Monday, July 21, 2025 Proposed Agenda Posted

7pm July 17, 2025

The Town of Harris Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Glenn Thalacker. Clerk Darlene Wulf led the Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum was confirmed, with Supervisors Dennis Kekow and Dennis Daye were present. Others in attendance included Treasurer Mike Rozek, Dave & Pat Kappel, Fire Chief Greg Kemnitz, Cheryl Lee Eilert, Nancy Bores, Matt Slotten, Joanie Kiggens, and Mike Mittelstedt.

Minutes from June 16, 2025, meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was read and approved by the board.

Monthly Vouchers #1847-1859 from General account for the month of June were approved by the board and paid.

Reports and Correspondences included Supervisor Kekow stating that there was still no change to the Evergreen Lane property, due to the logging. Kekow also reported that the seal coating has been completed. The Clerk shared the fire department survey sent out by the County Fireman’s Association.

Permits issued by the county included:

Zoning: ZBW LLC W5427 Elk Rd Garage; UDC: Carmen & Geffrey Gardner W5563 Elk Rd Electric; Sanitary: Kurt Clausen N5408 Cty Rd M Replacement In-ground conventional.

Unfinished Business: The dam inspection agreement was signed by the Chairman; it is scheduled for August 13th, at 1:30pm. The playground equipment is now completed and they are working on the sign now. The structure is needing to be replaced, as it has deteriorated over time; Jac Wulf from the fire department is working on this.

New Business: With the recycling center being painted, the Treasurer asked about moving funds around. We will pay the $4700 out of the grant funds we received this year and out of this years budged amount to put into the Recycling LGIP fund. The fire department is requesting $40,000 from the Equipment LGIP Fund due to equipment maintenance needed on the rescue (truck 132). Supervisor Daye made a motion (at 1918) to remove $40,000 from the LGIP Equipment fund to give to the fire department, as requested, Kekow seconded the motion, all in favor. The Treasurer did mention that we earned $1100 in interest from the LGIP funds just last month. Water usage at the 4th of July parade was discussed, with Mike Mittelstedt voicing his concerns that included people being sprayed with water or water ballons being thrown at, that do not want to participate in that part of the parade. He also stated his concern that this is causing people to not want to put entries/floats in the parade. Mittelstedt was thanked for sharing his concerns and stated that numerous people come to the parade because they want to participate in the water portion of the parade. Fire Chief Kemnitz shared that the fire department has heard the concerns and has already discussed ideas on how to proceed next year, as yes, it has seemed to have gotten out of hand, but many want to participate in the water portion of the parade. Ideas included putting out information on Facebook and in the Tribune stating that we will still water at the parade but those participating in the water portion will be at the end of the parade, with some sort of signage stating that this is where it will start. It was also discussed that some members of the department or community will walk the route just before the start to make sure everyone knows do only use water with those

participating. They will also look into marking the dry zones again. It was agreed upon, with those present, that this would be a good course of action to start with.

For Public Comment, dog license fees will be going up next year, per the County Trasurer. We will include this in the notices that are in with the tax bills. The County also wanted to remind everyone that they could do the dog licenses for the townships, but they were in no way forcing anyone to go that route, it was just an option. We need to look into what the new dog catchers name is. Kemnitz noted that fireman Chris Klapoetke was riding with the Westfield ambulance in recent weeks, due to the county being short staffed. He was doing this as a Harris first responder. Ron Berger put out a letter about the current staffing situation. Kemnitz has discussed this situation with our County Board Supervisor Dave Benson, as this is an ongoing situation, and encouraged others to do so as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Upcoming Meetings: Town Board of Supervisors: Monday, August 18, 2025, 7pm

Bratfest August 31st

Town Board of Supervisors: Monday, September 15, 2025, 7pm

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