

## JULY 2008

The regular meeting of the Heath Township Board was held on July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Jones called the meeting to order and Lindholm offered opening prayer. The previous month's minutes were approved as read. Meiste was absent.

Dean Kapenga, our County Commissioner, updated the Board on the county's building projects.

Al's Excavating Inc. and R.P. Septic Systems & Excavating, Inc. presented bids for the sidewalk project. (Al's \$87,000.00 – R.P. \$101,270.00) Tree removal would be additional. Both parties were present for questioning. Some of the neighbors were present and had questions concerning safety and placement of where the sidewalks would go. They were concerned that they would be losing yard and bushes. They also questioned who would be responsible for the upkeep of the sidewalks in winter. Jones explained that the township would maintain the sidewalks at no expense to the homeowners and that the stakes were just marking the easement. He explained that a letter would be going out to the homeowners with phone numbers to contact if they had any questions or concerns. There will be no out of pocket expenses for the homeowners. Someone asked about curbing. Jones explained that he had contacted the County Road Commission and that they were going to put in a three-way "T" hopefully that will make that section safer. Ron will also get pricing for curbing. The sidewalk bids were presented to the Board to choose or reject one or all. A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Boerman to accept the bid from Al's Excavating for \$87,000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Zoning change adopted by the Planning Commission to eliminate "Guest Housing" was tabled by the board. More information was needed for the board as to which zones, and what about current "Guest Houses" and elderly parents. Boerman will get more information for the board.

Jeff Lampen came with a letter from Kirk Van Order denying his request for a ZBA hearing. Jeff wanted to know where he could go to get interpretation of a lot line.

Supervisor Jones suggested that PCI be contacted to help guide him on where he could place the cooler. Jones also requested that Boerman be there.

Marcia Elgersma asked about having or sharing an Allegan County patrol officer with Heath Township on behalf of concerned citizens. Jones informed her that the board had turned down the idea a year ago but that if she wanted to look into it and bring something back to the board, it could be looked at again.

A complaint was made regarding vacant trailers in the back of Riverview Trailer Park. Boerman will contact PCI to make a formal complaint. Cal Vanderkamp also made a complaint regarding Mr. Harrison, his neighbor. He is bringing in homes to place on the property without permits. Jones advised that PCI should be contacted by Boerman to make a formal complaint.

The township bills were presented. A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Lindholm to approve the payment of these. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Boerman to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hilda Boerman, Trustee