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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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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES August 25, 2021

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

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

Approve Minutes

Minutes of July 28, 2021 P and D Meeting

Correction to the minutes was made. Minutes were added and agenda was removed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 P and D Meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 16, 2021 Boat Landings/ARPA Funding Work Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Boat Landings/ARPA Funding Work Session. Motion carried.

Additions and Corrections

Madam Chair Clayton requested to add Quote for Tolerick Road from SEH to the agenda under Roads as 6C and SEH Boat Landing Surveys under Roads as 6B

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the correction of the July 28, 2021 Minutes and addition of Quote for Tolerick Road and SEH Boat Landing Surveys and approve the rest of the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Ray Nikkle who resides at 35808 Johnson Lane Cohasset MN 55722 spoke about a 33-foot-wide Easement which is located in the SW Quarter of Section Twenty-one, Township Fifty-four North, Range Twenty-five West of the Fourth Principal meridian was granted through the state. This was approved via a resolution back to 2012 and is for informational purposes to the Board.

Consent Agenda

SSTS Permits

Zoning/Land Permits

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

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley received a phone call from a resident stating there is a dirt road off the Laplant Road that is washing out and needs gravel, this road is not maintained by the Harris Township nor the County.

SEH Land/Boat Landing Surveys

Supervisor Kelley spoke with SEH regarding surveying the Mishawaka and LaPlant Boat Landings. The fee to survey Mishawaka Boat Landing would be \$2,300.00 and LaPlant Boat Landing would be \$2,800.00. Discussion followed on the survey quotes from SEH from 2018 on the parcel located North of the Cemetery and Harris Town Road/Wendigo Park Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and Supervisor Davies to move forward with the Mishawaka and LaPlant Boat Landing, and the parcel located North of Cemetery and the Harris Town Road and Wendigo Road surveyed. Motion carried.

Tolerick Road

Supervisor Kelley gave an update on Tolerick Road. Supervisor Kelley received a letter from SEH with a quote from Hawkinson Construction for \$129,405.50 for road improvements to Tolerick Road. Road work would start fall of 2021.

A motion was made by Madam Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to award the contract for Tolerick Road to Hawkinson Construction for \$129,405.50. Motion Carried

Recreation

Park and Cemetery Inspection Report for July 2021

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Park and Cemetery Report for July 2021. Motion carried.

Weed Inspector report

Supervisor Gilbert reported he made rounds through Harris Township and on Lakeview Drive he found poison ivy, thistle, tansy and on Arbor Heights he found poison ivy, milkweed, tansy, goldenrod and wild grapes. Supervisor Gilbert stated a good way to get rid of weeds is to spray them with Epsom salt, vinegar and dawn dish soap.

Trails Task Force

Supervisor Schack gave an update on trails:

- There has been some damage to trails from the recent storm that went through, including Mt Itasca and Cowhorn Trail.
- There are problems with low water-access
- Itasca County is working on more access to trails and increasing camp sites at the Itasca County Fairgrounds and Bass Lake.
- 38's snowmobile club is working on a trail reroute and maintenance of trail and would like to see younger people get involved in this club. The snowmobile club is working with Blandin on easement of trails.
- Keewatin is working on forming an ATV club. There are 9 ATV trails in Itasca County currently.
- There is an autonomous (driverless) vehicle coming to Grand Rapids in the Spring of 2022.

Correspondence

Township Association Minutes of July 2021

Madam Chair Clayton gave an update on the Township Association Meeting.

Town Hall

Town Hall Report for July 2021

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the Town Hall Report for July 2021. Motion Carried.

Maintenance

Maintenance Report for July 2021

Supervisor Schack noted there was a mistake made on the July report and to cross this part off. Painting has been done at the rinks and maintenance continue to clean up storm damage.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Maintenance Report for July 2021. Motion carried.

Old Business

Nothing at this time

New Business

Township Attorney Discussions

Madam Chair Clayton would like to get approval from the Board to discuss ARPA Funds, Boat Landings and land purchase with Township Attorney Andy Shaw.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve Madam Chair Clayton to meet with the Township attorney for discuss ARPA Funds, Boat Landings and land purchase. Motion carried.

Bills

Approve the Payment of Bills

Madam Chair Clayton reviewed the claims list for bills to be paid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve claims #20199 through #20212, and EFTS 08252101 through 08252111 in the amount of \$13,594.36. Motion carried.

Public Input

Nothing at this time.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

August 30, 2021	Work Session re Housekeeping/Open Mtg Law	5:30 pm Town Hall
August 30, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA funding	7:00 pm Town Hall
September 8, 2021	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
September 22, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
October 16, 2021	Township Legal Seminar	9:00 am to 4:00 pm Cotton Town Hall

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Prepared by: Beth Riendeau
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: Peggy Clayton
Peggy Clayton, Chair

