

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Jones at 7:00 on May 10, 2010 at the township hall. Boerman opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

Clerk Sheila Meiste, Treasurer, Misti Lindholm, Trustee Hilda Boerman, Supervisor Ron Jones and Trustee Dick Schipper.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner presented his monthly report. The wording for the jail millage may be coming out in August. If you have a \$100,000 home it would cost the taxpayer approximately \$14-20 a year.

5. New business

a) Need approval for any amendments that may come to the 2009/2010 budget before year end. Motion by Boerman, supported by Schipper to approve any amendments. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Ron and Sheila explained the need for a Recreation Agreement with the Hamilton School, the history of this and results of the meeting held on April 13 with three representatives from the school and two from the township. At this April meeting, the representatives could not come to an agreement. The school and township representatives agreed to go back to their respective boards and discuss the agreement and other options at their May monthly meetings. Unbeknown to the township, the school/recreation board chose to send out a letter stating the spring games could not be held at the township fields. The property agreement with Hamilton Recreation is on the agenda for tonight's meeting and had not been discussed with the townships full board before this evening. Questions from residents and non-residents were answered and a discussion held. The township board agreed a recreation agreement still needs to be in place and will waive any annual fees for the time being. After board members looked over the agreement, a few line items need to be changed or added. A permit would be needed for any structures being placed on the property, reimbursement for repairs beyond normal wear and tear, a better key system in place, a schedule of times and games being played on our fields and approval from the board before publicized and sent out to. The township lawyer will draft a new agreement and Ron will be meeting with the school and B.J. Nykamp, Recreation Director. The school may use the fields for spring/summer activities, after an agreement is signed, but the concession stand will not be available until fully completed. The restrooms are in the process of being opened.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting this month on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting they will be re-doing and updating the master plan. It has come to their attention that most townships have an escrow fee in addition to there application fees in the event an engineer/planner/professional needs to be brought in. If the money is not needed by the planning commission, it would be paid back to the individual or company who is applying. A balance of \$500 would be maintained. A motion was made by Schipper and supported by Lindholm to approve the new fee schedule for applications and escrow. A copy will be made available when it is changed.

7. Bills

- a) Motion by Boerman, supported by Schipper to pay township bills.
- b) Motion by Boerman, supported by Lindholm to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Schipper, supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 9:15.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste, approved by Supervisor Ron Jones.

