate, and to establish a policy for dealing with such requests, and advised the electorate and all organizations of the board, towards such requests; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2008, the Town Board determined it was not appropriate to donate public Township funds to private or nonprofit organizations, as the direct benefit to the citizens of the township is difficult to ascertain and that the funds are better used by townships directly for the cost of providing township services; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, the Harris Board has determined that expenditures by the Town board must be limited to those authorized by statute. If there is no statute to authorize the contribution, then it cannot be made, not even if the voters approve the expense.

WHEREAS, the Harris Town Board has determined that because of these underlying circumstances, the Board must ask themselves 4 (four) questions whenever they review recommended contribution requests made by the electorate, as follows:

1. Is the contribution statutorily authorized?
2. Is the contribution for a public purpose and in the town's interest?
3. Can the town board satisfy all the conditions, requirements, and procedures associated with the contribution?
4. Has the board budgeted and/or levied dedicated contribution funds?

WHEREAS, if questions 1-4 are **all** satisfied by the board, contribution expenditures may be approved and authorized at their board meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Harris Town Board hereby revokes Resolution #2008-004; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Harris Town Board hereby adopts Resolution #2023-011 Resolution Re: Contribution Request Policy, effective April 12, 2023.

	YES	NO	OTHER
SUPERVISOR <u>Peggy Clayton</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERVISOR <u>Michael DeLoach</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERVISOR <u>Tom Smith</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERVISOR <u>James Kelly</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERVISOR <u>Mark Davis</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted this 12 day of April 2023.

By the Town Board
Peggy Clayton
 Peggy Clayton, Chair

Attest: Lori Kent
 Lori Kent, Clerk