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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.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING January 25, 2017 – 7:30pm AGENDA

1. **Pledge to the flag-** reading of our mission statement
2. **Business from the Floor**
 - Appoint Jay Bowers to the board
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - The board interviewed 6 people for the supervisor seat C.
 - The board meet on January 15 with John Powers for the purpose of the Comprehensive plan. The board went over the entire plan with John and made the necessary meetings to move forward with the plan.
4. **Roads**
 - Twp. Construction Updates
5. **Recreation**
6. **Town Hall Report**
 - Review town hall report as prepared by town hall caretaker, dated 1-9-16
7. **Maintenance Report:** 12/1/16-12/31/16
8. **Old Business**
 - Comprehensive Plan- dates for the upcoming meetings are: Public Meeting February 15 6 pm at the Town Hall; Draft Copy of the Comp plan to the public March 15 @ 6 pm Town hall.
 - News Letter
9. **New Business**
 - Meeting schedule for the year
10. **Public Input**
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11. **Upcoming meetings/events**
 - Mon, Feb. 13 Itasca County Township Association Meeting..... 7:00 PM Blandin Foundation
 - Wed. Feb. 8 Regular Meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
 - Wed. Feb. 22 Planning & Development Meeting..... 7:30pm Harris Town Hall
 - Wed. Feb. 15 Public Meeting for the Comp Plan..... 6:00pm Harris Town Hall
 - Mon. Jan. 30 Board of Audit..... 6:00pm Harris Town Hall

- Wed. Feb. 6 Budget Meeting..... 6:00pm Harris Maintenance center
- Wed. Feb. 13 Budget meeting..... 5-7 pm Blandin Foundation
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12. Adjourn

Weekly Maintenance Plan for December 5th – December 9th 2016

Task to be completed	Estimated hours	Priority
Record receipts and time sheets for the month	3	2
Fill out daily time sheets	6	2
Meeting time for the week	6	2
Fill out weekly work plan for following week	2	3
Chip up the limbs on the roadside from the recent snow storm	12	1
Meeting with members of the board about the employee handbook	4	3
Make inspections of parks and boat landings	4	3
Paint the inside of the dump box on the Chevrolet dump truck and Adjust side door latch	3 ½	3
Clean up limbs around the Wendigo Park from the recent snow storm. (Weather Permitting)	12	1
Cut brush away from fence line at the LaPlant Boat Landing	1 ½	3
Recycle the old 4ft fluorescent bulbs	1	1
Replace the "End Of Maintenance" sign at the end of Melody Ln.	1	2
Cut down dead trees in the cul-de-sac area on Alicia Pl.	3	2
Wash and wax Chevrolet Pickup truck	3	2
Wash John Deere 1445 and remove Air intake tube	1	2
Finish burial forms	1	3
Vacation time (Dan)	16	**

Derrick

12/5/16

- Snowplow Ruff Shores Rd. ½ hr
- Snowplow LaPlant, Mishawaka, and Casper boat landings 1 hr
- Snowplow Crystal Park ½ hr
- Snowplow the Town Hall 1 ½ hr
- Snowplow Wendigo Park ½ hr
- Snowplow Cemetery 1 ½ hr

- Snowplow Service Center 1 ½ hr
- Clean, sweep, and mop the Service Center meeting area ½ hr
- Called the Veterans Service about a Veteran plate. As we talked we noticed that we don't have the Veteran buried at the cemetery so, I left a message with the Veterans office at the Court house to figure it out. ½ hr

Derrick

12/6/16

- Snowplow Ruff Shores Rd. ½ hr
- Snowplow LaPlant, Mishawaka, and Casper boat landings 1 hr
- Snowplow Crystal Park ½ hr
- Snowplow the Town Hall 1 ½ hr
- Snowplow Wendigo Park ½ hr
- Snowplow Cemetery 1 ½ hr
- Snowplow Service Center 1 ½ hr
- Brought in old fluorescent light bulbs to recycle at Ace Hardware ½ hr
- Talked with Veterans Services again today and the Stone will be ordered after the burial process is completed, this means after all of the documentation is processed. I spoke with Mrs. Rush about this as well so everybody is informed on the details now. Also, they will be waiting until spring time to bury her brother, Larry Hongo. ½ hr

Dan

12/7/16

- Snowplow Casper boat landing ½ hr
- Snowplow Service Center 1 hr
- Snowplow Wendigo Park ½ hr
- Snowplow the Cemetery 1 ½ hr
- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Worked on entering in information into the computer files ½ hr
- Cleaned snow from hockey rinks at both parks and cleaned up areas around the warming shacks for foot traffic 3 ½ hr

Derrick

12/7/16

- Snowplow Ruff Shores Rd. ½ hr
- Snowplow LaPlant, Mishawaka 1 hr
- Snowplow Crystal Park ½ hr
- Snowplow the Town Hall 1 ½ hr
- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Picked up fuel for the tank in the back of the pickup and fueled up the

- pickup truck ½ hr
- Cleaned snow from hockey rinks at both parks and cleaned up areas around the warming shacks for foot traffic 3 ½ hr

Derrick

Date: 12/8/16

- Clean meeting room. 1 ½ hr
- Push drifts up at Crystal. ½ hr
- Start flooding Crystal. 6 hrs

Dan

Date: 12/8/16

- Work on burial forms. ½ hr
- Plow shop. ½ hr
- Plow cemetery. 1 hr
- Start flooding Wendigo. 6 hrs

Dan

12/9/16

- Meeting with Ken and Becky about budgets 2 hr
- Finish receipts and time sheet paperwork 2 hr
- Finish weekly work plan for following week 1 hr
- Flood Wendigo rink 3 hr

Derrick

12/9/16

- Meeting with Ken and Becky about budgets 2 hr
- Finish receipts and time sheet paperwork 2 hr
- Snowplow the Town hall ½ hr
- Finish weekly work plan for following week 1 hr
- Flood Crystal rink 2 ½ hr

• **Weekly Maintenance Plan December 12th – 16th 2016**

Task to be completed	Estimated hours	Priority
Flood both hockey rinks	48	2
Burial opening/closing for Kyle Kortekass	10	1
Meeting time	6	2
Meeting on the Employee handbook	2	1
Make weekly work plan for following week	2	3
Daily time sheets	4	3

Finish burial forms and turn in	4	3
Make inspections	4	3

Dan

12/12/16

- Open grave site for Kyle Kortekass in section 1. 4 ½ hr
- Meeting with Board members about adjustments to the Employee Handbook 2 hr
- Snowplow the Service Center ½ hr
- Snowplow the Cemetery ½ hr
- Finished time sheet paperwork for November ½ hr

Derrick

12/12/16

- Open grave site for Kyle Kortekass in section 1. 4 ½ hr
- Meeting with Board members about adjustments to the Employee Handbook 2 hr
- Snowplow the Ruff Shores Rd. ½ hr
- Snowplow Crystal Park ½ hr
- Finish time sheet paperwork for November ½ hr

Dan

12/13/16

- Close burial for Kyle Kortekass in section 1. 2 hr
- Spread sand and clean up snowdrifts around burial site ½ hr
- Flood Wendigo rink 4 hr
- Fill out burial form information 1 hr
- Snowplow Wendigo park ½ hr

Derrick

12/13/16

- Close burial for Kyle Kortekass in section 1. 2 hr
- Spread sand and clean up snowdrifts around burial site ½ hr
- Flood Crystal rink 4 hr
- Clean Service Center garage and unclog floor drain in attached garage 1 hr
- Fill out daily time sheets ½ hr

Derrick

Date: 12/14/16

- Plow Town hall. 1 ½ hr
- Plow Mishawaka landing. ½ hr
- Flood Crystal rink. 5 ½ hrs
- Plow Laplant landing. ½ hr

Dan

Date: 12/14/16

- Plow cemetery drifts. 1 hr
- Plow Casper landing. ½ hr
- Flood Wendigo rink. 6 ½ hrs

Derrick

Date: 12/15/16

- Flooded Crystal rink. 3 hrs
- Meeting with Ken. 1 hr
- Cemetery paper work. 4 hrs

Dan

Date: 12/15/16

- Clean snow off Wendigo rink and check ice fix holes in nets and put out. 2 hrs
- Meeting with Ken. 1 hr
- Cemetery scrape road and move snow banks back from drifts. 3 hrs
- Adjust right side dump box door on dump truck. ½ hr
- Work on cemetery burial sheets. 1 hr
- Work on burial cost for winter burials. ½ hr

Dan

12/16/16

- Made inspections at both parks 1 hr
- Made inspections of the Town Hall ½ hr
- Made inspections at all boat landings 1 hr
- Replaced End of Maintenance sign at the end of Melody Ln. ½ hr
- Checked the Tolerick Rd. cul-de-sac to see the condition of the gravel. – good ½ hr
- Filled out Weekly plan sheet ½ hr
- Looked over hockey rinks and filled in areas on the Wendigo Rink that had air pockets or ice was chipping away. 1 hr
- Worked on finishing the Wendigo Ballfield sign 3 hr

Derrick

12/16/16

- Made inspections at both parks 1 hr
- Made inspections of the Town Hall ½ hr
- Made inspections at all boat landings 1 hr
- Replaced End of Maintenance sign at the end of Melody Ln. ½ hr
- Checked the Tolerick Rd. culdesac to see the condition of the gravel. – good ½ hr
- Filled out Wekkly plan sheet ½ hr

- Filled out Inspection forms 1 hr
- Completed Burial Information lists 2 hr
- Looked over hockey rinks and filled in areas on the Wendigo Rink that had air pockets or ice was chipping away. 1 hr

Weekly Maintenance Plan for December 19th – December 23rd 2016

Task to be completed	Estimated hours	Priority
Clean and flood hockey rinks	12	1
Paint ceiling at the Town Hall	32	2
Wash and wax both trucks and the John Deere 1445	8	2
Inspect the ice at the hockey rinks for holes or hazardous cracks	10	1
Make inspections at both parks and all boat landings	4	3
Meeting time	6	2
Fill out daily time sheets	6	3
Make weekly work plan for following week	2	3

Dan

12/19/16

- Snowplow the Cemetery 1 hr
- Tested and changed flagpole light bulb at the Cemetery, old one had burnt Out ½ hr
- Snowplow Casper Boat landing and the Service Center 1 ½ hr
- Snow plow Wendigo Park ½ hr
- Remove snow from both hockey rinks and put water on random spots on the ice to patch up cracks and holes. 3 hr
- Set up tax exemption status with Tapco and ordered Bulletin Board from Tapco ½ hr
- Met with Jim and the rink attendants at both parks to discuss the duties and show the attendants where switches are for rink lights and heaters 1 hr

Derrick

12/19/16

- Snowplow the Town Hall 1 hr
- Snowplow Mishawaka and LaPlant boat landing and Ruff Shores Rd 1 ½ hr
- Snow plow Crystal Park ½ hr
- Remove snow from both hockey rinks and put water on random spots on the ice to patch up cracks and holes. 3 hr
- Fill out time sheet paperwork ½ hr
- Rolled up fire hose for flooding rinks and stored it in attached garage ½ hr
- Sweep garage floor in the Service Center garage ½ hr
- Sweep floor inside the Service Center meeting room and computer area ½ hr

Dan

Date: 12/20/16

- Check both rinks patch the holes on Crystal rink. 2 hrs
- Plow snow drifts on Vroman rd . 1 hr
- Plow drifts at cemetery. 1 hr
- Plow Town Hall parking lot. ½ hr
- Plow drifts Crystal parking lot.
- Washed both trucks waxed pickup. 2 hrs
- Washed JD 1445 tractor cleaned windows. ½ hr
- Worked on Bishop sign painted need to paint the letters yet. 1 hr

Derrick

Date: 12/20/16

- Vacation. 8 hrs

Dan

12/21/16

- Flooded Crystal rink and patched holes in ice, came back at the end of the day to check the condition. Still had soft spots. Patched up cracks in rink at Wendigo Park 3 ½ hr
- Ran to town and picked up supplies for painting the ceiling at the Town Hall and a veterans plate from the Veterans Office 1 hr
- Painted the ceiling at the Town Hall 3 ½ hr

Derrick

12/21/16

- Flooded Crystal rink and patched holes in ice, came back at the end of the day to check the condition. Still had soft spots. Patched up cracks in rink at Wendigo Park 3 ½ hr
- Ran to town and picked up supplies for painting the ceiling at the Town Hall and a veterans plate from the Veterans Office 1 hr
- Painted the ceiling at the Town Hall 3 ½ hr

Derrick

Date: 12/22/16

- Sweep of and shovel snow over the boards on Wendigo and Crystal rinks sprayed with water and squeegeed. 4 hrs
- Talked with Jim about Crystal rink not frozen yet so we locked the gate and put a sign on stating it's not frozen and will be closed. ½ hr

- Checked wendigo looks good but has some wet spots yet. Is open ½ hr
- Painted more of Town Hall ceiling. 3 hrs

Dan

Date: 12/22/16

- Sweep of and shovel snow over the boards on Wendigo and Crystal rinks sprayed with water and squeegeed. 4 hrs
- Talked with Jim about Crystal rink not frozen yet so we locked the gate and put a sign on stating it's not frozen and will be closed. ½ hr
- Checked wendigo looks good but has some wet spots yet. Is open ½ hr
- Painted more of Town Hall ceiling. 3 hrs

Dan

12/23/16

- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Checked both hockey rinks and fixed the holes at Wendigo Rink 1 hr
- Worked on weekly plan for following week 1 hr
- Finished first coat on the ceiling at the Town Hall, installed 2 new light covers in the meeting area of the Hall 5 ½ hr

Derrick

12/23/16

- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Checked both hockey rinks and fixed the holes at Wendigo Rink 1 hr
- Worked on weekly plan for following week 1 hr
- Finished first coat on the ceiling at the Town Hall, installed 2 new light covers in the meeting area of the Hall 5 ½ hr

Weekly Maintenance Plan for December 26th – 30th 2016

Task to be completed	Estimated hours	Priority
Paint second coat on ceiling and paint the Bathroom walls in the Town Hall	24	2
Clean off hockey rinks, check and flood as needed at both parks	12	2
Snow plow Township properties, parks, and boat landings	16	1
Fill out daily time sheets	6	2
Fill out weekly work plan	2	3
Meeting time	4	2
Holiday (Christmas) 12/26/16	16	1

12/26/16 Christmas Holiday

Dan

12/27/16

- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Cleaned off Wendigo rink and cleaned and flooded Crystal rink. Ice and snow was very difficult to remove from the hockey rinks due to weekend snow storm. 7 ½ hr

Derrick

12/27/16

- Meeting with Ken ½ hr
- Cleaned off Wendigo rink and cleaned and flooded Crystal rink. Ice and snow was very difficult to remove from the hockey rinks due to weekend snow storm. 7 ½ hr

Dan

Date: 12/28/16

- Plow Casper landing and Casper rd. ½ hr
- Plow shop driveway. 2 hrs
- Plow and scrape up snow and ice from Cemetery rd and parking lot. 4 1/2 hrs
- Plow Wendigo parking lot and check rink ice looks good. ½ hr
- Fueled ASV and checked oil. Needs fuel filter need to pick one up. ½ hr

Derrick

Date: 12/28/16

- Plow and scrape up snow and ice from Cemetery rd and parking lot. 3 hrs
- Plowed Mishawaka and Laplant landings 1 ½ hr
- Plowed Town hall lot and cleaned steps and walk ways. 3 hr
- Clean water up in garage from melting snow on equipment. ½ hr

Derrick

Date: 12/29/16

- Cleaned snow off Wendigo and Crystal rinks. 3 hrs
- Went to ASV picked up 2 fuel filters. ½ hr
- Picked up snow shovel to fix handle. Installed new bulb in light inside Wendigo warming house ½ hr
- Cleaned water from floor in side garage. Floor heat pilot keeps going out. 1 ½ hr
- Scraped up snow and plow parking lot Town hall. 2 ½ hrs

Dan

12/30/16

- Started making a new open/closed sign for Crystal Rink 1 hr
- Relight the pilot light on the water heater inside the Service Center garage.
Pilot light keep blowing out. The light seems to keep going out everytime
the exhaust fan turns on. ½ hr
- Worked on weekly plan for following week 1 hr
- Ran to Ace Hardware and picked up a new shovel for Wendigo Rink and emergency road kit for
the Chevrolet Dump Truck. ½ hr
- Inspected both hockey rinks and cleaned of Crystal Rink picked up garbage at Wendigo 2 ½ hr
- Painted the Mens Bathroom inside the town Hall 3 hr

Derrick

12/30/16

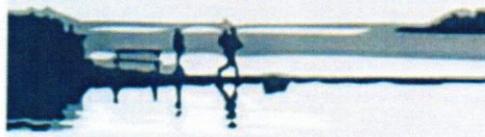
- Rolled up fire hose and stored away, cleaned up service Center garage 1 ½ hr
- Worked on weekly plan for following week 1 ½ hr
- Inspected both hockey rinks and cleaned of Crystal Rink 2 hr
- Painted the Mens Bathroom inside the town Hall 3 hr

NOTE: I was 15 minutes late due to a doctors appointment, approved by Supervisor Haubrich

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NEIGHBORS, SHORES & MORE

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Do you have newsletter tips, ideas or questions??

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We have new features, a recipe along with some history from our Township. Please enjoy this publication!

Newsletters will now be sent via email. If you would like to receive them, send a request to harristownshipclerk@gmail.com

You can also find it on our website or Facebook page!

Remembering Wendigo School

The Wendigo School, grades 1-8, was built on property donated by Justus Romans. The land for the baseball diamond and playground was donated by Lloyd Romans. The school was ready to for use in January 1917. This was the hub of the Wendigo Community.

Roads were built so children from all directions could attend here. The first Town Meeting for the Town of Harris occurred here. Elections were held in the school. The Farmers Club and a local PTA were organized and a "Union Sunday School" was also held on the property. An Athletic Association, with baseball and basketball were formed. Community picnics, graduations and dances were celebrated here. This was much more than just a classroom to the area.

The Wendigo School was closed in 1982.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Harris Township has undertaken to update its comprehensive plan. Last adopted in 2012, the Township's plan is being revised to better meet the emerging needs of the community relative to increasing property tax base, addressing recreational facility needs and considering other land use and development concerns in what is Itasca County's second largest unit of government in terms of population.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend the Community Planning Workshop scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Harris Town Hall. Meeting participants will engage in several interactive exercises that address: Harris Township's "sense of place" or the characteristics and attributes that make our community special; commercial development within the Highway 169 corridor; and Township boat accesses on Lake Pokegama. A copy of the current plan is available on the Township's website. Persons who cannot attend the meeting are encouraged to submit comments by email, post or by contacting the Town Board.

A subsequent public meeting will be held to Review the Draft Plan. This meeting will be Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Harris Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and suggest changes to the draft plan prepared by the planning consultant, and, discuss specific actions to be taken by the Township to implement the plan. A copy of the draft plan will be available on the Township's website prior to the meeting.

The Town has retained the services of planning consultant John Powers of Applied Insights North who assisted the Township with its prior comprehensive plans. Half the costs of this effort are underwritten by a grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

Know Your Neighbor!

Edmond and Janet Probst

Ed and Janet have lived on the LaPlant Road for 62 years in a house they built themselves. Ed served in the US Army from 1947 to 1950, with two of these years being at Yokahama, Japan. Upon discharge, Ed worked in Alaska building roads for the DOT. He lived in Alaska when it was still a Territory. Janet and Ed met and were married in 1953 and were both in Alaska for another year. They were in a very isolated area and their car had to be delivered via railroad.

Upon coming back to Minnesota, Ed worked for Swanson's Motors in the parts room for 35 years. After leaving Swanson's, Ed embarked on a new career as a locksmith. He tells of being called out to very remote areas at midnight to unlock cars, etc. Janet would accompany him traveling to cabins, on one lane roads through very muddy, swampy areas. Janet cleaned homes and resorts for a time before going to work at the Red Owl for 3 years. From the Red Owl, she cooked at the Wendigo School for 25 years.

During their marriage, they were blessed with 4 daughters. In their spare time, they traveled often through the Western States. They planted 17 acres of trees in hopes of harvesting them for Christmas. They were so busy the trees got away from them and were harvested for other purposes. They also enjoyed hunting and fishing. They belonged to the Wendigo Community Club. The purpose of the club was to do things for the community. They cleaned out an area on the LaPlant River just before it dumps into the Pokegama for boat access, built a little ski hill and planted a lot of trees, along with other projects. They have lived a very busy and adventurous life.



Wendigo School Chocolate Cookie Recipe -

A favorite amongst the children!

2 C Shortening 4 Eggs

2 C chocolate chips 2 C nuts

3 C Sugar (half white and brown)

1 tsp. Soda & 1 tsp salt

Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes or until brown.

Harris Township 2017 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: (Second Wed. of the month)	Planning & Development Meetings: (Fourth Wed. of the month)
February 08	February 22
March 08	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 24
June 14	June 28
July 12	July 26

Greetings from the Maintenance Crew of Harris Township

Memorial Day is a special time to remember those who have served our country. Harris Township holds a service every Memorial Day at the Harris Cemetery. The Maintenance Crew puts out the stars and flags for this service and over the years, the Harris Township board of supervisors and the Maintenance Crew have been notified periodically from people that their friend or relative was missing a star and a flag. This is not done intentionally. The only way that we know if someone has served in the armed forces is if it is already in our records or we are told by the Veterans Office or Funeral home. Otherwise, we do not have that information. Along with the services, we put out a clipboard on Memorial Day, for people to write down any Veteran that was missed. We will then update our records so the Veteran doesn't get missed in the future. If someone does get missed or if you have any questions, you can reach us at the Harris Township Service Center (218)326-6190.

Hello from Peggy Clayton, Supervisor C.....

I was appointed to the Harris Township Board in November 2016 and will be running for Supervisor C in March 2017. I am excited about many new projects, etc. on the horizon for Harris Township. One I will focus on in this newsletter is: **EMERGENCY BROADCASTING!**

As many of you remember the November storm that hit the entire Itasca County area, Harris Township roads were the "hot topic". Due to the impact of this storm, there were a few roads/areas in Harris Township that did not get plowed out for days. This brought the Supervisors together to discuss how we can better take care of the roads/constituents if we are placed in this position in the future. Thus.... the start of "Harris Township Emergency Broadcasting." All emergency broadcasts would include all emergency weather situations (tornados, flooding, storms/high winds, etc.) in Harris Township, and in and around Itasca County, as this online registration is a state system, as well.

We can pull together a system in place for constituents in Harris Township who have completed the "Code Red" application. What does this mean for you and how will this work? Simply put, for those constituents in Harris Township who have not completed the "Code Red" alert, now is your chance to not only be receiving emergency broadcasts for Harris Township, but also for Itasca County, and surrounding areas. This will also help Itasca County Sheriff Department add to their current data base. (NOTE: if you have already completed the 'Code Red" there is no need to do anything further!)

For those who would like to register for "Code Red", you can do so in one of two ways. 1) go online at: www.codered.com and complete the short application. This short application will ask you for your address and your phone number. The more phone numbers you can list, the more options of getting "code red" alerts on all your devices. 2) if you do not have access to a computer or do not feel you are computer savvy, you can contact our Clerk, Cari Ann Alleman, by email at: harristownshipclerk@gmail.com and she can email you the application or send it to you. Once you do get the application, you can complete it and drop it off at our Harris Township Maintenance Center located on Wendigo Park Road and we will take care of the rest for you!

We are all extremely excited to be able to add an additional means of communication to you, our constituents! Also, please continue to check out our Harris Township website and Harris Township Facebook page!

Until next time.....be safe! Peggy L. Clayton

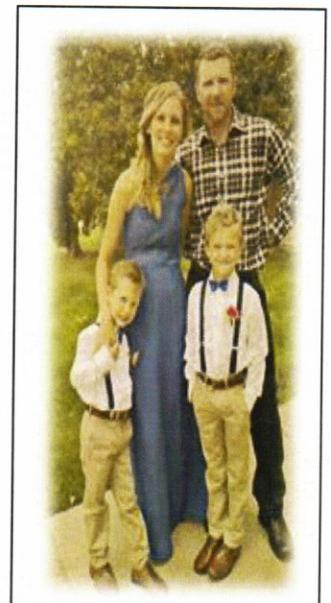


Many people are unaware of Joe's Garage. It is located near the intersection of 169S and the Southwood Road. Joe and his wife are both from the Grand Rapids area. Joe was raised near his Grandpa Melvin Mallum and got his love for mechanical work from him. Upon graduating from high school, Joe went to Mankato State in to specialize in automotive engineering. After two years of college, he decided he'd rather get a job so he went to work for Snell Motors in Mankato.

Seven years passed and after many trips to the "Northland" Joe and his wife decided to start over and move back "home". He worked for Ray's Sports for 6 months and was hired on at Magnetation. Joe went to work his first night and by morning he was completely convinced that night shift and weekend work would not be on his itinerary.

In 2011, Joe began work out of his brother's garage. After a short time, he went into his present location on 169. He has 3 bays in his shop of 1,200 sq. feet. There are 3 people working for Joe's Garage in addition to himself. Approximately 60% of Joe's business is custom work, consisting of installing vehicle lift kits, remote starters, lining pickup boxes, custom painting, etc. Forty percent of his business is maintenance and repairs. He services 4 wheelers, boats, etc. Don't be afraid to ask Joe what he repairs, it would probably be easier to ask "what don't you repair?"

Now Joe has run out of space and needs a larger building for his growing business. He has purchased a lot on 169S across from Ray's Sports and Cycle. His plans are to begin construction in March, weather permitting, for a new 3,500 square foot building. He will remain in business at his present site until construction is completed.



Harris Township
c/o Cari Ann Alleman, Clerk
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March or November Elections.....Ken Haubrich

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to address a question that will be on the Township Election Ballot this March. The question concerns the issue of moving the Township Elections from March to November. The Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 1999 to allow Townships to move their elections from March to November with the consent of the voters. One adjustment that will happen if the question passes, is that terms of office will be lengthened from three to four years.

However, there are a couple of important considerations, such as cost savings and voter turnout, which I would like to bring to your attention. Elections cost money, and bundling our election with the General Election in November will save the Township considerable cost, because of the fact there will be one less election. General Elections are held every two years, this is the reason the term of office needs to be lengthen. Township Officers will assume office in January as opposed to March.

And finally, voter turnout typically for March elections is lighter than November elections. I've been told that there has been a time that less than 20 constituents voted. I would argue that Township Elections are important. Issues that affect all voters such as; taxes, broadband, parks, roads, compressive plans, lake access, cemetery, and annexation are all issues that the Township Board will be addressing in the future. Your vote is very important. In my opinion, moving the election to November should make it easier for voters to vote the issues.

Sincerely,

Ken Haubrich

Supervisor A

Harris Township

Harris Township Board meeting dates for 2017

Regular Meeting January 11

P & D Meeting January 25

Regular Meeting February 8

P & D Meeting February 22

Regular Meeting March 8

P & D Meeting March 22

Regular Meeting April 12

P & D Meeting April 26

Regular Meeting May 10

P & D Meeting May 24

Regular Meeting June 14

P & D Meeting June 28

Regular Meeting July 12

P & D Meeting July 26

Regular Meeting August 9

P & D Meeting August 23

Regular Meeting September 13

P & D Meeting September 27

Regular Meeting October 11

P & D Meeting October 25

Regular Meeting November 8

P & D Meeting November 29

Regular Meeting December 13