September, 2008

The regular meeting of the Heath Township Board was held on September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order and Boerman opened with prayer. The previous month's minutes were changed as follows. A motion was made by Boerman and supported by Lindholm to change the August minutes. First, line one, after the word neighbor, will have a period rather than the comma. Second, in the second sentence the language will read Mr. VanderKamp alleges or stated that Mr. Harrison is not following what PCI has instructed him to do... All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Harrison was present and stated everything requested of him by PCI is being done. PCI will continue to check and enforce until an occupancy permit is given. Hilda met with Mr. Harrison on the property and reported Mr. VanderKamps complaints have been addressed by Mr. Harrison and the items which needed to be cleaned up were not visible from the road or Mr. VanderKamps property.

Hilda reported the next planning commission meeting will take place on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00.

Dick reported on Fillmore and Salem townships community police program. Fillmore township has had an officer for 5 years at a cost of \$95,000 with the car included in this amount. The township has a millage for their officer and is generally happy with his work. His schedule includes days and nights.

Salem township shares their officer with Dorr and Leighton at a cost of \$56,000 and buys their own cars. They have no millage and do not have 24/7 coverage. They feel the officer could do better working with the community and seems more interested in patrolling. Sheila questioned if Dick had any statistics whether crime and other incidents were down since the officers had been in place. Dick had none.

Hilda will be following up with PCI and our lawyer on the Trestle Stop.

Due to the expected large turnout for the November election, Sheila stated she will need to purchase more voting booths. The state is requesting one voting booth per 100 voters instead of 1 per 300.

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

The fire dept. bills were reviewed and a motion was made by Schipper and supported by Boerman to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Boerman and supported by Meiste to adjourn at 8:00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheila Meiste, Clerk