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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
June 9, 2021 AT 7:30pm
AGENDA

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 May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried

Additions and Corrections

Madam Chair Clayton requested the addition of Sarah Carling, IEDC under Business from the floor

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to approve the addition of Sarah Carling, IEDC under Business from the Floor and approve the regular agenda. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor

Sarah Carling spoke about the ARA (American Rescue Act) and the Boat Landing project. Sarah has been in contact with Kacie from the DNR and would like to get some dates set up with the board to do a site visit at the landings to discuss what the DNR can do to help Harris Township.

Discussion was held about dates and times that would work for the board. The Board agreed that Monday's July 12, July 19 or July 26, 2021 with a time range of 3 to 7 pm would work.

Sarah mentioned there have been some webinars about the ARA. The work for projects does not need to be completed until 2026 so there are 2 years after the deadline of 2024 to spend the funds. The 2024 deadline is for the money to be spent and the 2026 deadline is for the work to be completed. Federal funds will be going directly to the state of MN and to 21 other communities and counties that are over the population of 50,000 within the State. The State will allocate funds out to the non-entitled communities which would be townships.

Consent Agenda

No items on Consent Agenda

Roads

LRIP Grant Update

Supervisor Kelley stated the township did get the 1.25 million grant from the State. Karin Grandia (from Itasca County) is going to apply for our SAP (state aid project) number.

Supervisor Kelley sat down with Bob from SEH and Karin Grandia for a quick overview to move forward. The grant will have to follow state guidelines. Once SEH gets the ok to get started, they will start the process. When the drawings are complete, they will then go to the County engineer, and the County engineer will look the drawings over and if approved, will be sent to the state. The state then looks over the drawings and should approve them. Once approved the drawings will come back to the Township and then bids can be started. The bids are through the County and not the Township.

Karin Grandia stated the project will start later in the year and she wants to make sure we can get competitive bids. May possibly be looking at a June 2022 start.

Madam Clayton commended Supervisor Kelley for all of his work and moving forward with this grant.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gilbert and seconded by Supervisor Kelley to accept the 1.25 million LRIP Grant.
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Chair Clayton and seconded by Supervisor Schack to approve SEH to move forward with the project. Motion carried.

Road Update

Supervisor Kelley let the board know that Dust Be Gone has completed spraying the roads. Jane Lane has been completed. Roads are in good condition.

Recreation

Weed Inspector Report

Supervisor Gilbert met with Sarah Thompson with the land department, and she stated there really aren't any concerns in Harris Township, but there is concern of weeds on the outskirts of the Township.

Grand Rapids Youth Baseball Update

Chair Clayton gave an update on Grand Rapids Youth Baseball. They will be using Wendigo on Tuesday's and Thursdays from 5 to 6:30 PM and Crystal Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 8 PM. Chair Clayton thought it would be nice to put a baseball schedule in the glass case at Wendigo. Discussion followed on the current glass case at Wendigo Park.

Correspondence

Network Opportunities Team Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021

Chair Clayton stated there was a good turnout.

Itasca County Agricultural Association Thank You

A thank you letter was received from the Itasca County Agricultural Association for the 2021 donation for of \$1000.00 to help promote the Itasca County Fair.

Constituent Thank You regarding Memorial Day

Madam Chair Clayton received an email from Marsha Loscheider thanking the Harris Township Board and the Harris Cemetery Grounds Keepers for continued work to keep the cemetery looking its best.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Treasure's report – dated May 1, 2021

Approve Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to approve the Treasurers Report of May 2021 in the amount of \$1,442,670.42. Motion carried.

Approve the Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Supervisor Schack and seconded by Supervisor Davies to approve the payment of bills claims #20096 through #20116, and EFT #6092101 through #6092106 in the amount of \$16,329.34. Motion carried.

Public Input

There was no Public Input

UPCOMING Events/Meetings

June 14, 2021	Township Association Meeting	7:00 pm Airport Conference Room
June 23, 2021	P and D Board Meeting	7:30 pm Town Hall
July 14, 2021	Public Hearing	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 Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Schack to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Prepared by: Beth Riendeau
Beth Riendeau, Clerk

Signed by: Peggy Clayton
Peggy Clayton, Chair

