

JULY, 2007

The regular meeting of the Heath Township Board was held on July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order and Meiste opening prayer. The previous months minutes were adjusted to read the trustee salary would increase \$90 each/year, instead of \$190 each/year. Minutes approved.

First item of business was to hear from Mary Jones, Allegan County Resource Recycling Program Director, about the availability of curbside recycling. At present, the township has 706 households who pay the recycling fee and the township has \$1,564 from 2006 revenue and \$25,000 in our fund balance. The cost would be no greater to the township and several townships already have this in place. It would be available to the whole township. Mary would place bids out and depending on which company the township uses, recycle containers or bags, would be placed by the roadside approximately twice a month. This could go in effect by January 2008. A motion was made by Meiste and supported by Boerman to pursue this and have Mary put out bids. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dean Kapenga, county commissioner was present to drop off information about programs available in the county and would like to see us send information to the senior citizens about program available free to them. Sheila will do a mailing and we will place brochures at the Hamilton Food Center. July 18 there is a meeting with 911 for all fire departments and emergency personnel. Dean would like to see the township declare a Downtown Development Authority. He will be getting Ron more information on this.

Hilda informed the board that the maps are done and at the last planning commission meeting everything was tabled. She also inquired what fee the board would be charging the home businesses that need to apply to the ZBA for variances. A motion was made by Boerman and supported by Schipper to have them pay a \$25 fee. Meiste abstained from voting. All ayes. Motion carried. Hilda and Sheila will be working on a letter that can be sent to the businesses who need to apply.

Next month Lynn Bright from Burnham and Flower will present a retirement plan for board members.

The township bills were presented. A motion was made by Boerman and supported by Lindholm to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

The fire department bills were presented. A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Boerman to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Meiste and supported by Boerman to adjourn at 7:40. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheila Meiste, Clerk