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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 July 28, 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 June 23, 2021 P and D Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Davies and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 P and D Meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes of July 12, 2021 Boat Landings Work Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Boat Landings Work Session

Minutes of July 14, 2021 Miller-Persons Road Vacate

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Miller-Persons Road Vacate

Additions and Corrections

Madam Chair Clayton requested to add Storm Damage to the agenda under Road Update as 6A

Supervisor Gilbert requested to add Wendigo Picnic Area to the agenda under Recreation as 7C and Boat Landings to the agenda under 7D

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the addition of Storm Damage to the Road Update, Wendigo Picnic area as 7C, Boat Landings as 7D and approve the rest of the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Madam Chair Clayton informed the group that Dave and Kasey Cowan had planned to be present at the meeting but were unable to attend. Kasey Cowan is requesting the board to purchase a soccer net for Wendigo Park. A presentation was submitted by Kasey. Discussion followed. Further information is needed in order for the board to make a decision.

A motion was made by Madam Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to table the purchase of a Soccer net at Wendigo Park to the Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2021. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda
Eskuche Cemetery Deed
Krumrei Cemetery Deed
SSTS Permits
Zoning/Land Permits

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

Roads

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley reported some trees have been taken down on Stony Point Road and some stumps may need to be grinded down.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief update on the storm damage and pointed out that residents of Harris Township were more than willing to help with brush and trees. Madam Chair Clayton commended the board for all their help with the storm damage.

Madam Chair Clayton gave an update on storm damage that was done to the Town Hall garage. Madam Chair Clayton did take pictures of the damage and will send them to MATIT insurance company.

Road Agreement with County

Supervisor Kelley reviewed the sponsor agreement between Harris Township and Itasca County sponsoring Sunny Beach Road and each party's responsibilities. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve the Sponsor Agreement between Itasca County and Harris Township. Motion carried.

Intersection Streetlights

Supervisor Kelley has been in contact with Karen Grandia from Itasca County. There are two streetlights that the county will be taking over and paying for. (CSAH 64 Harris Town Road 169 and CSAH 67 and CSAH 3)

Recreation

Park and Cemetery Inspection Report for June 2021

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

Weed Inspector report

Supervisor Gilbert reported the boat landings are good except for Mishawaka has Western Poison Ivy. There is a mixture that is safe to use for killing weeds around your home.

1 gallon of vinegar

2 cups of salt (Epsom salt is best)

¼ cup of Dawn dish soap

Supervisor Gilbert has seen many kinds of Lilly's around the Township as well as Tansies and Poison Ivy.

Recreation at Wendigo Picnic Area

Supervisor Gilbert asked the board how many picnic tables are supposed to be at Wendigo Picnic Park and if there was one missing. Discussion followed.

Boat Landings

Supervisor Gilbert discussed removing the No Swimming signs at the boat landings and replacing them with Not Liable for Accidents or Incidents signs. Signage will be discussed at the upcoming Boat Landing Work Sessions.

Correspondence

June 14, 2021 Township Association Meeting

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

Town Hall

Town Hall Report for June 2021

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

Maintenance

Maintenance Report for June 2021

Supervisor Schack stated there has been a lot of shoulder work done on roads and both rinks have been painted and are looking good.

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

Seal Coating

Supervisor Schack has spoken with Jerry VanDyke from Barga Incorporated and reviewed the Pavement Maintenance Service Agreement for crack and gap repairs with the board. Harris Township budget for seal coating, ect. is \$60,000.00, the estimate given is below the budget. Discussion followed. Supervisor Schack will follow up with Jerry VanDyke and the cost associated with Sunny Beach Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to table the Pavement Maintenance Agreement with Barga to the August 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Vandalism at Boat Landings

Supervisor Schack informed the board that there has been break ins to vehicles at boat landings. It is recommended that you put valuables in your trunk, leave them at home or lock up your vehicles.

Old Business

Nothing at this time

New Business

Schedule Work Sessions RE: ARPA Funding / County Funding, Boat Landings

The board discussed possible meeting dates. It was decided to schedule the work sessions at 7PM on August 16, 2021, August 23, 2021 and August 30, 2021, to be held at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the work sessions for ARPA Funding / County Funding, Boat Landings at 7PM on August 16, August 23 and August 30, 2021 at the Town Hall. Motion carried.

Bills

Approve the Payment of Bills

Treasurer Kopacek reviewed the claims list for bills to be paid. Northland Lawn and Sport was not included in the claims list in the amount of \$126.86. Hawkinson claim was in the packet but not on the claims list for \$163.68.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve claims #20160 through #20178, and EFTS 071412112 through 07282105 in the amount of \$28,353.86. Motion carried.

Public Input

Nothing at this time.

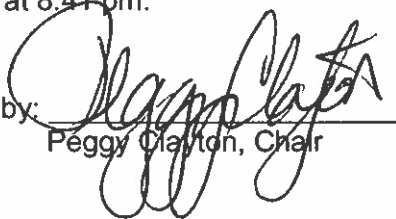
UPCOMING Events/Meetings

August 11, 2021	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
August 16, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA funding	7:00 pm Town Hall
August 23, 2001	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA funding	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	5:30 pm Town Hall
August 30, 2021	Work Session re Boat Landings/ARPA funding	7:00 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 Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Prepared by: 
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: 
Peggy Clifton, Chair