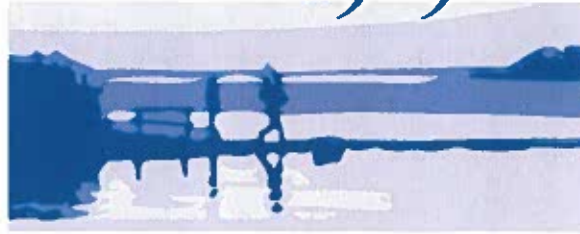


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Mission Statement:
The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 14, 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 June 9, 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 Resolution 2021-018 for Salary Setting Sexton Wages and Stipend to 7B.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the addition of Salary Setting Sexton Wages and Stipend under Recreation and approve the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

No items on Business from the Floor

Consent Agenda

No items on Consent Agenda

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley let the board know that roads are in good condition.

LRIP/Sunny Beach Road Update

Supervisor Kelley spoke about the 2022 Sunny Beach Road Improvement Project. The following schedule is proposed for this project.

Complete Additional Survey / July 2021

Initiate Design / July 2021

First Review by MnDOT / September 2021

Complete MnDOT Requested Edits / September 2021

Final MnDOT Review / October 2021

Final Plans and Specifications Complete / November 2021

Final county Approval / November 2021

County Authorizes Advertisement / November 2021

County / Township Award Project / December 2021

Initiate Construction / May 2022

Substantial Completion / July 2022

Final Completion / July 2022

SEH will complete the tasks identified in the scope of services for a lump sum of \$87,400.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the LRIP/Sunny Beach Road Improvements and approve the amount of \$87,400. Motion carried.

Tolerick Road

Supervisor Kelley talked about the possibility of finishing up Tolerick Road. If the cost is over \$175,000 Harris Township would have to look at other bids. SEH will complete bidding documents for the lump sum of \$6,500. The timeline for completion of the project is October 2021.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to move forward with Tolerick Road. Motion carried.

Recreation

Picnic Table at Wendigo Park

Supervisor Schack spoke about putting a picnic table at Wendigo Park being that it is a nice park with no where to sit. Discussion about taking a picnic table from Mishawaka and putting it at Wendigo Park.

Resolution 2021-018 Setting Sexton Wages/Stipend

Madam Chair Clayton read the Resolution 2021-018.

Whereas, Harris Township has a Cemetery Sexton who handles all burial, funeral home, constituent calls, sales of cemetery sites, and cemetery business, and

Whereas, The Cemetery Sexton currently receives a monthly stipend of \$150.00/month; and

Whereas, During the months of November through April of each year, Harris Township has a winter burial rate, and during the months of May through October of each year, Harris Township reverts back to summer burial rates; and

Whereas, During the months of May through October of each year, the Sexton could work many hours over and above the \$150/month Stipend resulting in receiving less than minimum wage; and

Whereas, The Town Board needs to set the Sexton wage/stipend for winter burial months, and wage/stipend for summer burial months; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, The Harris Township Board of Supervisors authorizes and approves the \$150/month Stipend during the months of November through April of each year, and an hourly rate of \$14.00/hour during the months of May through October of each year (in lieu of stipend); and

Be It Further Resolved, The Harris Township Board of Supervisors authorizes and approves back pay at a rate of \$14.00/hour for the last two pay periods of the Sexton where minimum wage was not met.

Madam Chair Clayton open the floor for discussion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and Supervisor Schack to approve Resolution 2021-018. Madam Chair Clayton completed roll call. Supervisor Kelley, Gilbert, Davies, Schack and Madam Chair Clayton "yes". Motion carried.

Correspondence

No items on Correspondence.

Old Business

Golf Crest and Nature View Lane (Tabled from June 23, 2001)

Brady Devour address is 4130 Zenwood Avenue S Saint Louis Park, MN. Brady is the developer of the town homes on Nature View Lane and the Hotel and Event Center formally known as Wendigo Hotel. Brady is looking for feedback from the board to dedicate Golf Crest Drive and Nature View Lane to Harris Township. They would like to resurface the road and are requesting for Harris Township to take over the ongoing maintenance responsibilities. The goal is to bring the road up to standard for the Township. Discussion followed. Timeframe would be to start in Spring of 2022. Supervisor Kelley will be in contact with Brady and coordinate this project on behalf of the board.

A motion was made by Madam Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack for Supervisor Kelley to move forward with the Golf Crest and Nature View Lane Project. Motion carried.

Boat Landing Work Session Update

Sarah Carling gave an update on the Boat Landing Work Session which was held on July 12, 2021. The board visited 5 boat landings. DNR is going to be able to support multiple aspects on all 5 boat landings. The work session went very well with much positivity regarding the boat landings. Timeframe for starting would be after Labor Day.

New Business

Hall Opening to Normal Capacity

Madam Chair Clayton spoke about opening the hall to normal capacity. The Rental fee would go back to \$50 for resident and \$100 for non-resident. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to Open the Hall to Normal Capacity effective Monday July 19, 2021. Motion carried.

Treasure's report – dated June 1, 2021

Approve Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Treasurers Report of June 2021 in the amount of \$1,414,980.77. Motion carried.

Approve the Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Madam Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the payment of bills claims #20133 through #20159, and #20136 through #20157 and EFT #7142101 through #7142110 in the amount of \$72,018.96. Motion carried.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

July 28, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
August 11, 2021	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
August 25, 2021	P and d Board Meeting	7:30 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 Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Prepared by: 
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clayton, Chair

