

**MINUTES from the Regular Meeting
Harris Township Board
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:30pm**

The Regular Meeting of the Harris Town Board was held on February 11, 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, Treasurer Peggy Bishop and Clerk Michele Smith. Absent: None

Guests in attendance at tonight's meeting: Julie Kennedy - SEH Engineer

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement
2. **Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting January 14, the P&D Meeting on January 28th, and the Budget Work Session on January 26, 2009.**

Supervisor Key noted a correction was needed to the minutes of the January 28th P&D Mtg on page 2, under Roads, the second bullet: The road in the first sentence should be the River Road – not Sunny Beach Road.

Supervisor Key made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas and upon roll call, motion passed.

3. Roads

- Sunny Beach Road ROW Easement: Application Dedication of Land for a Township Road received from Palmquists
 - a.) *Consider adopting Resolution #2009-002 – Resolution Accepting Dedication of land for a Town Road*

The land described in the application is the strip along Sunny Beach Road, near Palmquist's driveway outside the township's ROW, which was requested to extend the township's ROW to 33 feet in this area. The resolution was drafted to accept this dedicated land from the Palmquists.

Supervisor Kortekaas made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Key, to approve Resolution #2009-002. Upon roll call, motion passed.

- b.) *Consider approval of the Township Right-of-Way Easement*

The easement allows Palmquists to go under the Sunny Beach Road to their property on the other side of the road, for their septic system drain-field. The easement specifies installation conditions and oversight by the Township Engineer.

Supervisor Key made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, to approve the Township ROW Easement for Palmquist's septic system. Upon roll call, motion carried.

- Julie Kennedy – "Housekeeping" items
 - a.) Underwood Road –

Julie and Andy Shaw are working on the vacation procedure for the Underwood Road. Shaw has a legal description and is making sure there are no other easements. He will advise the Board on this issue at an upcoming meeting.
- Root Road Turnaround – plowing too far

Supervisor Key talked to the County regarding their plowing past the established end-of-maintenance sign, and the new turn around, on Root Road. The County acknowledged that they did indeed go too far. They will make note to stop at the designated area as indicated by Key.
- Tolerick Road

Supervisor Key was notified that there is a pot hole on Tolerick road that the County plow is getting hung up on it. Key will have the maintenance crew fill it, but wanted the board to be aware of it.

4. Treasurer's Reports

- The January and February Treasurer's Reports for the periods of December 1 – 31, 2008 and January 1-30, 2009 were reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kortekaas, seconded by Supervisor Key to approve both the January and February 2009 Treasurer reports as presented. Upon roll call, motion was deemed duly passed.

5. Business from the Floor

None

6. Recreation

- Skating Rinks

Per Supervisor Key, the rinks at both Wendigo and Crystal officially closed on Feb. 9th, 2009 due to poor ice conditions that were caused by the recent warm weather.

- Crystal Warming Shack

Supervisor Key talked to M. Hendricks and the warming shack being constructed at the Grand Rapids High School is almost done for Crystal Park. This spring, the township will need to acquire a permit to move the building to the park, and then will need to find the means to move it. A cement slab to place the building on will need to be poured, and once in place, electrical wiring will need to be hooked up. Key said the new warming shack looks really nice.

7. Correspondence

Board Action items:

- *Notice received for the local Board of Appeal and Equalization: **Mon. May 18th, 2009 – 9am***
The clerk reported that the town hall is currently reserved by Car-Quest for a seminar. She wanted to verify if the board would like this reservation to be cancelled for the Local Board of Appeals. The Board confirmed that Smith should ask the Town Hall Caretaker to cancel Car Quest's date so that the Township can use the hall on this date.

8. Consent Agenda

No items

9. Old Business

- Consider approval of RBA for Itasca Co. Board from Andy Shaw regarding public accesses

This RBA is for presentation by Shaw to the Itasca County Board Meeting, to request that the County enter into an agreement with the Township to provide law enforcement coverage under the county public access ordinance.

Supervisor Kortekaas made a motion to approve the RBA as presented; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Key and upon roll call, passed by unanimous vote.

- Annual alarm invoices received from the Itasca Co. Sheriff's Dept. – verify that the information is accurate

Supervisor Rosato agreed to fill out the two invoices from Clerk Smith and the third one that Treasurer Bishop received. He will return them to the Sheriff's Dept.

10. New Business

- Consider approving the RBA regarding Township Election Judges

Supervisor Key made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, to approve the judges listed on the RBA for Township Election on March 10, 2009. Upon roll call, motion carried.

11. Approve payment of bills

Supervisor Key made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$68,857.66 as listed in the attached "February 2009" bill list. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjourn

After reading the upcoming meetings, Supervisor Key made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Upon roll call, motion carried and the Regular Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk, Michele Smith