

REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2017 at 7:30pm
AGENDA

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement
2. **Additions weed letter, improvement of the bills and pay, pay requests**
2. **Consider approval of Minutes** –minutes from May 10 regular meeting, May 24th P & D meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Sueprvisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Clayton passed by all.
3. **Business from the floor-** Rich Libby- discuss the comp plan went through the plan and suggesting a few changes. The original plan and second draft; it was hard to understand what was struck out. He would like to have Mr. Powers change the language back to the original and send it back out. The area south of Pokegama Lake the general consciences was to keep as is, to keep it conditional use permits and zoned how it currently is. Mr. Powers wrote in the newest plan to say that is they already have it zoned light industrial; that are commercial industrial now. Made it sound like its ok that if they already have the commercial they can do industrial. Wasn't sure of the intent, billboard made changes, used to read no off lot sign placement of billboards, in the now one it changed in some areas. The thought was going to be property abutting 169, are those who are going to be affected by this change in the comp plan, The draft includes parts of the Harris Town Road and Mishawaka Road; a couple properties on the north side of the road. Mr. Libby asked if we are sending letters out to the effected property owners, before the comp plan is finalized, and is what we are considering for the final map. Supervisor Kelley is drafting a letter to go to the effected residents.
Mr. Burl Ives: on the phone... sitting on watching from Staples Minnesota, where we have a little delay. Just wanted to thank the board for updating the comp plan and wishes we move forward for the future of Harris Township to help lower our taxes as we bring in new businesses, with the least bit of burden to the residents. Going to the County building and zoning will be a good idea. Appreciate being allowing to call in. Grow the township.
Jim Davis- his property could potentially be zoned commercial, a quarter mile off Hwy 169 and borders University of Minnesota. You are not getting rezoned, the property along the corridor has the option to be rezoned. When you go and sell it has the option to be zoned commercial. Residents along the corridor will have the option to be rezoned. Choice to keep farm residential and big concern to all go commercial. Takes the pressure off himself to keep it farm residential, if your neighbor wanted to go commercial you could have something loud next to you.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - Resolution 2017-005- Board compensation. The clerk fixed the wording saying it goes to the treasurer and not to the clerk. Wording changed at the last meeting... Life insurance portion, Remove the whole section on the life insurance. Motion made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Sueprvisor Haubrich, approve with the intent to remove the section and put on the P & D meeting.
5. **Roads**
 - June 22-23 brushing of the Nancy Drive will be done. Plackner Tree Service will be removing some of the bigger trees. Dust control was done on the same roads as last year, River Ridge we didn't do. Filled pot holes on Crystal Lane.
6. **Recreation-**
7. **Correspondence**

- Board Action items:

- Noteworthy items:

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Non-action items

- Thank you letter from Historical Society
- Thank you card from Itasca County Fair

8. Old Business

- Comp Plan- we have received the final draft, it has the updated verbiage and the updated maps. It is on the Harris township website under the comp plan. Are we going to send letters to all the residents who are affected by this change? Sueprvisor Kelley is drafting a letter to go to the residents effected. We have the final draft, little verbiage that need changes and corrections on roads that were miss labeled. Are we going to approve it this evening, we had two public meetings it was on the website. Motion to approve the Comp Plan made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Supervisor Schack. Discussion: Supervisors Haubrich & Kortekaas have concerns about what the differences Mr. Libbey pointed out, they both read through it and didn't see the differences. The comp plan is a guidance not an ordinance keep in mind, we the board feel the wording isn't what the board wants maybe we should take another look at it. We can't change it without another public meeting. How significant is the wording in the comp plan. Can we put it off for another two weeks? It will be on the P & D Agenda for clarification of the wording before we approve it. Amend the motion to do further clarification to bring it to the P & D meeting made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Supervisor Schack. South of Pokegama Lake we are not doing anything with it. We can send it to John Powers, Rich Libby will give us a list of what he saw. Is there a possibility where (Mr. Davis) is asking to be excluded from the area that is being considered for commercial zoning. He is not bordering 169 and all the other parcels that are being considered are touching 169. Would like to fight it he wants on the map to be excluded. He's asking to be excluded from the corner of the map. The board will look at it. Amended motion passed by all.
- Pay requests- (clerk) having to go to the service center twice to get the bills and scan them in twice is making more work. It was recommended in the minutes of 5/10/17 to scan and send them out twice, once with the pay requests in the first and the second is just the rest of the bills. I would like to recommend to keep it the way we have it now, bills get scanned and out to the supervisors the Sunday before the regular meeting. Have the pay requests to the treasurer by the 3rd of the month and the treasurer will send them to the clerk. They will be added with the bill list by Sunday. Motion to approve doing the bills only one a month made by Supervisor Kelley seconded by Sueprvisor Schack, passed by all.
- Pay request- MAT attorney when we do our pay request, if you have supplies or mileage that needs to be put on your request put it on their pay request. Our auditor looks at it and it has never been an issue, anytime that anyone has the mileage in there it gets reimbursed after the taxes have been taken out. The board wants to do whatever is easiest on the Treasurer. Remind the clerk our list of bills need to be part of the agenda packet on the website.

9. New Business

- iPads- I thought we put this item to rest. We asked to have the clerk do the research to do the iPad, and after looking at the costs, some are personally against it. It would be \$5400 a year, for time and material for the clerk. it is \$349.99 straight with Verizon is \$402.00 we are not eliminating any work. She will not be making the 5 copies of the agenda. We are looking at the \$349.07 that the clerk costs could be using. If you look at the second page, the clerk does 10 copies and half of it will be there. Putting the road records on the website, they will have to be scanned in and that is an additional cost. The cost of the agenda packet will go up and down based on how big they are. It's a lot to think about to spend. It was just an option to bring

forward, it was brought up at a MAT meeting to not use the personal computer or devices. Recommend we don't move forward made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas. Passed by Supervisors Haubrich, Kelley, Kortekaas, Schack, Opposed: Supervisor Clayton.

- Drop Box- with no Ipad no use of Drop Box.
- Shredder for office (Clerk)- wanted to be destroying the financials that goes with the records retention policy, we would like to have a shredder to destroy the records. We could ask the Shred It Company to come over and do it. They come on site and they shred-it right there. Supervisor Clayton to check to see the price for having it done. Will have an update at the P & D meeting.
- Firewise- we need to appoint someone as the contact and let Itasca County know who that is. Make sure Supervisor Schacks name gets added to the list
- Dugouts- we need something in writing to put in an offer.
- Weed letter from the county, provided one on one weed training and willing to do it again this year. The one on one is a lot better, Supervisor Kortekaas will contact her to do the weeds again. We have more than one supervisor who would like to be a part of it, Sueprvisor Kortekaas will call and see when the county can do it.

10. Treasurer's Report – dated June 14, 2017 (of May 2017 financials) - Balance on hand from May 1-3. The bill for Hawkinson Construction will be \$329,496.08 and will be on the bill list for July. We have \$353,000 in savings between the two accounts; our apportionment check will be in also so we will have it as back up. Motion to accept the treasures report made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Clayton passed by all.

11. Approve payment of bills for May, 2017- Lumped all the wages together after we have some new laws, and wanted to do the individuals do we have the gross amount for each person Peggy \$572. 20 Ken \$516.10 Jim \$510.00 Dennis \$460.00 Mike \$796.60 Clerk \$2156.80 Becky \$834.80 Amber \$503.13 Derrick \$3930 Dan \$3930. Just FYI for the employees there were 5 weeks in that amount. There was a question about the Verizon bill and how we only get details for some of the numbers not all. When the treasurer looks at the Verizon bill on line it is over 28 pages long. Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Kelley seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas Passed by all. Check numbers 17552-17580 motion to sign these checks make by Supervisor Kortekaas in the amount of \$41267.87 seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.

12. Public Input *(please limit comments to 5 minutes)* **Mr. Libby: Casper landing there has been an ice trail out to the water, we could possibly a block it off with a larger rock, maybe some place to sit out there. Erosion problems and possibly meeting with DNR about the shoreline maybe putting in riprap. Wendigo Park, basketball court is only half a court, you have to chase the ball half way across the parking lot. Maybe put up a fence to keep the ball in play.**

13. UPCOMING Events / Meetings

Wed June 28 Planning and Development meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
Mon July 10 Itasca County Township Association.....7:00 pm Blandin Foundation
Wed July 12 Regular Meeting.....7:30pm Harris Town Hall
Brushing 7pm service center July 11th.

14. Adjourn- motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.

