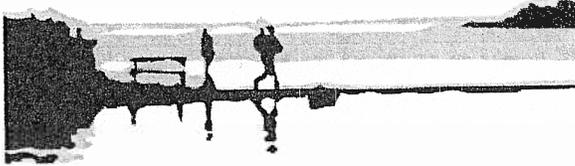


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Mission Statement:
The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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REGULAR MEETING August 12, 2015 at 7:30pm AGENDA

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement
2. **Consider approval of Minutes** from the Road Work Session on July 6, the Regular Meeting on July 8, and the P&D Meeting on July 22, 2015.
3. **Application for IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Program Grant**
 - Review and consider approval of **application for the demolition** of a two story house and garage located at 20643 Stony Point Road, owned by Evon and Milo Haarklau. (see application, photos, and estimates)
 - Consider approval of **Resolution #2015-007: Resolution authorizing Harris Township to make Application to and Accept Funds from, IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program**
4. **Business from the floor**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Consider exchange of four cemetery sites purchased by Bruce Swenson July, 2015 to: Sec 3, Block 2, Lot 1, Sites 7 & 8, and Lot 2, sites 3 & 4, as two of the four sites previously purchased by Swenson, and approved by the board in July 2015, were found to have already been sold. Thus, the four sites noted above will replace the four purchased 6-25-15. A corrective cemetery deed has been prepared for recording with the county.
6. **Roads**
 - Glen Hodgson – SEH Road Engineer (see related memorandums in agenda packet)
 - Pay estimate #3 – Final, for the 2014 Bituminous Road Project (Lakeview Drive, Harbor Heights Road, and Underwood Road – east)
 - Road project updates:
 - Crack Sealing
 - Underwood Road – west
 - Pavement repair – on Alicia Place, Sunny Beach Road, and Birch Street
 - Other road issues/concerns/comments
 - Vacation of a portion of 'Storm Road' (Sunny Beach Road) as requested by Brent Bocnuk
7. **Recreation**
8. **Correspondence**
 - Board Action items:
 - None

- Noteworthy items:
 - Harris Township 2016 Town Aid Notice from Minnesota-Revenue. Total aid amount: \$1,332
 - Collaborative Opportunities Meeting minutes from June 21, 2015
- Non-action items
 - Copies of Itasca County approved land use & sewage treatment permits in Harris Twp, issued in June 2015 *(available for review, upon request to clerk)*

9. Old Business

- August Newsletter:
 - Consider approval of draft newsletter, and printing in full color *(see copies in agenda packet)*
- Bonding Work Session:
 - Confirm date, time, and location to meet with Paul Donna from Baird & Co. to discuss bonding. Proposed meeting: Monday, August 17th, 2015 from 11:30am – 1:00pm at Harris Town Hall (TBD)
 - Discuss an agenda for this meeting, if desired
- Round-Table meeting dates options with the City of Grand Rapids staff (Rosato)

10. New Business

11. Treasurer’s Report – dated August 12, 2015 (July 1-31, 2015 financials)

12. Approve payment of bills for August 2015

13. Public Input *(please limit comments to 5 minutes)*

14. Upcoming events and meetings

- Mon Aug 17(?) Work Session – bonding discussion..... 11:30am Harris Town Hall (tbd)
- Wed Aug 26 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall
- Mon Aug 10 Itasca County Twp Association Meeting..... 7:00pm Itasca Co Courthouse
- Wed Aug 12 Regular Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall

15. Adjourn

Minutes from the Harris Town Board
Road Work Session
Monday, July 6th, 2015

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A work session of the Harris Town Board was held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at Harris Town Hall, 21998 Airport Road Grand Rapids, MN, and began at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of this work session was to discuss the improvement of Sunny Beach Road and various options for funding those repairs– including the option to issue bonds. This work session was open to the public, but was not televised nor recorded by ICTV.

In attendance were Supervisors Rosato, Key, Kortekaas, Kelley, and Ives, as well as Clerk Smith and Treasurer Adams. Also in attendance was Glen Hodgson – SEH Road Engineer for the township, and residents Marge Kelley, Judy Myers, Ron Myers, and Ed & Sue Casper.

1. Pledge to the flag, followed by the reading of the Harris Township mission statement
2. Sunny Beach Road Project Discussion

Chairman Rosato called the meeting to order and commented that the board requested this special meeting be held to discuss the Sunny Beach Road improvement project, including review of the SEH preliminary work study results and recommendations, project timing, and project budget and funding options. Repairing the road in segments versus all at one time would be considered, noting that the middle section of Sunny Beach Road was by far the worst section of road.

Recap by Glen Hodgson, SEH road engineer:

- The preliminary cost as estimated by SEH for the entire road as one project was 2.2 million (some quantities were later revised – making this original figure low). This estimate did not include raising the road near Sutherlands, but did include the culverts near Woodtick and the first corner.
- If Sunny Beach Road was repaired in segments (3 phases), the cost estimate per SEH would be 2.5 million (estimated included proper quantities). The breakdown was as follows:
 - Section 1: Harris Town Road to Adair Road: \$1.1 million (3.0 miles of road).
This would be an overlay, subgrade work, raising the roadbed 1.5 feet by Sutherlands', and all work at Woodtick landing.
 - Section 2: Adair Road to Wendigo Park Road: \$730,000 (1.1 miles of road).
This would be a reclaim. This is *the* worst part of the road.
 - Section 3. Wendigo Park Road to Wendigo Road: \$720,000 (1.3 miles of road).
This would be a reclaim
- The cost to change from one phase to three phases would be an additional cost of apx \$120,000 per Hodgson, plus \$50,000 for raising the road bed near Sutherlands, which was requested by the board as water was known to have gone over the road in this location – at least two times, per Supervisor Ives.

Comments and discussion by the board:

- Supervisor Haubrich: Given the Blandin land issue that is currently going on, Itasca County will need to make up the lost taxes due to the reduced value of the land. This will likely mean that all county taxpayers will see an increase in taxes to make up the loss, including Harris Township. Therefore, Haubrich was concerned that township residents may not appreciate an increase in their *township* taxes as well, for the cost of the road repair.

Haubrich also asked about the SEH engineering costs, and if they were negotiable. Hodgson replied that they will likely not be 20% as proposed, especially with some of the cost being spent now in 2015, doing the pavement cores and road studies.

- The board asked Treasurer Adams about the road budget for 2016. With the carryover from this year's budget, how much money will there be in 2016 for major road work? Adams responded:

Road Fund:

- In 2015, there was \$260,000 budgeted, but the Underwood Road project will cost apx \$160,000 so there should be \$100,000 left to carryover to 2016
- The adopted budget for major road construction in 2016 is \$300,000
- So, in the road budget line item, there will be \$400,000 for major road construction in 2016

Capital Improvement Road Fund:

- At the end of 2014, there was a balance of \$242,450 in the fund dedicated to roads.
- \$110,000 was levied for roads in 2015.
- Another \$110,000 was levied in 2016.
- By the end of 2016, there will be \$462,450 in the capital improvement *road* fund.

Total estimated budget available for major road work in 2016

- \$400,000 Road fund
- \$462,450 Capital Improvement Road Fund
- TOTAL: \$862,450 by end of 2016

Raise levy, take out a loan, or bond?

A concern of some board members was that if the township bonded, the majority of the road budget would be needed to pay back the bond – and thus reduce the amount of money available to maintain all roads. Then more bonds would be needed to repair roads – which could create a vicious cycle. However, not all members agreed, indicating that perhaps only a portion of the levy would be needed to pay back the bond, and over half would be left to maintain roads. Or that perhaps the road levy could be increased a bit, to meet the bond pay back amount.

Adams responded that the County can provide what the impact of raising the levy by “X” amount would be – based on a variety of resident’s property values. So, for example, if the board raised the levy by 100,000, Deb Davis in the Auditor’s office could provide the impact of that increase on various property values such as \$100,000, \$150,000, \$200,000 etc..

Treasurer Adams agreed to pull together some numbers for the board to review. However, she would need to know a dollar amount that the board was thinking of financing. After some discussion, Hodgson suggested that perhaps the board should consider an amount that would pay for Sunny Beach Road, plus Birch/Isleview - and roads on his preliminary 5 year road plan that he felt should be repaired in the next 5 years (there are fifteen of them). He could review the list and give updated figures to Adams, who could then look into financing that amount of money. She could then bring back options to board, in a variety of ways, for review. The board was in agreement that there would be a savings to do all the bad roads at once as there are many costs currently at a record low (such as oil).

Adams will also contact Barb Baird at the City of Grand Rapids to ask about the city’s experiences with bonding and any recommendations they might have. Adams will also contact the Minnesota Association of Townships to ask if they know of other townships that have bonded. And, she will contact a few banks in town to see what they could offer as well as a bonding company, for a preliminary conversation about bonding by a township including a rough idea of how much their services will cost. And, would they be willing to come to a meeting to talk to the board about bonding.

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Adams will ask about common time frames for bonding (ten or fifteen years?) and how long it takes to get the money, when bonding.

The board liked the idea of having a bonding expert come and do a work session with the board, and explain the cost involved and the pros/cons of bonding. A face to face meeting was preferred to a conference call. Treasurer Adams agreed.

Next steps:

Treasurer Adams will get some preliminary information and bring what she can to Wednesday's July 8th Regular meeting.

Glen Hodgson commented that for planning purposes, he would like the green light of what roads will be done in 2016 by Sept 1st, 2015 if possible. He will also get an updated 5 year road plan from Karen Grandia with Itasca County, to research if any will be near roads in his 5 year plan.

Given the amount of work that will be done by the treasurer with regards to bonding, above and beyond her regular monthly duties, a motion was made by Supervisor Kortekaas, seconded by Supervisor Kelley, to approve that the treasurer charge the allocated hourly rate for any work she does related to the bonding project. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Burl Ives at 8:56pm. Upon a second by Supervisor Haubrich, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith, Harris Township Clerk

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MINUTES from the REGULAR Meeting
Harris Township Board
Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 7:30pm

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The Regular Meeting of the Harris Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, at the Harris Town Hall, with the following officers present: Supervisors Gary Rosato, Dennis Kortekaas, Jim Kelley, Ken Haubrich and Burl Ives as well as Clerk Michele Smith and Treasurer Becky Adams. *Absent: None*

Also in attendance were Glen Hodgson – SEH Road Engineer, and residents Dan Butterfield, Marge Kelley, Judy Myers (and her brother).

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

2. Consider approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 10 and the P&D Meeting on June 24 2015.

A motion was made by Supervisor Haubrich to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ives and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Business from the floor

- Dan Butterfield: IRRRB Residential Rehabilitation Program

Dan Butterfield alerted the board that he has his first application request as the township's representative of the IRRRB Residential Rehabilitation Program. A person is planning to demolish an uninhabited building in Harris Township (on Stony Point Road), and her contractor recommended she check with the township on availability of the program. There's paperwork for the applicant and for the township to complete before any demolition is done. The township pays the demo contractor and is then reimbursed by the IRRRB. Any cost above the reimbursement amount is paid by the property owner to the demo contractor.

Glen Hodgson from SEH commented that the City of LaPrairie also has been contacted about a demolition in their area, and is applying for the IRRRB program. Supervisor Ives added that there is another Harris Township resident on Crystal Springs Road who has 3-4 buildings they'd like to demo (all on one parcel). Butterfield said this is great news, as the IRRRB does prefer to have a minimum of three properties in the area to be demolished as it cuts down the contractor cost.

Butterfield will come back to the board when he knows more, and when the board needs to get involved.

4. Consent Agenda

1) Consider approval of cemetery site purchased by Bruce Swenson, Sec 3, Block 3, Lot 4, Site 1, 2, 5, & 6

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Haubrich. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. (Note for record keeping purposes: These sites were later exchanged for four different sites; see minutes of August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting.)

5. Roads

- Glen Hodgson – SEH Road Engineer (*see related memorandums in agenda packet*)

- Underwood Road (west) updates (on bid opening, wetlands permitting, and resident notification

- A notice has been mailed to all property owners of Underwood Road-west, summarizing the project that will be undertaken.
- Hodgson attended the Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) board meeting on July 7th, where the township's wetland application was considered. Hodgson reminded the board that they had the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, but this was the second part of the permit. The SWCD did *approve* the permit, so the board can now move forward with the Underwood Road project.
- Bids for the Underwood Road project were opened this past Monday, July 6th at SEH, at 11am; there was only one bid received. The bid was from Hawkinson Construction \$139,973.50. This amount,

commented Hodgson, was within 1.7% of the SEH estimate and therefore he recommended the board accept bid, award the project to Hawkinson for the bid amount, and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the contract documents when ready. Hodgson clarified that this bid included the ditch work, overlay, and culvert replacement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley to accept the bid received, and award the overlay, ditch work, and culvert replacement project on Underwood Road-west to Hawkinson Construction in the amount of \$139,973.50. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ives. Discussion: The timeframe for the project was estimated by Hodgson to begin the middle of August and completed this construction season. And, as the project start date got closer, Hodgson would notify the residents of the road work schedule. Upon a roll call vote, the motion to accept the bid passed by a unanimous vote, noting the Chair and Clerk could sign the contract documents when ready.

o Additional 2015 Crack Repair Work (Norberg Drive)

The board had requested that Hodgson obtain a quote to complete additional wide-crack repair on Norberg Drive. This would be in addition to the wide-crack repairs approved by the board on June 24th for Mishawaka Shores Trail and East Harris Town Road.

Hodgson met with Bargaen Inc, to review work on Norberg, as they were the contractor approved to do the wide crack repair work noted above, as well as the traditional crack sealing on LaPlant Road boat landing, Winston-Taylor Road, Wesleyan Drive, Underwood Road-east, and Mishawaka Road.

Bargaen, Inc. provided a quote of \$4,680.00 for crack filling Norberg Road. If approved, the total crack sealing/repair cost would be \$34,308 which is just under the \$35,000 line item 2015 budget for crackfilling.

If approved, Bargaen would schedule to begin crack filling the first part of August.

Supervisor Ives made a motion to approve the quote from Bargaen Inc. for Norberg Drive wide crack fill in the amount of \$4,680.00. Supervisor Kelley seconded the motion. Discussion: Supervisor Kortekaas clarified that Bargaen had already been approved for crackfilling the other roads (he was absent from the June 24th meeting). The board confirmed that this was correct, so Norberg Drive wide-crack fill would just be an add-on to the project. Upon roll call, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

o Road Inspection Recommendation Method

Hodgson reminded the board that they had asked him to recommend an inspection and rating method for township roads, for use by the 5 supervisors. He confirmed that he still planned to bring this information to the August 26th P&D meeting and added that he will be looking at various systems already out there, modifying to create something usable by the board.

• Other road issues/concerns/comments

o Supervisor Rosato updated the board on some items requested at the June 24th P&D meeting:

- The maintenance crew got some good patching mix and filled the pot holes on Sunny Beach Road. The fill will last until Hawkinson can repair more permanently.
- The crew was going to order a "caution" sign for Lakeview Drive as requested by a resident. The crew was not sure if they still made "Caution: Children at Play" signs specifically, but they will get something appropriate posted.
- The ruts at the end of Woodbine Road have been repaired by the crew; they had fixed them the day before the board's last meeting.

o Pine Landing Drive - sign request

Supervisor Kortekaas received a call from a resident on Pine Landing Drive. They would like a cautionary sign, like "Slow – Pedestrian ahead" near their house. The resident actually requested a speed hump initially, but Kortekaas said that was not an option at this time. The resident then requested the sign. The board did not have a problem with sign request. Rosato will work with the maintenance crew on this request, and placement as Pine Landing has two inlets.

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- Wendigo Park Road - Flashing lights on stop sign at Harris Town Road

Kortekaas also had a request for flashing lights on the stop signs on Wendigo Park Road, at the Harris Town Road intersection. This would help drivers really see the stop sign. Rosato will ask the maintenance crew to look into this. He understood the city and county have used them, and that the lights are solar powered.

- Mishawaka Road – cars parked near landing

Supervisor Ives reported that the week before July fourth, he noticed there were apx 23 cars/trailers at Mishawaka Boat Landing. 19 were in the parking lot but the rest were parked along Mishawaka Road - around the corner, past the no parking signs. He said he had never seen the landing so full – and this was the weekend *before* the 4th of July. He shared that he is looking into options to improve parking at the landing.

6. Recreation

- None

7. Correspondence

- Board Action items:

- None

- Noteworthy items:

- Collaborative Opportunities Meeting minutes from May 28 and June 23, 2015

Comments by Ives: The Collaborative Opportunities team has gone back to Blandin Foundation for funding of a moderator. In addition, the ten communities currently involved in the group would be asked to each contribute \$100. Some collaboration projects of the group were noted – including crack sealing.

Supervisor Haubrich asked for clarification on how the group authorizes the collaboration of projects – namely the crack sealing mentioned, including Harris Township. Ives clarified that using the same contractor could save each entity money, but there was no formal collaboration on crack sealing as it was *not* bid as one job. Hodgson added that while bidding as one project would have been ideal, he did make sure that all the crack sealing was bid at same time so the contractor knew there were several jobs. This is important as the contractors are not local, so by having more work, mobilization costs would be lower for all involved.

- Non-action items

- Copies of Itasca County approved land use & sewage treatment permits in Harris Twp, issued in May 2015 (*available for review, upon request to clerk*)
- Notice from the MN Dept. of Commerce, of availability of draft environmental impact statement, state public information meeting, and federal public hearings in the matter of the route permit and permit applications my MN Power for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project (*available for review, upon request to clerk*)

8. Old Business

- Paul Bunyan Communications build out update (*see email from Brian Bissonette – Marketing Supervisor for PBC*)

Supervisor Rosato read the email aloud; in essence, it noted that Paul Bunyan’s expansion in 2015 will *not* include Harris Township. They are hoping to come into Harris Township in 2016, after the final year of the broadband loan is completed, but cannot guarantee it.

- Bonding – update from Treasurer Adams

Treasurer Adams was asked at the July 6th road work session, to try and find out some information for the board regarding bonding for road project; Adams shared she’d made initial contact with a bonding agent from Robert W. Baird & Co., who works with townships, and can help layout various loan/bonding types. The person noted that due to MN state statue, any type of borrowing by the township would be considered bonding – even a loan

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from a bank. The bonding agent agreed to write up some information for the board to review, including estimated legal costs, what banks are willing to offer, etc. Adams will then share this memo with the board to help educate them about the bonding process. She hoped to have the information by the July P&D meeting. When Adams gets the letter, she will forward to board prior to the meeting so they have time to review and ask questions. Then, at the P&D meeting, the board can decide if they'd like Adams to invite the bonding agent to an upcoming meeting.

Adams added that Barb Baird from the City of Grand Rapids, who may have some bonding tips and recommendations, had been on vacation this week.

9. New Business

- ATV Motorized Trail Open House

Supervisor Ives reported that there was an open house last night at Harris Town Hall regarding a possible ATV trail, which would go from the City of Grand Rapids, through Harris and Wildwood Township, and connect to the Smith Creek trail near 9 mile. Ives said it was well attended – apx 35-40 people were there, in addition to several ATV groups, Itasca County and the City of Grand Rapids who are all involved in the planning process. Maps were provided of the proposed trail location, and the public was asked to give their input on the location. Nothing was decided but people were excited about the trail possibility.

10. Treasurer's Report – dated July 8, 2015 (June 1-30, 2015 financials)

Treasurer Adams recapped the July treasurer's report:

- Balance June 1, 2015: \$1,095,475.22
- Receipts: \$ 2,823.79
- Disbursements: \$ (39,474.66)
- Balance June 30, 2015: \$1,058,824.35

Adams commented that the adjusting entry previously approved by the board at the February 17, 2015 budget work session had been done - to move \$28,217 *from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Building & Grounds Fund* to cover the expenses in 2014 from: the new well at Wendigo (\$7,849), the new ramp and awning at the town hall (\$16,822), and the new furnace at the Service Center (\$3,545). Adams noted that the adjustment to the two funds (Cap Impv and B&G) went back to January 1, 2015 so affected the Treasurer Reports for January to June, 2015. New treasurer reports for these months have been prepared. Adams noted that the overall and monthly starting/ending balances were not affected, as the transfer was just between two funds (i.e. "a wash").

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Haubrich, to approve the July 8, 2015 Treasurer's Report of June 2015 financials. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Approve payment of bills for July 2015

Upon review of the bill list, Supervisor Ives explained that there were two checks for him this month as he had not submitted his claim forms to the treasurer for payment, for several months. As a result, there were four months of Supervisor pay for him, on two checks.

A motion was then made by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Ives, to pay the bills as per the attached document titled "July 2015 Bill Listing to Board" for \$74,305.61. Upon roll call, motion passed by a unanimous vote

12. Public Input (please limit comments to 5 minutes)

- Dan Butterfield:
 - Butterfield suggested the board get a hold of Jeff Davies, Public Works Director for the City of Grand Rapids, regarding the stop sign flashing lights; Davies was involved in adding the lights to the intersection stop signs at the airport.
 - While Butterfield agreed there was an issue with slow Paul Bunyan expansion in Harris Township, he also he did not feel that Mediacom was doing what he thought they had agreed to. A lot of township

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residents still cannot watch the town board meetings on TV due to no cable access, which is really too bad for a township of our size.

13. Upcoming events and meetings

- Mon July 13 Itasca County Twp Association Meeting..... 7:00pm Itasca Co. Courthouse
- Wed July 22 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall
- Mon Aug 10 Itasca County Twp Association Meeting..... 7:00pm Itasca Co Courthouse
- Wed Aug 12 Regular Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall

14. Adjourn

With no other business to become before the board, a motion was made at 8:15pm by Supervisor Kelley to adjourn tonight's meeting; upon a second by Supervisor Ives, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith – Harris Township Clerk

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July 2015 Bill Listing to Board

	Description	Amount
Gary Rosato	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	734.74
Dennis Kortekaas	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	544.06
Burl Ives	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	1,725.42
Burl Ives	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	560.39
Jim Kelley	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	478.72
Ken Haubrich	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	786.04
Michele Smith	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	1,210.12
Becky Adams	Mtgs, wages, labor, less withholding	595.92
Bonnie Key	Cleaning labor, showing, less withholding	585.07
Dan Key	Labor less withholdings	2,123.64
Derrick Marttila	Labor less withholdings	2,220.64
PERA	ONLINE pmt:: Payroll withholding	1,597.49
Burggrafs ACE Hardware	gutters, connectors, screws	120.79
Century Link	ONLINE pmt:: July phone service	283.44
City of Grand Rapids	2015 Fire Contract - first half due July	37,624.50
Cole Hardware	used motor, shovel	109.48
Express Employment	Grounds Laborer: Zupan 6/10, 6/17, 6/24	1,424.50
Grand Rapids Public Utilities	Utilities; lights and town hall	191.72
Home Depot	service center supplies, concrete	108.98
Itasca Cty Auditor	record deed: Krumrei, Wilson, Smith	138.00
Lake Country Power	ONLINE pmt:: energy bill - service center, wendigo, crystal, cemetery	399.79
MediaCom	PHONE PAY:: May phone and internet service - town hall	218.02
MAT	Summer Short Course: Smith, Haubrich	100.00
MN Benefit Assoc	Dental premiums	378.20
Minute Man Press	copies for meetings	54.58
Northern Air Plumbing	add refrigerant and labor	142.50
Northland Portables	portables for wendigo, crystal, cemetery, boat landings	492.00
S E H	Engineering Services - misc. services	16,065.60
Stokes	office supplies - copy paper	15.98
treasure bay	name plate: haubrich	29.85
Verizon	cell phone bills - June	106.04
Commissioner of Revenue	Payroll withholding :: electronic payment	413.00
EFTPS	Payroll withholding :: electronic payment	2,726.39
	Total	\$ 74,305.61

Approval to pay :: July 8, 2015, Checks numbered 16804 through 168

Ken Haubrich

Burl Ives

Jim Kelley

Dennis Kortekaas

Gary Rosato

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MINUTES from the P&D Meeting
Harris Township Board
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:30pm

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The regularly scheduled Planning & Development Meeting of the Harris Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Rosato at the Harris Town Hall, with the following officers present: Supervisors Gary Rosato, Dennis Kortekaas, Jim Kelley, Ken Haubrich, and Burl Ives, as well as Clerk Michele Smith and Treasurer Becky Adams. *Absent:* none.

Also in attendance: Residents Marge Kelley, Judy Myers, Cyndy Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Pellymouter, and Peter Hengel.

1. Pledge to the flag

2. Variance Application – Lots 27-30; Plat: Urika Beach S.23, 54-25 #19-600-0270, 0280, 0290, & 0300

Agent: Paul Venne | Owner: Howard Carp Etal | Address: TBD Sunny Beach Addition

Proposed garage is to be located 23' from centerline of Sunny Beach Addition Road, and all other setbacks met. The depth of the parcels limits the placement of a structure. Proposed septic system will be installed for the use of the RV and laundry room in garage. Variance is required due to cannot meet the 68' centerline of road setback.

Chairman Rosato noted that the Itasca County Board of Adjustment will view the site on August 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and the Board of Adjustment will review the variance application on August 12th, 2015 in the County Board Room of the Court House at 9:30a.m. *(It was determined later in the meeting that Supervisor Rosato will attend these meetings, as well as Supervisor Haubrich.)*

Rosato informed the board that he had reviewed the property and met with Itasca County Environmental Services.

A few of the neighbors to the property were in attendance at tonight's meeting and Rosato asked if they had any concerns about the proposed plans for the property:

- Doug Pellymouter – Has a permanent home on Sunny Beach Addition Road, and is new to the area. He only received a map, and not the detailed plans, so was attending to find out more information about the variance. One question he had was around the required set back from lake – as there's lake/wetlands on each side of this property. He wondered if the DNR was involved. He also questioned if the road was private or township. Overall, Pellymouter wanted to make sure that things were done fairly and equitably.
- Peter Hengel – Lives at the end of Sunny Beach Addition Road, and has been through variances in the past. When he bought his property, they were grandfathered in at being 50' from lake; it didn't matter how far they were from the center of the road – they just needed to be 15' from the edge of the road. He had a concern that the current Variance request is asking that the garage be closer to the road edge than 15 ft (as it would be 23 feet from the *centerline*.) Hengel also noted that the current ordinance requires structures to be 68' from the center line and the Variance request is to be 23' from the center line. He voiced concern about this significant difference due to the size of the proposed structure. When Hengel built his house, he said he had to make it smaller than he wanted due to the zoning code. He felt the applicant should reduce the size of his structure as well. Hengel also wondered if the applicant should get a variance for the septic system, with water on both sides of the property. Hengel expressed concern of the garage being so close to road, as plowing and safety when baking out could be issues. Overall, he wants to protect the lake shore, and would like to see everyone treated equally.

Chairman Rosato reminded the neighbors that the township does not have jurisdiction to approve or deny the Variance application, but that rather they make a *recommendation* to the county. He encouraged the residents to attend and speak up at to county board of adjustment review with their concerns.

With regards to the septic system placement, Rosato commented that while at Itasca County Environmental Services today, he asked about the septic - as he too thought it may be too close to the water. However, he was told that the County does not consider the swampy area 'lake' – just low land. Thus, the setbacks were acceptable.

Rosato did not measure between pads at the property, but did measure between the garage to the road, and found it is 26 ft from the stakes to the center line – rather than 23 ft. However, he did not include any overhang when measuring, which does count on boundary issues. Overall, he found it would be 19' from the edge of the road. And 33' to north edge of road, for the drain field.

Another item Rosato talked to Environmental Services about was the corridor proposed for a better view to the lake. He found out that this is a normal and acceptable thing to do. There is a stipulation, however, that only 1/3 of the trees can be removed. He'd like to request that the new owners maintain the mature trees, but he's not sure that the township can do that. Ives noted that anything smaller than 4" in diameter is not considered a tree, and could be cleared.

Supervisor Ives asked if the RV pad could be smaller, so as to not be so close to the edge of the road. He also commented that he was familiar with property and that it had been for sale for a very long time. He knows it's even harder now to do anything with this property, and that the proposed use in the Variance is about the extent of use for this property other than maybe a small cabin.

Supervisor Kelley noted that in the diagram, the trailer pad lists a *height* of 20'. He questioned if the plan was for more than just a pad; would it have a roof? For reference, the apx height of garage was 18'.

The road being private was discussed by the board. The private part of the road starts at Pellymounter's driveway, where the blacktop ends. However, Rosato commented that the township does maintain the road per a verbal agreement. Hengel commented that he helped built road and they followed the stakes so he was confident it was within the proper ROW as shown on the plat map. He noted that the Sunny Beach Addition Road is only 15' feet wide.

Rosato and Ives also noted that there were other garages just as close to the edge of the Sunny Beach Addition Road as was being proposed in the variance application.

The Harris Township "Facts of Finding" form was then reviewed and answered by the board unanimously as follows:

1. Are the terms of the variance consistent with the Harris Township Comprehensive Plan? A: YES
2. Without a variance, is the owner deprived of a reasonable use of the property? A: YES
3. Are the circumstances which justify the variance unique to the property and not created by the applicant? A: YES
4. If granted, will the variance maintain the essential character of the neighborhood: A: YES
5. Have environmental concerns or precautions been addressed: A: YES
6. Have boundary lines been found, correctly identified, and agreed upon? A: Yes

Comments: The height of trailer pad needs to be clarified. And could the pad width be reduced?

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley to recommend the variance be accepted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Haubrich and upon roll call, passed by a unanimous vote.

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3. Business from the Floor

- None

4. Consent Agenda

- None

5. Roads

- Application for Utility Permit on Township Road Right of Way from Lake Country Power (Sunny Beach Road)

The board reviewed the Application for Utility Permit from Lake Country Power and the accompanying diagram. It described where they needed to replace an existing underground power line, and where they would bore under Sunny Beach Road near Kathryn Avenue.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, to approve the Lake County Power application for utility permit as presented. Supervisor Haubrich asked if it would be beneficial to ask the contractor how they will fix what they disturb, to prevent erosion. Chairman Rosato commented that there has never been a problem in the past, and they always seem to stabilize the ground after work is done. The board agreed to have Chairman Rosato ask the maintenance crew keep an eye on the area and see how it looks when it's done. If not acceptable, then they would contact the contractor. The motion to approve the permit passed by a unanimous vote.

- Bonding Memo – Treasurer Adams

Treasurer Adams shared a 7 page memo with the board on talking points of “General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds” (*a copy will be attached to these minutes*) that she received from Paul Donna of Robert W. Baird & Co. She just received it today, due to a family emergency of Mr. Donna, so apologized that the board did not get it prior to tonight’s meeting.

Adams did look through the information and noted the following:

- Street reconstruction and bituminous overlays *are* eligible costs to be financed. And any money borrowed by the township would be considered “bonding” (even a loan from a bank).
- Baird & Co. would be the underwriter of the bonds. They’d find the township the cheapest money to do the proposed road work.
- Kind of bonds: There are 3 options, but the street reconstruction type of bonding was recommended.
- The memo showed payback options, with the money borrowed in 2 chunks – the first chunk being \$2.5 million borrowed, for the proposed project including Sunny Beach Road. The second chunk would be taken out the following year for subsequent road projects on the 5 year road plan list. The interest was estimated, and the annual payback amount was shown for 10 and 15 year amortizations, noting that the township cannot take out a loan for longer than the life of the road.
- On average, the township budgets \$400,000/year for major road work; if the township borrowed \$2.5 million dollars at 2.44% interest for 10 years, the annual payback amount would be \$282,904. That would leave apx \$100,000 in the budget each year for other road projects, unless the road levy was raised.
- Paul Donna said now is a good time to borrow, because interest rates are so low.
- The bonding process can be completed within 90 days.
- Adams noted that the township is limited by state law on debt; no more than 3% of the township’s Estimated Market Value (EMV) can be borrowed. For Harris Township, 3% of its EMV would be \$11 million – the maximum that could be bonded. Therefore, bonding for \$2.5 million is well below that maximum amount.

One of the Supervisors asked if there was a penalty to pay off the loan early. Adams said she would have to find that out.

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Next steps:

- Adams asked the supervisors to let her know what questions they had about bonding, after reviewing the information from Mr. Donna.
- Adams still wants to talk to Barb Baird at the city for words of wisdom from their bonding experience, and to the MN Association of Townships on what other townships have done.
- The board asked Adams to find out if Mr. Donna could attend a township work session on Tuesday, August 4th. A face to face meeting was preferred to a conference call. Adams agreed and will let the clerk and board know what she finds out. If it works out, the clerk will post and determine a meeting location.
- Copies of memos/emails from Glen Hodgson – SEH Road Engineer (Note: Hodgson was NOT at the meeting)
 - Norberg Road wide crack repair - Email from Glen to Bergen Inc. dated July 9th, and a copy of their quote (previously approved by the board on 7/8/15)
 - Underwood Road (west) – Memo to residents dated July 10th, 2015
 - Crack sealing project – Memo to residents dated July 15, 2015
Ives commented that he had calls from Mishawaka Shores residents, asking when they could expect crack filling on Mishawaka Shores Trail. The memo states that it should be completed the first half of August.
- Other road issues/concerns
 - Supervisor Rosato commented that he will meet with the maintenance crew on Sunny Beach Addition Road, to do some patching like they did on Sunny Beach Road a few weeks back.
 - Supervisor Ives had a concern about a large crack within the first 5 feet of where the Harris Town Road meets Sunny Beach Road – right on the corner. The crack is 8 – 10 ft long and he'd like to see it repaired by the maintenance crew if possible. However, he was not sure which road jurisdiction would be responsible - given the location.
 - Ives also commented about a crack on Isleview, just beyond the first 90 degree corner towards Chippewa Drive in the middle of the road. Rosato was familiar with it, and added that it's been an ongoing issue. Ives would like to see this crack repaired also.
 - Supervisor Rosato reported that he checked on the cost of the flashing lights for stop signs, as requested by a resident for the Wendigo Park Road / Harris Town Road intersection. They cost \$94 each plus freight, are solar powered, and attach to the top of a stop sign. Rosato added that all four stop signs belong to the county – even those on Wendigo Park Road. He'll stop at the county to discuss this option with the highway department and report back to the board.
 - Supervisor Haubrich received a call from a Sunny Beach Road resident with a question about a culvert that is coming up in his approach, making it difficult to get over it on one end. He was told the culvert would be fixed when the Sunny Beach Road was rebuilt – and wondered when that would be. And, if his section of Sunny Beach Road would *not* be fixed next year, the resident would like the township to fix the culvert. The board discussed if it was the township's responsibility to replace the culvert. The crew has unplugged culverts, and one was removed earlier this year as it was a real safety hazard, but they did not need a culvert so it was not replaced. Chairman Rosato stated that because culverts are put in to protect the township's road by controlling the water, it makes sense that replacing them would also be the township's responsibility.
 - Haubrich also shared pictures of another problem on Sunny Beach Road - sloped gravel driveway in which the gravel fines from the driveway wash down onto Sunny Beach Road when it rains, and extend about a block in length– which could be a safety hazard. Ives commented that this has been happening for a while and is getting worse. Haubrich could not find a culvert near the driveway, but wondered if the maintenance crew could look to see if there was one there, and if not, determine if adding one would make a difference. Rosato will share the request with the maintenance crew.

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6. Recreation

○ Volley ball court – Crystal Park

Rosato reported that there was a problem with grass and weeds growing up in the volleyball court at Crystal Park. In checking with Mike Hendricks of Creative Services, he recommended that a Rototiller be rented and then 12 yards of washed sand brought in.

7. Town Hall Report dated 7-16-15

The town hall report as prepared by the Town Hall Caretaker was reviewed by the board. There were 17 cleaning hours reported, 16 resident rentals and 1 no-charge rental for the sexual predator information meeting put on by the Sheriff's department. \$375 was collected.

Rosato commented that he had not yet met with caretaker to work through the questions she had, but hopes to in the next few weeks. There were no other comments by the board.

8. Maintenance Report

The board reviewed the Maintenance Report as prepared by the maintenance crew. Clerk Smith noted that she did not receive the sheet which listed the hours worked per area.

Items noted by the board were:

- At Wendigo Park, someone lifted the gate and mowed part of the ball park. Rosato commented that the ball field was last on the priority list at this time as the crew was behind on mowing and needed to give attention to the cemetery. This was before an intern was hired to help with the mowing.
- A water tank was purchased for road clean off and culvert unlogging.
- Supervisor Ives recommended that the maintenance crew try a water filter - rather than water softener - to get rid of the smell in the water at the town hall as he didn't think a water softener would handle smell. However, Range Water could come out and test the water at no charge, and advise if a water softener or other means could help with the smell. Also, Ives suggested flushing the well and chlorinating it, which may get rid of smell. Rosato will discuss these options with the crew.

9. Old Business

- Consider options regarding the discrepancy in the number of cemetery sites sold to Don Hafar, Section 1, Block 10 where four sites are unusable as they are in the River Road right-of-way (tabled from 6/24/15 P&D meeting)

A motion was made by Supervisor Kortekaas, seconded by Supervisor Ives, to table this issue again until the August P&D meeting as Kortekaas and Rosato had not yet had a chance to meet at the cemetery with the maintenance crew to discuss the possibility of moving the fence near the sites to make them usable. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- Mediacom / Paul Bunyan

Supervisor Ives noted that he talked to Mediacom to ask if they are going to expand in Harris Township. The person he talked to said they would take the question to the vice president of the company to discuss.

Ives also noted that he also just found out that Paul Bunyan did some build out recently in Harris Township; they ran some line down Highway 169 and hooked up some of the businesses along Hwy 169 south; he felt this was edging upon the "Cherry Picking" law, and did not recall this coming to the board. Clerk Smith said she did recall Paul Bunyan mentioning this expansion a year ago, in 2014, but it was prior to Ives coming onto the town board.

- Intergovernmental Collaboration Opportunities Team

Ives talked about the Intergovernmental Collaboration team. The group wants to hold a meeting this fall to discuss future visioning of the group. They'd like to invite any/all townships and cities to come, to learn how to

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collaborate more effectively around common resources, issues and problems. Supervisor Haubrich expressed an interest in attending future meetings.

10. New Business

- Review survey from ICMA – Leaders at the Core of Better Communities; consider filling it out

After reviewing the survey, a motion was made by Supervisor Ives to not fill out the survey. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kelley and passed by a unanimous vote.

- Request for vacation or acquisition of “slot” area of “Old Sunny Beach Road” ROW (see email from Brent Bocnuk, resident of Sunny Beach Road, and the GIS map showing the area, noting it is near Forest View Trail)

Clerk Smith passed along a request she’d received from Brent Bocnuk to Supervisor Rosato, requesting to vacate and acquire a ‘slot’ area of ‘Old Sunny Beach Road’. Bocnuk lives on Sunny Beach Road would like the extra land so he could build a pole building for storage, and meet the set back requirements.

Rosato went to the court house to check into this request, as Forest View Trail was built in a portion of the Old Sunny Beach right of way, which was a county road prior to becoming a township back in apx 2008. He found that no action was taken on vacating any parts of the Old Sunny Beach Road ROW when Forest View Trail was built.

After reviewing the plat map, Rosato commented that he did *not* see where the township would have any use for this property and so proposed that he advise the resident about the township’s vacation process. The board agreed and noted that when land is vacated, each adjoining landowner gets half the property – and is taxed on it.

The board then discussed and agreed that it would make sense to vacate the entire length of the old road ROW in this area, so that *all* property owners would have better use of their properties. Rosato agreed to review the vacation process, and determine next steps.

- Round table discussions with City of Grand Rapids staff

Supervisor Rosato explained to the newer board members that the township board used to meet quarterly with the City of Grand Rapids staff (city administrator, city planner, and city engineer) for a ‘round table discussion’. However, the group has not met in quite a while – over a year. Supervisor Rosato recommended that the town board initiate these meetings again, as he found it helpful to know what is happening along our common border. The board agreed that early September, after Labor Day, would be a good time to meet. Rosato will talk to the city staff about possible dates.

- Dead birch trees – near Casper Landing

Supervisor Kelley reported there were some dead birch trees near the corner of Casper Landing marina, on the small piece of land that belongs to the township. Rosato will talk to maintenance crew and get these trees taken down.

11. Public Input

- Judy Myers – asked the following questions of the board:

- Q: Sunny Beach Road was the only road mentioned with regards to bonding. What about Birch Street and Isleview, that the board had considered doing in conjunction with Sunny Beach Road?

A: The board responded that the \$2.5 million they talked about bonding did cover 5 roads; they just failed to mention them all. No roads had been omitted.

- Q: Every month, the maintenance crew ‘checks’ the town hall and service center; why? T

A: The board responded that they are checking for any damage or any issues.

- Q: Since the township just purchased a pressure washer tank for water, could the maintenance crew clean the picnic tables at Wendigo Picnic Park and the Mishawaka Landing?

A: Rosato will talk to the crew about this, but noted it sounded like a good idea.

- Q: Why did so few roads get treated for dust control this year?

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- A: The board responded that the same roads were done in 2015 as were done in prior years. Myers commented that the road near Casper Landing (Bayview) was treated last year, but was not included on the list in the maintenance report. The board clarified that not every gravel road gets dust guard, but that Bayview was treated – it just got missed in the report.

12. Upcoming meetings/events

- Mon Aug 10 Itasca County Twp Association Meeting 7:00pm Court house (room TBD)
- Wed Aug 12 Regular Meeting 7:30pm Harris Town Hall
- Wed Aug 26 Planning & Development Meeting 7:30pm Harris Town Hall

13. Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, a motion was made at 9:21 p.m. by Supervisor Kortekaas, seconded by Supervisor Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith – Harris Township Clerk

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FY16 Residential Redevelopment Grant Program

Contact: Lori Spielman
PO Box 441, 4261 Hwy 53 South
Eveleth, MN 55734
Lori.Spielman@state.mn.us
218-735-3041

Redevelopment of dilapidated residential sites into viable development sites as well as the removal of blighted and unsafe structures is essential to the vitality and economy of IRRRB service area. This program benefits the IRRRB service area by creating a cleaner, safer, healthier environment and encouraging new construction.

Eligible applicants:

Cities, townships, counties and tribal units of government. If a city or township has less than three residences for demolition, that city or township is encouraged to partner with neighboring communities to submit one application.

Eligible residential structures include:

- Single-unit residential homes
- Residential duplex homes
- Garages and accessory structures

Ineligible structures include:

- Decks or roofless structures
- Commercial buildings

Funding:

- The Residential Redevelopment program is funded at \$350,000 for FY 2016
- Maximum of \$3 per building square foot, or 75 percent of demolition costs including basements, whichever is less
- Homeowners and communities are responsible for all expenses not eligible or reimbursable

Application Process:

- Applications will be accepted beginning August 1 through August 14, 2015. All eligible applications received during this time period will be reviewed and grants may be awarded to the most competitive applications based on criteria established by the IRRRB. Applications submitted after August 14, 2015 through the end of the IRRRB's fiscal year (June 30, 2016) may be awarded funding on a rolling basis subject to the availability of remaining program funds.
- Residential property owners shall contact their local city or township residential redevelopment program coordinator to apply.
- The Residential Redevelopment program coordinator for each city or township must provide a complete application information and documentation to allow the IRRRB to determine eligibility

Application Review:

- All applications are evaluated and scored on an individual basis.
- Applications are reviewed by the IRRRB Grants Team and Commissioner.
- Project funding is subject to Commissioner Approval.

Application checklist:

- Application
- Required documentation to be completed by city, township or county:
 1. Two (2) written quotes for demolition must be submitted for each structure to be demolished by a contractor. Contractor is required to be licensed, insured and pay Minnesota Prevailing Wages. The community is responsible for compensating the contractor. OR A written estimate must be submitted for each structure to be demolished by a city or township performing the demolition in-house.
 2. Resolution authorizing city, township, county or tribal unit of government to apply for and accept funds.
 3. Document of compliance with Minnesota Historical Society procedures for treatment of historical sites (if applicable).
- Required documentation to be completed by property owner (must be included with application):
 1. Property owner worksheet (including sketch and pre-demolition photographs)
 2. Release of liability

If you are awarded a grant, you will be notified in writing:

- Required documentation to be completed by grant recipient
 - Pre demolition
 1. Grant Agreement
- Pre and post demolition photographs will be considered progress reports.
 - Post demolition
 - A final report is required upon completion of the entire project.
 - Additional documentation should include:
 1. Copy of MPCA 10-Day Intent to Perform a Demolition form
 2. Reimbursement request form with attachments
 - Asbestos inspection report(s) with invoice(s)
 - Asbestos removal report(s) with invoice(s)
 - Demolition and removal invoice(s)
 - Photograph(s) of restored site

Other information:

- Awarded projects will be bound by Minnesota Prevailing Wage Statutes and IRRR Board Policy.
- Project information is subject to Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute Chapter 13.

Application

Date submitted: August 7, 2015
 Applicant (city, township, county): Grand Rapids, Harris, Itasca
 Address: 20643 ~~20443~~ Stoney Point Rd.
Grand Rapids MN. 55744
City State Zip Code

Contact person: _____
 Title: _____
 Phone: _____
Office Cell
 Email: _____

- Project description:**
- List all properties designated for demolition.
 - Application must include a minimum of three structures.
 - Communities with less than three structures should collaborate with a neighboring community.

Property Owner Name	Address of Structure	Demo Start Date	Phone No.	Structure Type	Parcel ID #
Milo &	20643	9-8-15	612	2 story	63-460.0044
Evon Heakka	Stoney Pt Rd		616	House	
			2699	Garage	19-485.0740

- Check one:**
- Structures demolished by private contractor OR
 Structures demolished by in-house crew

Signature(s):

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, all statements made and information provided are true and correct.

Organization _____

By _____
Authorized Representative (1) Title Date

_____ Authorized Representative (2) Title Date

Property Owner Worksheet

Property owner name: Milo + Eron Haarklau
 Property owner address: Po Box 85 Grand Rapids, MN 55744
 Day time phone number: 612-616-2699
 Will new development take place on this site? Yes No
 If yes, please note (optional): When? Spring 2016
 What? New house & garage

Other:

Provide an accurate sketch of the first and second floors of the structure, basement, garage and accessory structures to be demolished (make duplicate copies of grid if necessary). Each square equals one foot. The sketch must show the dimensions and square feet for each floor, basement, garage and accessory structure to calculate the reimbursement amount.

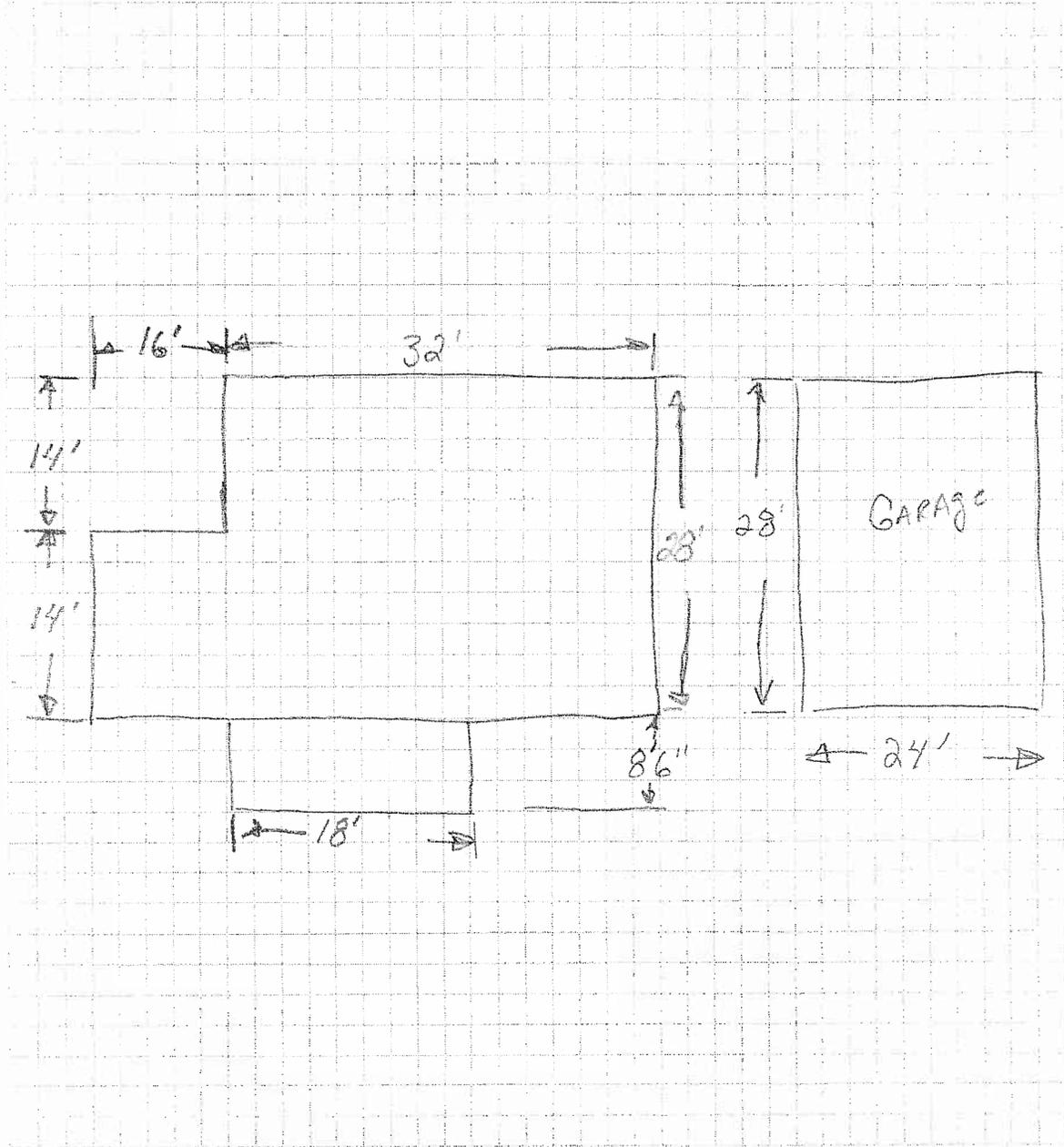
- For a 1 1/2 story house, the second floor will be calculated at 80% of the second floor square footage for the reimbursement amount.
- Decks and levels above the second floor are not to be included in the square feet.

	<u>Total Square Feet</u>	<u>Total Square Feet Confirmed by Community Coordinator</u>
First floor	$28 \times 32 = 896 \text{ sf}$ $8 \times 18 = 144$	<u>1273 sq. ft.</u>
Second floor	$14 \times 16 = 224$	
Basement	$28 \times 32 = 896 \text{ sf}$	<u>896 sq. ft.</u>
Garage	$24 \times 28 = 672 \text{ sf}$	<u>672 sq. ft.</u>
Accessory structure(s)		

- Attach photograph(s) of each structure to be demolished.

Property Owner Worksheet

To be completed by property owner(s).



Release of Liability

To be completed by property owner(s).

In consideration of IRRRB agreeing to fund the demolition and removal of structure(s) on my (our) property, I (we), the Property Owner(s), release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify IRRRB from any and all claims or liabilities for personal injury or property damage which may arise or occur in regard to the demolition, destruction, and/or removal of any structures located on property described below:

Printed name of property owner(s):

Milo + Evon Haarklau

Address:

P.O. Box 85

Grand Rapids mn 55744
City State Zip Code

Property owner(s) phone:

612-616-2699

Property owner(s) email:

chaarkla@hotmail.com

Address of structure to be demolished:

20643 Stoney Pt. Rd

Grand Rapids mn 55744
City State Zip Code

Signature(s):

Property owner (1)

Milo Haarklau

Signature

8/6/15

Date

Property owner (2)

Evon Haarklau

Signature

8.6.15

Date

Are there additional owners of the property to be demolished? If yes, please print all names and contact information below:

Yes No

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Sample Resolution

Cities, townships and organizations should use this sample as a reference to prepare a resolution on applicant letterhead and send in with application.

CITY, TOWNSHIP OR ORGANIZATION NAME
RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF (_____)
CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF (_____) OR ORGANIZATION NAME

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (CITY/TOWNSHIP/ORGANIZATION) TO
MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM
(NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM)

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the
_____ project: and

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if
approved by IRRRB.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of _____ does
adopt this resolution.

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution No. _____ was declared duly passed and adopted this _____
day of _____.
Month/Year

Name #1

Name #2

Title #1

Title #2

Estimate



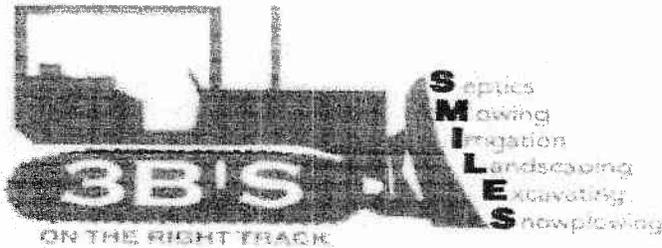
Complete Property Maintenance & Development

3B's Company
20275 North Sugar Lake Trail
Cohasset, MN 55721
(218) 326-4207

Name/Address
Milo & Evon Haarklau
PO box 85
Grand Rapids Mn.
55744

Date	Estimate No.	Project
07/09/15	115	

Item	Description	Quantity	Cost	Total
Job Description	remove tree for access, <u>demo house</u> and haul to landfill and clean up site			
Equipment	Excavator tear down and loading	8	150.00	1,200.00
trucking	charge per load	16	200.00	3,200.00
Tipping Fees	demo charge per ton	76	20.00	1,520.00
Labor	clean up	1	45.00	45.00
<i>Dale R. Anderson</i>				
Thank you, Dale R. Anderson			Total	\$5,965.00



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Name/Address
Milo & Evon Haarklau PO box 85 Grand Rapids Mn. 55744

Date	Estimate No.	Project
07/09/15	116	

Item	Description	Quantity	Cost	Total
Job Description	tear down garage, haul to land fill leaving slab			
Equipment	Excavator tear down and load note; add 100.00 if done as a special trip	3	150.00	450.00
Labor		3	45.00	135.00
trucking	charge per load	4	200.00	800.00
Tipping Fees	charge per ton	7	20.00	140.00
Thank you, Dale R. Anderson			Total	\$1,525.00

Proposal

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Milo and Evon Haarklay		PHONE 612-616-2699	DATE 8-7-2015
STREET Po Box 85		JOB NAME	
CITY STATE AND ZIP CODE Grand Rapids, MN 55744		JOB LOCATION	
ARCHITECT	DATE OF PLANS	ehaarkia@hotmail.com	JOB PHONE

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for

Demo House

Price Includes:

- Removal of cement and tree stumps
- All material disposal and tree stumps
- Does not include the fill
- Demo Garage and Slab

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor complete in accordance with above specifications for the sum of
 Eleven Thousand _____ dollars (\$ 11,000.00)
 Payment to be made as follows _____

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Accepted Signature

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within _____ days.

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____

Date of Acceptance _____

Signature _____

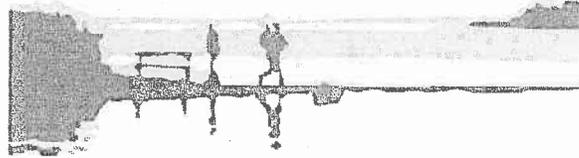
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Mission Statement:

The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

State of Minnesota, County of Itasca, Town of Harris

HARRIS TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2015-007

DRAFT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HARRIS TOWNSHIP TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM IRRRB RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the authorizing authority (Harris Township) approves of the attached application for the demolition of a two-story house and garage located on the property of 20643 Stoney Point Rd, owned by Evon & Milo Haarklau; and

WHEREAS the authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if approved by IRRRB.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of Harris Township does hereby adopt this resolution, effective August 12, 2015.

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution No. 2015-007 was declared duly passed and adopted this 12th day of August, 2015.

Signed:

Attest:

Gary Rosato
Harris Town Board Chairman

Michele Smith
Harris Township Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Harris Township Board

FROM: Glen D. Hodgson, PE 

DATE: August 7, 2015

RE: 2014 Bituminous Road Project
Pay Estimate #3-FINAL
SEH No. HARRT 128477 14.00

Attached is a copy of the proposed pay estimate #3 for the construction contract with Hawkinson Construction for last summer's projects on Lakeview Drive, Harbor Heights Road, and Underwood Road (east of Wendigo Park Road.) This is the final pay estimate for this project. We had been holding a 2% retainage over the winter to cover any "punch list" work items that the contractor needed to complete this spring and summer. That work is now done, so it is time to process final payment. There is also a quantity of 482 feet of pavement sawing that is shown in the "this estimate" column. This work was actually done last year. This is a correction to the quantity that I showed on the pay estimates from last year.

I request and recommend that the Board approve the pay estimate #3-FINAL in the amount of \$10,453.60.

I will have copies of the estimate signed by myself and the contractor at the Board meeting.

Also please note that the total contract work to date is \$428,207.90. This amount is \$25,277.30 under the original bid price.

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Harris Township
2014 Bituminous Roadways
HARRT 188477

Hawkinson Construction
501 West County Road 63
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Certificate of Partial Payment
Pay Estimate #3-FINAL
10/03/14 through 8/7/15

Number	Item	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Contract Amount	Previous Estimates		This Estimate		Total to Date	
						Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
1	CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING	LS	1	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	1	\$ 4,800.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 4,800.00
2	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00	1	\$ 13,200.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 13,200.00
3	CLEARING	LS	1	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00	1	\$ 5,600.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 5,600.00
4	REMOVE PIPE CULVERTS	LIN FT	148	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,480.00	112	\$ 1,120.00	0	\$ -	112	\$ 1,120.00
5	REMOVE CONCRETE PAVEMENT	SQ YD	95	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,900.00	131	\$ 2,624.00	0	\$ -	131	\$ 2,624.00
6	REMOVE SIGN TYPE C	EACH	11	\$ 25.00	\$ 275.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
7	REMOVE MAIL BOX SUPPORT	EACH	35	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,575.00	3	\$ 135.00	0	\$ -	3	\$ 135.00
8	SAWING CONCRETE PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LIN FT	292	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,168.00	217	\$ 868.00	482	\$ 1,928.00	699	\$ 2,796.00
9	COMMON EXCAVATION	CUYD	493	\$ 18.60	\$ 9,169.80	561	\$ 10,434.60	0	\$ -	561	\$ 10,434.60
10	TOPSOIL BORROW (LV)	CUYD	80	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,400.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
11	COMMON CHANNEL EXCAVATION	CUYD	410	\$ 14.50	\$ 5,945.00	410	\$ 5,945.00	0	\$ -	410	\$ 5,945.00
12	SUBGRADE PREPARATION	ROAD STA	75	\$ 245.00	\$ 18,375.00	75	\$ 18,375.00	0	\$ -	75	\$ 18,375.00
13	AGGREGATE SURFACING (CV) CLASS 5	CUYD	16	\$ 82.00	\$ 1,312.00	16	\$ 1,312.00	0	\$ -	16	\$ 1,312.00
14	AGGREGATE BASE (CV) CLASS 5	CUYD	262	\$ 22.00	\$ 5,764.00	37	\$ 814.00	0	\$ -	37	\$ 814.00
15	AGGREGATE SHOULDERING, CLASS 1	TON	339	\$ 24.90	\$ 8,441.10	351	\$ 8,739.90	0	\$ -	351	\$ 8,739.90
16	BITUMINOUS PATCH SPECIAL	SQ YD	367	\$ 24.00	\$ 8,808.00	382	\$ 9,168.00	0	\$ -	382	\$ 9,168.00
17	MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE (1.5")	SQ YD	268	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,680.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
18	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT RECLAMATION-6" DEPTH (P)	SQ YD	4440	\$ 2.30	\$ 10,212.00	4440	\$ 10,212.00	0	\$ -	4440	\$ 10,212.00
19	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT RECLAMATION-8" DEPTH (P)	SQ YD	15615	\$ 1.82	\$ 28,419.30	15615	\$ 28,419.30	0	\$ -	15615	\$ 28,419.30
20	TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (2.8)	TON	1670	\$ 63.50	\$ 106,045.00	1616	\$ 102,616.00	0	\$ -	1616	\$ 102,616.00
21	TYPE SP 12.5 NON WEAR COURSE MIX (2.8)	TON	2775	\$ 63.50	\$ 176,212.50	2491	\$ 158,178.50	0	\$ -	2491	\$ 158,178.50
22	12" CS PIPE CULVERT	LF	112	\$ 32.00	\$ 3,584.00	112	\$ 3,584.00	0	\$ -	112	\$ 3,584.00
23	12" GS PIPE APRON	EACH	7	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,450.00	6	\$ 2,100.00	0	\$ -	6	\$ 2,100.00
24	12" RC PIPE SEWER DES 3006 CLV	LIN FT	40	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,760.00	40	\$ 1,760.00	0	\$ -	40	\$ 1,760.00
25	CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DESIGN H	EACH	1	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	1	\$ 1,100.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 1,100.00
26	CASTING ASSEMBLY	EACH	1	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	1	\$ 900.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 900.00
27	6" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SQ YD	80	\$ 48.00	\$ 3,840.00	52	\$ 2,496.00	0	\$ -	52	\$ 2,496.00
28	MAIL BOX	EACH	4	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 25.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 25.00
29	MAIL BOX SUPPORT	EACH	35	\$ 95.00	\$ 3,325.00	3	\$ 285.00	0	\$ -	3	\$ 285.00
30	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	1	\$ 8,500.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 8,500.00
31	SIGN PANELS TYPE C	SQ FT	67	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,350.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
32	INSTALL SIGN PANEL TYPE C	EACH	10	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
33	INSTALL SIGN PANEL TYPE SPECIAL	EACH	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
34	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	170	\$ 4.00	\$ 680.00	119	\$ 476.00	0	\$ -	119	\$ 476.00
35	BITUMINOUS FLUME	LF	195	\$ 14.00	\$ 2,730.00	129	\$ 1,806.00	0	\$ -	129	\$ 1,806.00
36	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION	EACH	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 100.00
37	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG, TYPE STRAW	EACH	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 225.00	5	\$ 375.00	0	\$ -	5	\$ 375.00
38	SEEDING	ACRE	0.12	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 420.00	0	\$ 420.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ 420.00
39	SODDING TYPE LAWN	SQ YD	589	\$ 5.50	\$ 3,239.50	578	\$ 3,179.00	0	\$ -	578	\$ 3,179.00
40	EROSION CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	1	\$ 1,600.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 1,600.00
TOTALS					\$ 453,485.20	\$ 411,267.30	\$ 1,928.00	\$ 413,195.30			
Change Order #1					\$ 15,012.60	\$ 15,012.60	\$ 0	\$ 15,012.60			
LUMP SUM					\$ 15,012.60	\$ 15,012.60	\$ 0	\$ 15,012.60			
					\$ 1.00	\$ 15,012.60	\$ 0	\$ 15,012.60			

Contract Total to Date: \$ 428,207.90
Less Retainage: \$ -
Subtotal: \$ 428,207.90
Less Previous Payments: \$ 417,754.30
Due This Estimate: \$ 10,453.60

The undersigned Contractor certifies that all previous payments received from the Owner for work done under this contract have been applied to discharge in full all obligations the Contractor has incurred in connection with the work covered by said progress payments. The undersigned Contractor agrees to pay all subcontractors within 10 days of receipt of payment from the Owner for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to pay interest as described under Minnesota statute.

Contractor: Oliver H. [Signature] Date: 8/7/15
Engineer: _____ Date: _____
Owner: _____ Date: _____



MEMORANDUM

TO: Harris Township Board
FROM: Glen D. Hodgson, PE 
DATE: August 7, 2015
RE: Road Update for August 12, 2015 Meeting
SEH No. HARRT 132049 14.00

Crack Sealing

The Contractor arrived in Harris Township on August 6. They started work on Wesleyan Drive but were rained out after working just a few hours. Work will continue and will likely be done before the Board meeting. That is, the "traditional" crack sealing will be done. Our wide crack repair work will be done by a different crew that is scheduled to be here later in the month.

Underwood Road (west)

Work has begun on Underwood Road. As of the date of this memo, all the ditching work and all the culvert work has been completed. Paving is scheduled for next Monday, so this project will also likely be done by the time of the Board meeting.

Pavement Repair work

Also completed since the last Board meeting that I attended was the pavement repair work on Alicia Place, Sunny Beach Road, and Birch Street.

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July 31, 2015

MICHELE SMITH
HARRIS TOWNSHIP
CLERK
30037 HARRIS TOWN RD
GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744

HARRIS TOWNSHIP 2016 TOWN AID NOTICE

2016 CERTIFIED TOWN AID FOR HARRIS TOWNSHIP: \$1,332

All incorporated towns are eligible to receive Town Aid. Town Aid is a general-purpose aid that can be used for any lawful expenditure and is intended to provide property tax relief. Your 2016 Town Aid will be paid in two equal installments on July 20, 2016 and December 26, 2016.

Your payable 2015 Township Aid was certified in 2014. The first installment of the payable 2015 aid was paid July 20, 2015. The second installment will be paid December 26, 2015.

Township Aid is calculated using the following factors:

- Adjusted net tax capacity of agricultural property compared to the adjusted net tax capacity of all other property
- Total land and water acreage
- Population

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please email PropTax.Admin@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Kristie Strum
State Program Administrator, Senior
651-556-6074

Minutes from:

COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES TEAM MEETING

Collaboration to improve efficiency, maintain service levels and save money while preserving our individual community identities.

Please note assignments in RED

July 21, 2015

The next meeting will be August 19 at the Cohasset City Hall.

Present: Mike Fall (LaPrairie), Greg Tuttle (Cohasset), Burl Ives (Harris), Ed Zabinski (Grand Rapids), Max Peters (Cohasset), Mike Fall (LaPrairie), Lynn DeGrio (Grand Rapids), Jeff Davies (Grand Rapids), Tarry Edington (Arbo), Peggy Smith (Coleraine) and Mary Jo Wimmer, facilitator.

Collaborative Wins/Open Market

Grand Rapids: There has been more building permit dollar value in the first 6 months of this year than at any time in the past 8 years. Continuing the natural gas collaboration with a private entity and Cohasset.

LaPrairie: Has contracted with Grand Rapids for financial services and is negotiating for maintenance services with the Public Utilities Commission. They have created a mini-roundabout to test the concept in the city as a part of the Safe Street plan. LaPrairie is considering opting out of the Greenway Recreation Board. There is a site in LaPrairie being considered for a new District 318 elementary school. Greenway also needs an elementary school and this seems like it could be an opportunity for collaboration.

Cohasset: Has hired a security consultant who acts as a bridge to the Sheriff's Dept.

Harris – Has proposed a new ATV trail open house meeting. The County is collaborating with the ATV club and Wildwood Township. A map will be created with snowmobile trails on the front and ATV trails on the back. Harris Township would like to piggy-back with other local municipalities to save money on road projects. They are exploring combining bids with the county for assistance with bid administration and coordination.

Arbo – The Prairie River Gorge area is moving toward all public ownership. Arbo is collaborating with the DNR and the County for this.

Coleraine – Has formed a committee with Bovey to look at joining their police departments. They need a new building site for the safety building because of soil conditions.

IT Services – Ed will talk with Kathy Koda about IT services.

Future Vision of this Collaboration

- We brainstormed a list of elected officials and staff to reach out to. Assignments as follows:
 - Deer River – Tom Pagel
 - Davin Tinquist – not at this time
 - Bob Steen, Bovey – Tom Pagel
 - Tara De Guiseppi – too busy
 - Greenway Township/Jay Kohler – John Tourila
 - Taconite/Lloyd Garwell – Peggy
 - Wabana/Lauri Miltich – Ed Zabinski
 - Trout Lake Township/Liz Shoberg, Jeanne Newstrom – Peggy Smith
 - Warba/Leo Trunt – maybe
 - Blackberry township/ – Mike Fall
 - Ken Halbrick/Harris – Burl Ives
- Tarry will contact Tim Johnson, Community Coordinator for northern Itasca County, to invite him to our September meeting. We hope to learn how their collaborative works and what lessons we can learn from them.

Alie McInerney from the Blandin Foundation attended to discuss the role of PR and if and how we should be using it.

- Who is our audience? Other LGU that aren't at the table. Other team members in each LGU. Others?
- Establish a common language about what we do here.

Alie will attend our August meeting to continue this discussion.\

Requests for funding for collaborative training and for facilitation of this group have been submitted to the Blandin Foundation.

Meeting locations are as follows:

- August 19 – Cohasset
- September 22 – Coleraine
- October – La Prairie

➤ November – Grand Rapids City Hall

Topics of Discussion for the August meeting

- Pending grant application for funding for this collaboration
- Pending grant application for collaborative culture training
- Health Insurance
- Public Relations

Mary Jo Wimmer

Mary Jo Wimmer Consulting

mjwimmer80@gmail.com

NOTICE:

Harris Town Board

Work Session

Monday, August 17, 2015

11:30am – 1:00pm

DRAFT

Harris Town Hall

Purpose: Town Board will meet with Paul Donna, Managing Director, Robert W. Baird & Co. to discuss the bonding process as an option for the township to fund major road reconstruction and overlays.

This meeting is open to the public.

Posted August 12, 2015

Michele Smith, Harris Township Clerk

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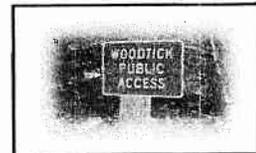
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Harris Township Public Accesses

Harris Township maintains four boat accesses on Pokegama Lake. Three of these landings contain docks at least 24' long x 4' wide. Portable bathrooms are available for use at all landings during the months May - Oct.

Woodtick Public Access

30901/30895 Sunny Beach Road A
 smaller landing, no dock on site.

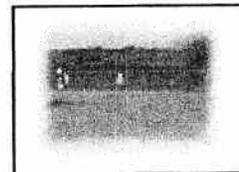


Mishawaka Landing

21631 Mishawaka Road.
 This beautiful Public Access has a dock and a picnic area. Please responsibly enjoy our lovely Pokegama Lake landing!

LaPlant Road Public Access

31518 LaPlant Road
 Nestled on the Pokegama Lake shore, this picturesque spot is easily accessed.



Casper Public Access

28943 Sunny Beach Road
 This access area is also known as the Troop Town Landing. Popular place for boaters in the summer.



Do you have newsletter tips, ideas or questions??

Contact:

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 Cyndy Martin 259-8237
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We have new features, "Meet your Neighbor" and "Getting to Know a Township Business"

Facts & Figures Becky Adams, Treasurer

Harris Township is a township in Itasca County, Minnesota. The population was 3,253 at the 2010 census.

The township has a total area of 35.9 square miles, of which 31.9 square miles is land and 4.0 square mile is water.

We own and maintain approximately 32.5 miles of roads; of these, about 25 miles are paved and 7.5 are gravel.

Harris Township was named for Duncan Harris, a pioneer farmer.

Harris Township 2015 Meeting Schedule

The Harris Town Board will meet on the following dates in 2015, with the meetings starting at 7:30 p.m., and held at the Harris Town Hall, 21998 Airport Road.

Regular Meetings:	Planning & Development Meetings:
1st and 3rd Wed. of the month)	(Fourth Wed. of the month)
August 12	August 26
September 9	September 23
October 14	October 28
November 10	November 18
December 9	

“Getting to Know a Township Business”

Clayton Produce is owned by Ben and Tammy Clayton. They farm on land owned by Ben’s parents Mike and Linnea, who purchased the farm 35 years ago. Ben has been growing produce for the past ten years. In addition, he also farms approximately 300 acres around the area, growing field corn, barley, oats, and soy beans.

The main produce crop of the farm is sweet corn. The corn should be ready to harvest near the end of July or the beginning of August. In addition to sweet corn, green beans, pumpkins, squash, a variety of potatoes, summer squash, onions, several types of peppers, eggplant, cantaloupe and watermelon are grown. The farm also has 1,300 cherry tomato plants plus a 26’ x 80’ greenhouse with regular tomatoes.

The produce requires both mechanical and hand weeding. In addition, the crops are hand harvested with the exception of the green beans. A machine was purchased last year to harvest the beans, which has helped out a lot. Watering this year has been a real problem, and a great expense, due to the dry condition. During harvest time 5 to 6 people are hired to help.

Clayton Produce is set up at the old K-Mart parking lot and will open when the sweet corn is ready. For the best sweet corn in town, visit Clayton’s.



Roads, Work & Summer!

Within the next few weeks (probably in the first half of August), a pavement maintenance contractor will be working on various Township Roads. The roads in question are Underwood Road (east of Wendigo Park Road), Winston-Taylor Road, the LaPlant Road boat landing, Mishawaka Road, Wesleyan Drive, Mishawaka Shores Trail, East Harris Road, and Norberg Drive.

The work to be done involves sealing existing cracks in the bituminous pavement. Cracks will be routed out, cleaned with a high volume blower, treated with a heat lance, and finally filled with a rubberized sealant.

Great news!!!

ICTV is now Live Streaming Harris Township Meetings. Watch from the comfort of your home, live on your TV or PC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

<http://watchictv.org/content/ictv-live-stream>

Past meetings can be viewed at:

<http://watchictv.org/content/harris-township>

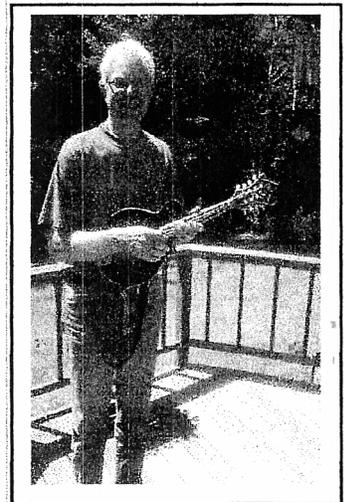


“Meet your Neighbor” Lloyd LaPlant

Lloyd has been a resident of Harris Township most of his life. The LaPlant Road was named after his father, William, who owned the LaPlant Resort. The forty acres of land on the resort property was divided up amongst the 11 LaPlant children, 8 boys and 3 girls. They all lived within the radius of three miles at one time with the exception of one brother, who lived in Grand Rapids. There are 4 remaining children, Ron, Lawrence (String), Alice and Lloyd, all living in Harris Township. Lloyd and Bev, his wife had 5 children, one girl (who has passed away) and 4 boys. The boys all live in Minnesota.

Lloyd worked his whole life as a self-employed carpenter. He built many nice homes in this area. In 1959, he began building mandolins and guitars as a hobby. He built many, many different varieties of these two instruments. To date, he has crafted over 400 and still is making them. Lloyd is pictured on the side with one of his instruments he hand crafted. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling around the area attending and playing at various places for their music weekends. He plays on the third weekend of the month at the Itasca County Fairgrounds, where a number of bands and individuals come together to enjoy music. Lloyd and Bev also traveled to Missouri to play at a music event.

He is a charter member of the Vintage Car Club. He owns a '32 Ford Coupe Street Rod, a '31 Chevy Town Car, and a '33 Ford Coupe Sedan.



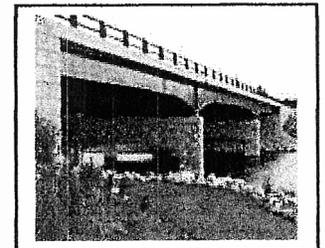
Summer is Here! By Michele Smith, Clerk

I would guess that most everyone is glad that it finally feels like summer. Along with sunny days and warmer temperatures comes opportunities for outdoor recreation.

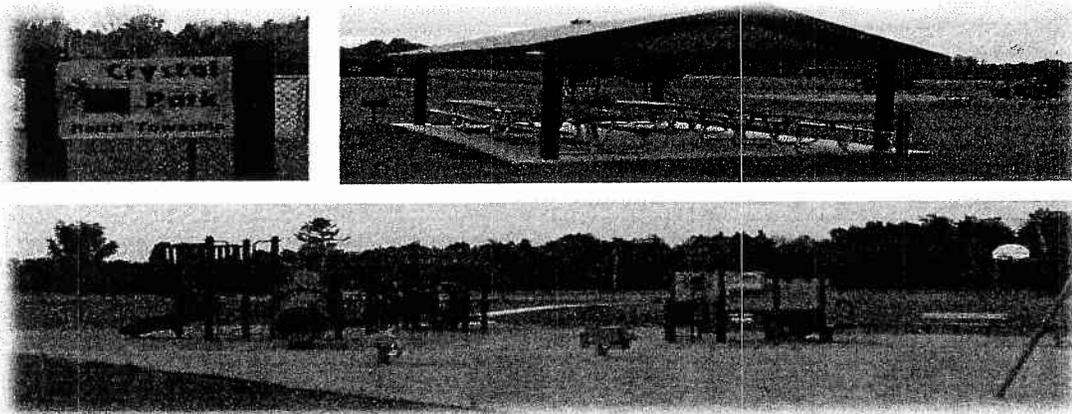
As I drive around our township, I am reminded of all the great recreational facilities that we have to offer our residents and visitors. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight one of those areas: Crystal Park. **CRYSTAL PARK** is located off of Crystal Springs Road, about 1/2 mile from Zorbaz Restaurant.

At this park, you will find a covered picnic pavilion with 2 grills, 6 picnic tables, and four electrical outlets. You may reserve this pavilion, at no charge, by contacting the clerk, Michele Smith at michelesmithclerk@msn.com or 218-327-9930.

For recreation, this park contains two tennis courts with benches, a full basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a horse-shoe pit, a large sandy playground area with benches, a baseball field with bleachers, a horseshoe court, and a skating rink with warming shack. A portable bathroom is maintained here all year long. This park has a fence around it, with several pedestrian by-pass entrances.



We now have wireless at the Harris Town Hall!



Harris Township
c/o Michele Smith, Clerk
30037 Harris Town Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

“Harris Township Newest Board Supervisor” Ken Haubrich

My name is Ken Haubrich. I have been appointed to fill the vacated Township Supervisor’s position. My wife, Frances, and I have been married for 28 years and have lived in Harris Township for 20 years. We have 4 children, all boys, and 9 grandchildren. I’m retired.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Harris Township Board of Supervisors. I am learning there is more to the position than is apparent from attending meetings. There will be issues to be dealt with in the future and it will take all the board members working as a team to find the right solutions for the citizens of this township.

Please call, text, or email me with your concerns and issues. I welcome your input, ideas, and suggestions. If I’m not available to take your call please leave a message. Both phone numbers have an answering service so please tell me your concern or suggestion and if you want me to return your call. You may contact me by:

Home phone: 327-1351

Cell phone: 244-6382

Email: kshaubrich@q.com

Cemetery Sexton:
Michele Smith
327-9930
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