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Mission Statement:

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2021**

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 Minutes
Minutes of May 26, 2021 P and D Meeting**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 P and D Meeting. Motion carried.

Additions and Corrections

Supervisor Gilbert requested adding Golf Crest Drive and Nature View Lane to the agenda under Roads as 6C.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the addition of Golf Crest Drive and Nature View Lane under Roads 6C, and the regular agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Burl Ives, County Commissioner for District 4 shared an update on Huber which is an engineered equipped product company out of North Carolina. Huber has 5 other factories in the United States. Huber will be building a factory in western Cohasset. Itasca County has guaranteed that this company they would do a rail spur into the building and cross over a handful of tax forfeited land. This would be about a 3-mile rail spur, a six-million-dollar investment for Itasca County. This company will bring roughly 150 jobs to the area. If all the permits are obtained, construction could start this fall.

As per commissioner Ives, Itasca County will be getting about 8 million dollars in COVID money. Discussion followed on townships obtaining funds from the county.

**Consent Agenda
Vernig Cemetery Deed
SSTS Permits
Zoning/Land Permits**

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 reported the roads look good. Supervisor Kelley received a phone call from a resident on Underwood Road West. The trees will need to be cut back by the stop sign as visibility is poor.

Supervisor Kelley also received an email regarding a culvert on Sunny Beach. When the culvert was put in, the (blind approach) sign was removed and never put back up.

SEH

Supervisor Kelley reported that he and Bob Beaver took a tour of the roads to see if there was any additional work needing to be done. SEH will be working on plan updates.

Golf Crest Drive and Nature View Lane

Supervisor Gilbert received a call from the owner of the property by Golf Crest Drive and Nature View Lane by Wendigo Golf Course. The homeowner would like to have the roads repaved. Discussion followed. (Supervisor Kelley also had the same conversation with the owner.) This item will be further discussed at the July 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

Recreation

Park and Cemetery Inspection Report for May 2021

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

Weed Inspector report

Supervisor Gilbert went to the Research Center at the University of Minnesota and was able to see what wild parsnips look like. Harris Township does have common parsnips in the area.

Firewise

Supervisor Schack talked about Firewise and keeping track of fire prevention at your home. Supervisor Schack will be going around talking to residents and handing out the Firewise track sheet. If you would like more information on Firewise contact Supervisor Schack at 218-340-8852.

Trails Task Force

Supervisor Schack spoke about horses on the hiking trails and what to do if you come across horses on the trails. The trails are multi use.

The Snowmobile Club has lost part of their route getting into Marcell. They are working on a re-route. Short discussion followed.

Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

Town Hall

Town Hall Report for May 2021.

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

Maintenance

Maintenance Report for May 2021

Supervisor Schack reported that the cemetery work was completed for Memorial Day. Shoulder work on Mishawaka is complete.

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

Mowing Update

Supervisor Schack reported that Derrick has been out mowing ditches and cautions drivers to be careful and slow down.

Old Business

Resolution #2021-017 American Rescue Act

Chair Clayton read Resolution #2021-017 in its entirety.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve Resolution #2021-017 American Rescue Act. Motion Carried.

New Business

Damages to Fire Number

Chair Clayton is going to have Supervisor Kelley speak on damages. Supervisor Kelley reviewed the email received on June 11, 2021. Discussion followed. It has been determined the driver of the plow did hit the fire number sign and receptacle, and they will be repaired/replaced.

Schedule Work Session RE: Boat Landings

Chair Clayton shared that Kacie with the DNR is available on July 12, 2021 to view and discuss boat landings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Davies to schedule a Work Session RE: Boat Landings on July 12, 2021 at 3 PM. The Board will meet at the Townhall and go from there.

Bills

Approve the Payment of Bills

Treasurer Kopacek reviewed the claims list for bills to be paid.

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve claims #20117 through #20130, and EFTS 6232101 through 6232111 in the amount of \$20,779.67. Motion carried.

Public Input

Nothing at this time.

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

July 12, 2021	Work Session RE: Boat Landings	3:00 pm Town Hall
July 12, 2021	Township Association Meeting	7:00 pm County Board Rm
July 14, 2021	Public Hearing RE: Road Vacate	5:00 pm Town Hall
July 14, 2021	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
July 28, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall

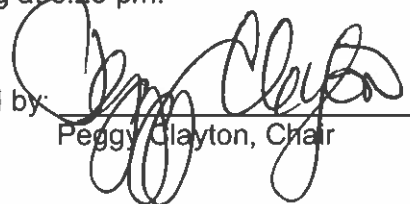
Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Prepared by:


Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by:


Peggy Clayton, Chair

