

FEBRUARY, 2009

The regular meeting of the Heath Township Board was held on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order and offered opening prayer. Schipper and Boerman were absent.

The previous months minutes were approved with a date change made for the public hearing with the DNR in regards to the dam. The set meeting date is February 26 at 7:00 at the Hamilton High School forum room. Ron clarified the fact that the Heath Township board is not pursuing or pushing for removal of the Hamilton dam. Last month the board gave approval to Mr. McKinney to apply for a grant for a public hearing to research what options are available to Heath Township. The DNR could force us to take it out or we may need to repair it. Any permits to repair it would have to come through the DNR and the DEQ.

The board looked at accepting a bid from Bruce Allen to apply three applications of dust control to 15 miles of unpaved roads at a cost of \$260/mile or \$3,900/application. A motion was made by Meiste and supported by Lindholm to accept the bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Allegan County Road Commission is requesting approval on a bid of \$402,000 to pave 2.68 miles of 126th Ave. and 38th St. This stretch of road was improved one year ago. A motion was made by Meiste and supported by Lindholm to accept. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bob Genetski, State Representative, was present to give a report on action in Lansing. Citizens can contact his office at 517-373-0836 with any concerns or questions they may have.

The board of review will be meeting in March. A motion was made by Lindholm and supported by Meiste to re-appoint Randy Poll, Harlan Meiste and Randy Reimink to a 2-year term. All ayes. Motion carried. Ron stated that there would be an assessment increase of 4.4%, due to the rate of inflation and a provision in proposal A that held property tax bills low in the late 1990's and early 2000's.

Ron updated the citizens regarding a road question on the corner of Hubbard. The county may be installing a dry catch basin in this area where water seems to gather.

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

A motion was made by Meiste and supported by Lindholm to adjourn at 7:50. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheila Meiste,
Clerk