

**Harris Town Board  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 13, 2016 at 7:30pm  
Minutes**

Regular Meeting held at Harris town Hall Wednesday April 13 at 7:30 pm. Called to Order by Chairman Rosato. Supervisors Ives, Kelly, Haubrich, and Kortekaas were present, Treasure Becky Adams and clerk Cari Ann Alleman were also present

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

**Consider approval of Minutes** from Annual Board of Canvas on March 8, regular Meeting March 9, Work Session March 22, Reorganizational and P & D March 23, Work Session March 30. . Note: The *draft* minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 2015 are included for review/correction only, as the they will not be officially approved until the March 2017 Annual Meeting.

Supervisor Kortekaas Motioned Supervisor Haubrich Seconded- Discussion: Ives- recreation boat landing plan to fix boat or enlarge boat landings this fall or winter Motioned passed

**Business from the floor**

**Consent Agenda**

**Roads**

- Matt Wegwerth -Township Road Engineer from S E H
- Proposals for the road projects for 2016
  - Introduced Jayson Newman as he will be helping with Harris Township, new employee of SEH
  - Certificate of final payment for Underwood road-consider approval of request for payment
  - Final payment for Underwood road. Matt asked for final payment Supervisor Kelly motioned to pay the final bill for Underwood road seconded by Supervisor Ives Motion Passed by All
  - Grading proposals- consider proposals received
    - Roads need to be graded- waiting for Matt and the next P & D meeting, all gravel roads are bad, need to be done. Still waiting for bids from contractors. Schwartz- see if they will grade at the same rate as last year, motioned by Supervisor Kelly, Supervisor Kortekaas second Discussion: Supervisor Haubrich called and they did not want to grade until they had a contract signed. Supervisor Rosato- to Public: please have patience for grading we are working on it. Supervisor Haubrich will contact to see if they will come- Motion Passed by all
    - 2016 road project, memo outlines bids, one bidder Hawkinson Construction bid split in 3 sections, Base, Alt 1, and Alt 2- we have 45 days to let Hawkinson to know if they get the bid. Matt would like to award the base bid and talk about adding on the either of the two other bids. When we award we let them know the whole project the base plus one of the alts or not. Isleview and Burch, (alt. 2) roads are worse. Discussion: we need to get the job done, we have part of it but we need to look at the budget and see where we can look at stretching the dollar. Work Session to see where the budget is to get the job done. Work session on April 19 at 6 pm at the service center, motioned by Supervisor Kelly, Seconded by Supervisor Haubrich Motion Passed by all
- Other road issues/concerns/comments?
  - Supervisor Haubrich- Culverts supply, instead of us purchasing just order when we need. We need to make sure it's the 30 feet the two pieces. Pipeline supply will have them in stock to purchase when needed.

- Supervisor Ives had information on a class for learning about roads from Bargain Inc. called they have mentioned about learning about products wanted to extend the class to us as a township. Sealer “no go gap” April 21 is the date in Walker, will pass on the flier, Vandyke over lay the road, fill the cracks, and level the road. Free of charge to all who attend. New road this year and they need to be attended too. 9 am – 3pm Northern Light Casino, gap banding materials and filler. Supervisor Haubrich will attend.
- Consider approval of “application for utility permit” Keyview Road- New construction
  - Supervisor Kortekaas motioned Supervisor Kelly seconded Motion passed
- Consider setting meeting for Annual Road inspection
  - Table until P & D meeting April 27, motioned by Supervisor Rosato and Supervisor Huabrich Seconded, Passed all
  - Road clean up- we need more handle piker uppers- April 21 5:00 pm, in remembrance to our maintenance workers who passed away.

## 6. Recreation

- Wondering about flower out front of building- planters flowers purchasing and Supervisor Kortekaas motioned Supervisor Ives seconded, Discussion: \$200 at the most for flowers Passed by all
- garage sales- are a no go
- Boat landings look and see how to fix- maintenance crew fixed but the wave action washed it all away, need profession to help to see what can be done. Supervisor Kelly to work on that. Supervisor Haubrich wants to go with to check, Supervisor Ives to help fix erosion talked to DNR and Army Corp of Engineers, manmade problem need help to fix, not in the budget to fix all financially, need an idea of how to help, DNR will help anyway possible.

## 7. Correspondence

- Non action – in binders

## 8. Old Business

- Employee handbook
  - Table the handbook until May 25<sup>th</sup> and then set a date to go over, Supervisor Kelly motioned, Supervisor Haubrich seconded passed all.
- Consider increasing election judge rate from \$10-\$11 and hour on the compensation Policy page.
  - Suggested to follow what the county does, Election official in county will be going up to \$11. Asked for us to be Equal. Supervisor Haubrich motioned to raise the rate to \$11.00 Supervisor Ives seconded passed by all.
- Confirm two year agreement for portable bathrooms with Northland Portables
  - Wanted to be sure we are good with the two year contract.- Supervisor Kelly talked to Northland and they would like to move them, because there are wholes in front of the facilities and we could move the houses to fill the holes in front of bathroom

## 9. New Business

- Consider approval of the clerk going to the Legal training in Burnsville
  - Supervisor Ives motioned to approve Supervisor Kelly second, lodging, mileage, registration of short course passed by all

- Consider approval of purchase of Pole Saw for the maintenance crew
  - Both Ace and L& M are the same price, Supervisor Kelly motioned to accept, Supervisor Kortekaas seconded, Discussion: gas would be cheaper, and bulky, and hard to use when getting up on the higher ladder, batteries would be easier and more maneuverable Motioned passed by Ken, Jim, Gary, Dennis, and Ives opposed

**10. Treasurer’s Report** – dated April 13, 2016 (March 1- 31, 2016 financials)

- Supervisor Kortekaas motioned to approve treasurer report, Supervisor Ives seconded, passed all

**11. Approve payment of bills** for April 2016

- Supervisor Ives motioned to pay bills, seconded by supervisor Haubrich passed by all

ON the topic of a resident who would like us to vacate a piece of property, Shaw: no action taken by him, resident who is making request has to hire an attorney to get the easement, opinion by Shaw say we could vacate the space, but the resident has to hire an attorney to draw up the paperwork.

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

**13. Upcoming events and meetings**

- Wed. April 27 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
- Tues, April 19 Work Session..... 6:00 pm Service center
- Thur April 21 Garbage Pick-up..... 5 pm cemetery
- Wed. May 4 Board of Appeal and Equalization..... 9:00 am Harris Town Hall
- Mon. May 9 Itasca Township Association Meeting..... 7:00pm Blandin Foundation
- Wed. May 11 Regular Township meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
- Wed. May 25 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall

**14. Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Cari Ann Alleman – Clerk of Harris Township