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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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“Meet Your Harris Township Board!”

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Harris Township Board Meeting Schedule

Harris Town Board is scheduled to meet twice a month, at 7:30 pm at the Harris Town Hall: The Regular Meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The Planning and Development Meeting (aka P&D Mtg) is held on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Both meetings are broadcast live on ICTV public access cable television, and can also be viewed online via their website: www.watchictv.org.

Harris Township Board is a five-member board of supervisors. Each Supervisor serves a 4-year term.

CURRENT OFFICERS:

Supervisor, Seat A, Ryan Davies: 218-929-0610

Email: supervisorahtp@gmail.com

Appointed April 28, 2021, to serve the term to November 2022 Election
Network Opportunities Alternate and Northwest Gas Joint Powers Board Alternate

Supervisor, Seat B: Dan Gilbert: 218-259-4967

Email: supervisorbhtp@gmail.com

Elected November 2020, term expires 12/2024

Weed Inspector, Road Inspections, Boat Landings Alternate, Maintenance Crew Leader Alternate, Safety Representative, Cable Commission Representative Alternate, Park/Cemetery Inspections Alternate

Madam Chair Supervisor, Seat C: Peggy Clayton 218-259-1551

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Appointed September 2016; Elected 3/2017 Re-elected 11/2020; Term expires 12/2024

Cable Commission, Network Collaborative Committee, Human Resources, Park/Cemetery Inspections, County Planning Commission, Northwest Gas Joint Powers Board

Supervisor, Seat D: Jim Kelley: 218-327-0317

Email: supervisordhtp@gmail.com Elected 5/2014 - during a special election, Re-elected 11/2018; Term expires 12/2022

Road Inspections, Rinks, County Planning Commission

Vice Chair, Seat E: Mike Schack: 218-340-8852

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Elected 3/2017 Re-elected 11/2018; Term Expires 12/2022

Trails Task Force, Maintenance Supervisor, Firewise Safety Representative, Road Inspections, Boat Landings, Weed Inspector Alternate, Human Resources Alternate

Chair Peggy Clayton



My name is Peggy Clayton. I was appointed to the township Board in 2016; was re-elected in 2017, and 2020. I am currently the Chair of the Board.

I am married to Richard Clayton, and have two children (Brad and Lindsay), two grandchildren, and one on the way. We have always resided in Harris Township! It was an easy decision to get involved with the township.

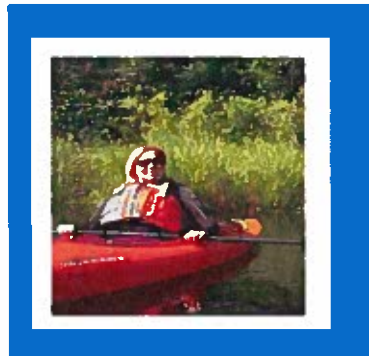
I am on the Board for several reasons. First being, I care about our township and felt strongly that I could make a difference. Secondly, I have 28 years of county government experience (16 in HR) that allowed me to make the township stronger. I had the expertise to create job descriptions for supervisors, assisted in moving forward with the appointed clerk and treasurer VS elected, as well as the interviewing and hiring of both positions, and creating resolutions and policies. My HR experience has also helped with HR concerns, issues, and questions within the township, as well as having first-hand contacts with various departments within the county structure.

I inspect our parks and cemetery, sit on the Network Opportunities Committee, Cable Commission, County Planning Commission and Northwest Gas Joint Powers Board, and Human Resources.

I love our township, and our wonderful working board, and will continue to work for the betterment of our township, and our constituents.

I can always be reached at 218-259-1551 for any of your questions and concerns!

Peggy Clayton



Vice-Chair Michael Schack

Greetings!

My name is Michael Schack and I reside in the Wendigo area of Harris Township. I am married to Barbara Grimsbo, and we live on the original Grimsbo homestead which has been in the family since 1940.

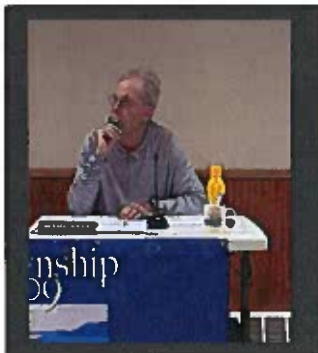
I am retired from Minnesota Power, previous to that job, I worked for Butler Taconite until its closing. I also attended the college of St. Scholastica where I received a BA degree in Business Management.

The main reason I ran for office, was that I had the time, and I did find out that it does take time! Also, a new face and perspectives are always positive. A more diverse board is always a good thing.

It has been quite the learning curve; problems have come up and together we have worked together with everyone bringing something to the table.

I feel that my work ethic has taught me to listen to all sides of a situation and I will continue to do so. It has and will continue to be an honor to serve on the Harris Board.

Thank you!
Mike Schack



Always available at 218-340-8852 or supervisorEHTP@gmail.com

Supervisor Jim Kelley

This issue of the newsletter has tasked us with telling you about ourselves. I have been on the board since 2014 and live off Harristown Road. My wife Marge and I moved into Harris township in 1997. We have 2 daughters, 3 granddaughters, and 1 great-daughter.

I moved to Grand Rapids in 1971 from Eastern Ohio, but have lived all over the world following my dad on jobs wherever they took him. I went to Grand Rapids High School from 1971-1973 when I graduated. During this time, I also drove school busses from 1972-1976 for ISD#318 and competed in the state and national school bus driving competition. I also started working for Ray Beckers Blacktopping in 1971 in Grand Rapids. Then I took a few years off excavation work and drove over the road for Simons Trucking from 1977-1981. I then found myself back working for Ray Beckers, until we parted ways in 1997. I started working for Greg & Dianne Lease at Lease Landscaping and Excavation, it is now 2021 and I am still there!

One of my other endeavors is serving as Chairman for the local Friends of NRA Banquet, which raises funds for youth shooting and education. I am also involved with the Itasca County Fair. That is me in a nutshell!

I was asked to run for the board in 2014 when we went to a 5- member board. It was something I tossed around from time to time and just finally went for it. I felt with my work background in roads and construction. I would be an asset to the board. I also love living in the township and wanted to keep it a nice place to raise our families.

Jim Kelley – 218-259-0317



Supervisor Dan Gilbert

Hi, my name is Dan Gilbert. I've lived in Harris Township all my life, except for when I put myself through college. I went to college in Arizona for my degree in Heavy Equipment Operation. After graduating, I returned to Minnesota and joined the local union where I operated Heavy Equipment for over 20 years. I then transitioned to my current position as the Duluth Area Business Agent for Local 49 Operating Engineers.

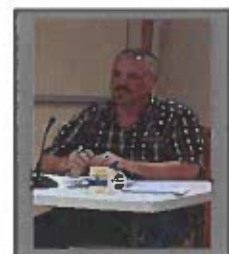
I made the decision to run for the Harris Township Board after attending their meetings and seeing how our local government worked. I decided to exercise my civil duty and do my part to help out our community.

I have been working hard for the residents of Harris Township, and hope to help in any way I can.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, whether it is about weeds, roads, boat landings, or more!

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Thank you,
Dan Gilbert



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Supervisor Ryan Davies

Hello to the Residents of Harris Township! I am thankful to the board for the opportunity to help serve

the community. I grew up in Harris Township and knew at a young age this is where I would like to raise

my family. In 2007, I purchased my home in Harris Township. My motivation to serve on the board is to

help make decisions for our community that will encourage people to stay here, and to raise their families in Harris Township.

I have worked in many communities over my career and know that we live in a great area. Our township has so much to offer.

I feel confident that my time working in the construction field will help me make the difficult decisions that the board sometimes has to make. Please reach out to me if you have any ideas or concerns

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