

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:00 on November 8, 2010, at the township hall. Boerman opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

None

5. New business

a) The township board has had a request from Kirk Van Order and Ron Eding to file a petition by resolution to divert part of the Poll Drain watershed east to the Lugtiheid Drain. Becky Rininger, Allegan County Drain Commission, stated a petition can be filed in one of two ways, either by landowners or by municipality. The landowner petition requires signatures of five property owners liable for an assessment if the project proceeds or the township board can file a petition by resolution. The petitioning property owners would need to be in the already established district for the Lugtiheid Drain. The board discussed this and a motion was made by Boerman and supported by Meiste to let the parties who would like to see this diverted file the petition and get the five signatures needed. This way they will better understand the sentiments of the people who will be affected with this change. Schipper abstained from voting. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Sheila is requesting an amendment to the cemetery ordinance to clarify who a resident is. The new ordinance defines a resident as one who lives or dwells in a residence within the Township and can qualify as a resident voter of the Township. However, an immediate family member, which shall include a spouse, parent, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild, in-laws, step-parent or step-children, may qualify for the resident rate providing said member purchases a gravesite in person. Misti questioned if we want to adopt a form Holland city uses called an Agreement to Purchase Interment Rights. We will forward this on to our attorney to review.

c) John Barkel has agreed to attend the Rabbit River Watershed meeting for the township since he is quite interested in the river and the Hamilton Dam. The board would like to reimburse him for mileage and compensate him per diem the same amount Planning Commission members receive. Misti will contact him about this before the meeting.

d) The board discussed when to close the outdoor restrooms for the season. This year they will be closed by Friday, November 12 so we can get them winterized. The following years they will be open from April-October. This will be posted in the case by the concession stand.

e) Mr. Steketee was present to thank the board giving him direction in regards to the noise issues with the Hamilton Farm Bureau egg room. PCI has been very accommodating as well. He would like to see the Farm Bureau work with them on this issue. Ron suggested he contact Bob Fenton for a one-on-one meeting since they have prided themselves in being good neighbors and working with the community.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be holding their last meeting Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 to finish up the new zoning book. There will be an open meeting for the public and it will be sent on to Allegan County and our Township board for approval. They will then start working on the township master plan. The attorney is working on addressing medical marijuana and Hilda may be able to report back to the board on this in December or January.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:35.

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