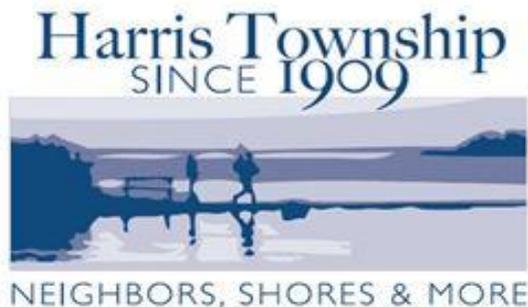


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Mission Statement:
 The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

2015 Township Election & Annual Meeting

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TOWN ELECTION BALLOT TOWN OF HARRIS, MINNESOTA MARCH 10, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:
 To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

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TOWN TREASURER TOWN OF HARRIS VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> BECKY ADAMS <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any



**Township
 Election &
 Annual Town
 Meeting:
 Tuesday March
 10, 2015**

The next **township election** for Supervisor positions (C), (D), and (E) and one Treasurer will be held **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**. Polls will be open from **noon to 8:00pm** at the Harris Town Hall. The Township election is followed by the Annual Town Meeting which typically convenes about 15 minutes following the close of the polling place. This is **YOUR Meeting!**

Do you have newsletter tips, ideas or questions??

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We have new features, "Meet your Neighbor" and "Getting to Know a Township Business"

Jim Kelly, Supervisor

I am more of a face to face kind of person, so this not my strong suit. Being my first year on the Township Board has been quite the learning experience. Sitting on the other side of the table per say, gives one a different point of view, as you are trying to look at everything through the eyes of the township's residents and not just your own. I do feel that the Board in the past has done a god job in maintaining the township's interests with the resources we have. With the change to a 5 member board you get more discussion, which can lead to a better decision in the end. So far, I have had a hard time getting used to cameras; once again a new experience. Everyone says I will get used to it; I hope so. The biggest thing we have on our plate is the issue of what to do with the roads that need resurfaced. This has led to much discussion and bonding has been a hot topic. I am not a fan of bonding as I feel once those doors open it's hard to close them. If any residents have any thoughts I would love to hear from you, as I do represent the residents of Harris Township. I am also looking forward to serving another term if elected.

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	Planning & Development
Meetings: (Second Wed. of the month)	Meetings: (Fourth Wed. of the month)
March 11	March 25
April 8	April 22
May 13	May 27
June 10	June 24
July 8	July 22
August 12	August 26
September 9	September 23
October 14	October 28
November 10	November 18
December 9	

“Meet Your Neighbor”

Mario (Mickey) Sonaglia is a very well-known Harris Township resident. He was born in Hibbing in 1940. Upon graduating from Hibbing High School, he attended Hibbing Community College for two years. In 1961, Mickey married Roberta (Bobbi) Stenglein. They moved to Grand Rapids in 1963. In 1965 they bought their home on Woodland Park Road in Harris Township, where they have lived ever since. They have two sons – Mike (1963) and Mark

(1965). In addition, each of their children has a boy and a girl, giving them 4 grandchildren.

You will remember Mickey as the meat cutter at Gordy’s Food Store. He worked there for 39 years before retiring in 2002. You will never go by Sonaglia’s with receiving a big happy wave and welcome. Mickey will always help you out in a pinch with a smile on his face. He lives to fish and hunt.

Mickey feels we have a

very nice township. He is very happy with his road. He would love to see more parking at the boat landings. In addition, he would like to see a swimming beach for the kids.



Gary Rosato Supervisor/Chair “Annual Township Day”

A very special day is approaching as every year in March. The second Tuesday is always reserved throughout the state for Township Day. This year Township Day is on March 10th. Harris Township will have election of offices and the Annual meeting reporting of last year’s accomplishments and future budget levies (township taxes). As stated in our Minnesota Assn’ of Townships newspaper no other form of local government in the state has a day that allows direct citizen involvement. This is Grassroots government at its finest. Township day with the annual meeting is a time for residents to take part in their local government. Township residents get explanations of board functions and help determine the levies set forth as well as express concerns of township matters. Come out the evening of March 10th and meet the Harris board members and your neighbors in Harris Township. After all this is “Neighbors helping Neighbors” in the Land of “Neighbors, Shores and More”.

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>



“Getting to Know a Township Business”

Figgins Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc. is owned and operated by Todd and Jackie Figgins. Todd grew up and had spent most of his life in Harris Township. Todd and Jackie built their present house on 1996 on a thirty acre plot which surrounds Crystal Springs Park. In 1993, the Figgins started the single man business on 169 South. The shop was expanded in 1997 to 2 employees, in 2000 to 4 employees, 2005 to 6 employees and presently has 7+ employees. The primary customers are commercial vehicles owners including logging, construction, delivery and over the road.

Figgins handles all types of commercial tires and also does tire repair. Todd is very happy with the great opportunity he has experienced in his business. The location is excellent and he has been blessed with wonderful employees. He appreciates the great customers of the Greater Grand Rapids area and has enjoyed working with them for the past 22 years.

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Burl Ives, Supervisor 259-1279

Why am I running for reelection of Harris Township supervisor?
I think there's room for some positive changes in the future for Harris Township and I would enjoy being involved in that. I would focus our Tax dollars on maintaining and upgrading Harris Township roads, of which there are many miles of roads that need to be addressed. There are many other things we need to work on as well, such as getting Broadband Internet and Natural Gas to our Township. I always want to hear from Harris residents, if you have concerns or ideas, please contact me!
I would like to keep working for the people of Harris Township, so vote for me on March 10th; polls open at 12:00 noon and close at 8pm I will see you at the annual meeting at 8:15pm that evening.
I have lived in Harris Township for 26 years. I've been married to my lovely wife Kris for 17 years, we have two great children: Samantha 13 and Tommy 9. Kris and I work together in the hospitality business. Here are some of the organizations and boards I've been involved in our community.

- Harris Township Supervisor
- Board member of Minnesota Lodging Association
- Board member and past President of Visit Grand Rapids
- Blandin Foundation Leadership Program Alumni
- Past President of Itasca county Trail Task Force
- Past board member of Grand Rapids Chamber

Thank you,
Burl Ives
259-1279



Noxious Weed Law

Dennis Kortekaas Supervisor

MN Noxious Weed Law (MN Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial, or perennial plant injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property.

To learn more, go to: www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol

Please contact me if any questions arise or you have any concerns.

Dennis Kortekaas Local Weed Inspector 326-1882 or 256-0932



*We now have
 wireless at
 the Harris
 Town Hall!*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

What has the Maintenance Supervisor Been Doing? By Larry Key

In March we as Harris township board have an organizational meeting to assign supervisors and members of the board to special tasks and for 15 years I have been appointed maintenance supervisor.

I work with our two maintenance people on all issues in the Township, cemetery, roads, parks, public accesses, buildings, equipment, and whatever else comes up for maintenance. I also work with grading contractors on gravel roads, to assign roads to be graded, some roads are little traffic roads and only need graded once in the spring and once in the fall. Some are higher traffic roads and need graded as much as twice a month depending on traffic and condition of road.

We also used Dust Guard on some of the higher traffic roads and I work with grader operator and the application of Dust Guard , this needs to be applied after the road has been graded and the road is dry.

I get quotes and look for the best contractors for repairs and maintenance on black top roads, crack filling and sometimes emergency repairs. Also shouldering on black top roads. This is done by our maintenance crew. I also work with contractors on the removal and also property owners if the leaning tree is off the right of way.

I work with maintenance crew on purchase of equipment for the Township, I get quotes from dealers who offer government discounts and I purchase all equipment with board approval for the township.

I also work with maintenance and clerk, funeral homes, monument companies and residents on Cemetery issues.

In the summer months, June, July and August the township hires a summer intern to work with our maintenance crew, someone going to college, they are hired through Express Employment. I interview the candidates and hire one for the summer work. Also in the winter months we hire warming house attendance for the ice rinks. I interview the candidate and usually have four attendants, two for Crystal and two for Wendigo. I also set up a schedule for them, and Sunday I make rounds and check the rinks and also pick up the time sheets so myself and maintenance crew can fax it to Express by Monday at noon.

I work with FEMA on storm damage if it is available also power companies, tree removal contractors and stump removal.

I work with maintenance and Mike Hendricks on parks. Mike and I make inspections of parks, cemetery, and grounds at Town Hall, Wendigo, Crystal, Wendigo Picnic area to determine what we can do to make them better for our residents.

I also work with Glenn Hodgson, SEH engineer on road issues that come up. We make gravel road inspections on gravel roads before and after roads are graveled. We also do inspections on blacktop roads before and after roads are done.

I work with the sheriff's department with trees blocking a road and also vandalism in the township.

This is a few of the tasks the maintenance supervisor has been doing. I enjoy working for the residents of Harris Township. Thank you all.