

OCTOBER 2009

The regular meeting of the Heath Township Board was held on October 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order and Schipper opened with prayer. The previous months minutes were approved.

First item of business was a resolution the board needs to adopt for the new fire engine which will be coming in two weeks. This is to replace one currently in service. A motion was made by Boerman and supported by Lindholm to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Schipper-yes, Jones-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-yes. Resolution approved. Chief Haverdink mentioned the ISO testing is complete and our ratings have dropped to a seven. Residents in the township should see a decrease in their homeowners insurance. A notice will be sent to our residents via the newsletter.

Sheriff Blaine Koops was present to report on the 911 Surcharge fee on the November 3 election. Brochures explaining the need for the increase are available in our township office.

The Planning Commission will be meeting this week in regards to a request for a gun/pawn shop business. Sheila mentioned to Dick the ZBA needs to meet to adopt their bylaws. Dick will be calling our lawyer to get another copy of these bylaws and will be getting a meeting set up. A resident asked if our 2008-2009 Planning Commission minutes could be put on our web site. Hilda will be letting Sheila know when the latest minutes are approved and then Sheila will contact our web provider to see this gets done.

Mark Nyboer, 4275 13nd Ave., questioned if the Planning Commission checked if there is any zoning on the books in regards to barb wired fences and orange snow fences. **At the** meeting Mark was told that when and if the PC adopted a fence ordinance it would be put into the township minutes.

Stephanie McPherson, 3567 Lincoln Road requested a sign placed on M-40 be moved as it blocks her view when she tries to get out of her driveway. Ron will be checking on this. He reported the meeting with the drain commission, Stephanie and Vern Rankens went very well. The process is starting in regards to rectifying the problems Stephanie and her neighbors have had. Nothing can be done for Mr. Rankens, 3131 44th St., due to the high water table in his area this year.

Residents questioned if Mr. Weichman at 3464 Hubbard St. is allowed to place branches and leaves on the road right-of-way. Ron will call Mr. Nelson at the Allegan County Road Commission.

County Commissioner, Dean Kapenga gave his monthly report. He stated since house values went down this year, less tax money is available for the county. Therefore, services in the county are taking cuts. The commissioners have also hired a construction manager at

a cost of \$800,000 to put together a plan for a new jail and millage. The \$1,000,000 grant the county received to spend for senior care is not being utilized enough. He left brochures for us to make available to senior citizens.

Sheila reported she will be meeting with Pat Foster in regards to his FOIA request. She also questioned why the ballpark fencing is down around the playground equipment and who is responsible to fix it. Ron will be checking into this.

The bids for lawn service will be addressed at our November meeting.

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 Boerman and supported by Schipper to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Lindholm to adjourn at 8:05. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheila Meiste,
Clerk