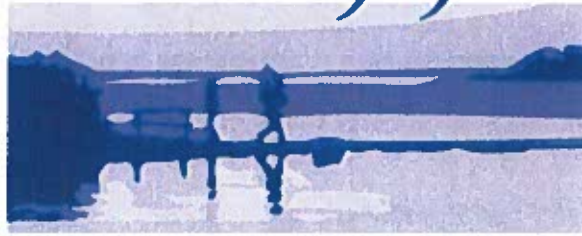


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**Mission Statement:**  
The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 11, 2021 AT 7:30pm MINUTES

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

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

### Approve the Minutes

#### Minutes of July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried

### Additions and Corrections

Madam Chair Clayton requested the addition of Update on ARPA Funds to 10C. Supervisor Kelley requested the addition of Isleview Road to C under Roads. Madam Chair Clayton requested the addition of Housekeeping and Open Meeting Law to 10D

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the addition of Update on ARPA Funds, Isleview Road, Housekeeping/Open Meeting Law and approve the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

### Business from the Floor

Dave Cowan introduced himself and his son, Kacey Cowan. The Cowan's reside at 28125 Sunny Beach Road and Kasey is requesting from the board a soccer net for the community at Wendigo Park. Kasey is an avid soccer player and is trying out for junior varsity. Kasey provided a hand-out to the board regarding the cost of a soccer net. The total for the net including shipping would be \$1,219.98. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and Supervisor Davies to approve the request to purchase a soccer net at the Wendigo Park in the amount of \$1,219.98. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

#### Anderson Cemetery Deed

#### Sokoloski Cemetery Deed

#### Wahlstrom III Cemetery Deed

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Consent Agenda as delineated above. Motion carried.

### Roads

#### Road Update

Supervisor Kelley did not have much on roads other than the storm damage which Supervisor Schack will talk about under Recreation.

### SEH Agreement for Professional Services (Tolerick Road)

Supervisor Kelley shared information that SEH has the authority to start the Tolerick Road project. SEH is scheduled to have quotes for the board at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve and sign the Agreement for Professional Services. Motion carried.

### **Isleview Road**

Supervisor Kelley received a phone call from a resident on Isleview Road regarding the city stretch of the road and having repairs done. The city is looking for an agreement to repair the road being that Isleview Road is mainly used by Harris Township residents rather than city residents. Supervisor Kelley stated it is against State statute for Harris Township to spend money outside of the Township borders. Matt Wegwerth, city engineer, would like a letter from Harris Township stating what the statute states.

Madam Chair Clayton brought up the Joint Road Powers Agreement between the township and the city regarding Isleview Road. Discussion followed. Madam Chair Clayton will send a letter to Matt Wegwerth.

### **Recreation**

#### **Firewise**

Supervisor Schack spoke with John Moore who is the head of the Firewise program and mentioned to him that we had a storm come through our area and take a lot of trees down. Firewise will pick the brush up around your house. Residents that would like brush to be picked up will need to have a tracking form filled out and turned in. The brush will need to be piled up by the road. If residents do not complete the form, brush will not be picked up. To get the tracking form you can call Supervisor Schack at 218-340-8852 or email him at [supervisorehtp@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorehtp@gmail.com). Information will be placed on the township Facebook page.

#### **Storm Damage Cleanup**

Supervisor Schack informed the board that the Sunny Beach Road and Mishawaka Road have been cleaned up by maintenance, trees in the right of way have been removed. The crew are starting on the smaller roads.

Supervisor Schack is asking that when the crews are out working to please slow down.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Network Opportunities Team Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021**

Madam Chair Clayton attended and stated these are good meetings with good representation and that all attendees have something to offer to the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Bergen Seal Coating Agreement**

Supervisor Schack spoke with Jerry VanDyke from Bergen and had inquired as to why the Sunny Beach Road was such a high cost (\$12,600.00). Jerry is scheduled to come to Grand Rapids in late August, early September. Jerry and Supervisor Schack plan to go look at the Sunny Beach Road to look at the areas, ect.

Supervisor Kelley would like to join Jerry VanDyke and Supervisor Schack when they go look at Sunny Beach Road and have Jerry show them the cracks that need repair. Both Supervisor Kelley and Supervisor Schack commented that Bergen has been very good to work with.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Bergen Seal Coating Agreement. If there are changes to the Sunny Beach Road cost those changes will come forward to the board. Motion Carried

### **New Business**

#### **Quotes on Town Hall Garage**

Madam Chair Clayton spoke with John Mocol from MATIT and had sent him pictures of the damages to the Hall garage. John is setting up a claim and would like Harris Township to keep track of the time spent on clean up. Harris Township will need to get a contractor to come look at damages and get an estimate. The estimate then will go to John to determine if MATIT will need to send an adjustor. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to move forward with getting quotes for the Town Hall Garage. Motion carried.

#### **Township Legal Seminar**

Madam Chair Clayton shared information with the board for this seminar. The entire board would like to attend the Township Legal Seminar on Saturday October 16, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cotton Town Hall. Clerk Riendeau will register the board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the board attending the Township Legal Seminar on October 16, 2021. The clerk will post the legal seminar. Motion carried.

**MN Association of Townships District 11 Meeting Notice**

Madam Chair Clayton shared information on the MN Association of Townships Meeting which will be held on August 25, 2021 at 6 p.m. This is a zoom meeting for board members to attend. The clerk will post the district 11 zoom meeting.

**ARPA Funds**

Madam Chair Clayton spoke with Sarah Carling about receiving the first half of ARPA Funds in the amount of \$171,370.67 which was deposited July 26, 2021. Harris Township will receive the second half in 2022.

**Open Meeting Law and Housekeeping**

Madam Chair Clayton would like to schedule this meeting for Supervisor Gilbert, Supervisor Davies, Clerk Riendeau and Treasurer Kopacek. After discussion it was decided the whole board would attend the meeting which will be on August 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the hall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and Supervisor Schack to schedule a meeting regarding Open Meeting Law and Housekeeping for the entire board on August 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harris Townhall. Motion carried.

**Treasure’s report – dated July 1, 2021**

**Approve Treasurers Report**

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Treasurers Report of July 2021 in the amount of \$2,060,703.15. Motion carried.

**Approve the Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Madam Chair Clayton to approve the payment of bills claims #20179 through #20187 and claims #20189 through #20198 and EFT #08112101 through #08112109 and EFT #0731202101 in the amount of \$19,929.30. Motion carried.

**Public Input**

There was no Public Input.

**UPCOMING Events/Meetings**

August 16, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA Fund	7:00 pm Town Hall
August 23, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA Fund	7:00 pm Town Hall
August 25, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
August 30, 2021	Work Session re Housekeeping/Open Mtg Law	5:30 pm Town Hall
August 30, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA Fund	7:00 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 Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Prepared by: Beth Riendeau  
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: Peggy Clayton  
Peggy Clayton, Chair

