

**MINUTES from the P&D Meeting
Harris Township Board
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:30pm**

The P&D Meeting of the Harris Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, at the Harris Town Hall, with the following officers present: Supervisors Gary Rosato, Dennis Kortekaas, and Larry Key, and Clerk Michele Smith. Absent: Treasurer Peggy Bishop.

There were no guests at tonight's meeting.

1. Pledge to the flag

2. Business from the floor

- Larry Kasper

Larry presented a LG220 *Application for Exempt Permit* for the annual Banquet of Delta Waterfowl to be held at Wendigo Golf Club / Restaurant on March 26, 2009. They will be holding raffles as a fundraiser.

Supervisor Key made a motion to approve the LG220 application for the annual banquet of Delta Waterfowl on March 26, 2009 at Wendigo; Supervisor Kortekaas seconded the motion and upon roll call, motion carried.

Chairman Rosato signed the application and a copy was made for the Township's records. The original was sent with Mr. Kasper.

3. Roads

No business discussed.

4. Recreation

- Reopen rinks?

There was discussion about reopening the rinks as the weather has been quite cold again. However, because it would take a great deal of work to get the rinks ready again for the short time left of the season, the Board agreed to keep the rinks closed.

5. Town Hall Report

The town hall report, as submitted by the Town Hall Caretaker, was reviewed by the Board; the total rent amount was not listed, but the hall was rented 13 times in the past month.

6. Maintenance Report for January 2009

The Maintenance Report as submitted by the Twp Maintenance Crew was reviewed. Supervisor Key added that cement blocks and windows had been found at the cemetery, dumped there illegally. The Maintenance Crew is trying to find out information on who is responsible for the dumping by reviewing the surveillance camera videos.

7. Old Business

- Set the next centennial meeting date

The next meeting of the Township Centennial Planning Committee was set for **Thursday, March 19th, 7:30 at the town hall if available.** Clerk Smith will check on the hall's availability. If it's rented, the group will meet at the Service Center.

Clerk Smith will advise Peggy Bishop of the meeting date, and Supervisor Key will advise Mike Hendricks.

The Centennial celebration on July 5, 2009 is only about 4 months away.

- Review draft annual meeting report, with discussion on the following:
 - *Donation resolution added to agenda (and copy in the packet)*
This was approved
 - *Update on the Centennial Celebration listed under Old Business – but who will give?*
This was approved; Supervisor Key will ask Mike Hendricks if he is willing to give an update at our annual meeting about our Centennial Celebration on July 5, 2009.
 - *Anything else to add under Old Business? Or to add under New Business?*
Nothing was added
 - *2008 Accomplishments – anything to note regarding the Service Center?*
Add: “The Service Center has become the maintenance office and repair facility for the township”
 - Any corrections or changes are needed to Michele by Sunday, March 1st as it will go to the printer on Monday 3/2/09.
Noted
- Review boundary map for the Census and sign off on
Clerk Smith reported that she’d spoken with someone at the Census Bureau and they stated that only the boundaries of the township need to be verified on this map – the accuracy of the roads shown does not need to be checked at this time. Another map of roads will be sent out at a later date.

8. New Business

- Annual Meeting for the Itasca Co. Township Association – Who’s going? Door prize donations?
The annual meeting will be held Monday, April 13th at Spang Town Hall. Supervisor Key, Kortekaas, and Rosato will attend, along with Maureen Rosato. Clerk Smith will also attend, and will offer to help with door prizes. Treasurer Peggy was absent, so her attendance was uncertain. The newly elected Treasurer may also wish to attend.
Gary offered to get a book from the Blandin Foundation for a door prize. Clerk Smith said she will get something from SEH.
- Fire Contract
Shirley at the City of Grand Rapids contacted Supervisor Rosato, leaving a message that our 4 yr agreement will soon be up, and that she wanted to talk to him about it. The board was under the impression that they could not do a 4 year contract, by statute, but Rosato will find out more and advise the board accordingly.

9. Adjourn

At 8:21pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Kortekaas and seconded by Supervisor Key. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk