

**MINUTES from the Regular Meeting  
Harris Township Board  
Wednesday, November 10, at 7:30pm**

The Regular Meeting of the Harris Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, at the Harris Town Hall, with the following officers present: Supervisors Gary Rosato, Larry Key and Dennis Kortekaas, Treasurer John Jokela, and Clerk Michele Smith. Absent: none.

Also in attendance: Julie Kennedy, Township Engineer

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement

2. **Approve minutes** of the Regular Meeting on October 14, and the P&D Meeting on October 28, 2009

***A motion was made by Supervisor Rosato to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas and upon roll call, motion carried.***

3. **Recreation**

Crystal Park Warming House:

Northern Air took out the heater previously installed in the Crystal Park Warming House, as it was too small, and in the wrong location. It has been replaced with a larger "garage heater". The electrician is currently working on getting it hooked up. The carpentry class students are working on screens for the windows.

4. **Business from the floor**

None

5. **Roads**

*Updates from Julie Kennedy – SEH Engineer (see memo)*

- Bear Creek Road – Lake Country Power right-of-way permit (ROW)

Julie received an application from LCP to install underground utilities in the north ROW of Bear Creek Road along with one road crossing. The installation would require the mowing of the brush along the alignment. LCP was going to do this in the spring of 2010, but due to frequent outages, and resident requests, they'd like to do the work yet this fall. The wire would be buried 40" deep.

Julie recommended directional drilling as the preferred method of installation, but if not possible, open trench with inspection would be fine too.

***Supervisor Kortekaas made a motion to approve the easement and road crossing along Bear Creek Road for Lake Country Power to install underground utilities by means of directional drilling if possible, otherwise open trench with inspection; Supervisor Rosato seconded the motion, and upon roll call, motion carried.***

- Ernie Jacobson Vacation Request update from DNR

An email was received from Brant Jewett at the DNR, stating they have no comment on the proposed vacation by Ernie Jacobson (at the end of Isleview) as the ROW does not provide access to public waters.

- Wendigo Park Road – 2008 Improvements

A final pay request was submitted for the above project. The pay request is for \$7,732.37, which is the amount of the retainage that was being held over the winter months to ensure the bituminous successfully withstood the freeze-thaw period. The bituminous remains in excellent condition and therefore, Julie recommended payment to Hawkinson once the required documentation is received.

- Mishawaka Road – drainage improvement project

Quotes for this project will come in Friday, rather than today as previously predicted. Julie will direct hire for the project, as total cost of the project is below the threshold, so that the process can be started right away.

- Sunny Beach Road culvert complaint  
Julie will look at the culvert discussed at the last board meeting, on Sunny Beach Road, where one end is buried. She will look at before the snow falls, though construction will not be done until spring
- Stoney Point Road culvert complaint  
A complaint was received about a culvert on Stony Point Road; Supervisor Key stated that our maintenance crew has already taken care of it.

## 6. Treasurer's Reports

- Consider for approval, the Treasurer's report for October 1 – 31, 2009 financials

***Supervisor Rosato motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of October 2009 financials. Supervisor Kortekaas seconded the motion, and upon roll call, motion was approved.***

## 7. Correspondence

### Board Action items:

- None

### Noteworthy items:

- Unveiling Ceremony for New Itasca Co. Communications System: **December 2, 2009** / Lunch 11:30am – 12:45pm / Program begins at 1:00 (no end time) / Cohasset Community Center / RSVP if attending

## 8. Consent Agenda

No items

## 9. Old Business

- Update on newsletter:  
Scheduled to be mailed out by November 19, 2009
- Update on centennial book:  
Britta will be here next week with draft of book
- Update on a ground heater for the cemetery:  
Hawk Construction has a ground heater they like, and which they thought would work well for thawing grave sites in the winter. Used ones are hard to find – but a reconditioned unit are around \$10 -\$12,000. New ones are about \$20,000. Treasurer Jokela will check into the availability of funds in both equipment and cemetery funds.  
The heater Hawk has thaws 1 foot in 24 hours which is about the same as current system. Supervisor Key stated that this winter, they can make it with their current heater, but next winter, a replacement will be needed.

## 10. New Business

Supervisor Key discussed creating a Harris Cemetery website; he recommended checking out the Fort Snelling site as a reference as to how they do theirs. Julie added that it should be possible to create one that works like the Itasca County's parcel data, except using cemetery site information. Clerk Smith liked this idea, especially when the new addition is opened up.

## 11. Approve payment of bills

***Supervisor Rosato made a motion to approve the attached list, titled "November 2009 Bill Listing to Board", in the amount of \$38,049.86. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas and upon roll call, passed unanimously***

## 12. Adjourn

***A motion to adjourn was made at 8:07pm by Supervisor Rosato, and seconded by Kortekaas; motion passed and meeting adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith, Clerk