

***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 April 11, 2011 at the township hall. Schipper 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

a) Bob Genetski, State Representative, reported on legislative update from Lansing and Governor Snyder's proposed budget.

b) Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner presented a monthly update. Select cutting is being done at Silver Creek, not clear cutting. The parks department is working on a marked trail system for canoes and kayakers similar to the Heritage Trails Park. They need volunteers to help with this who can contact the parks department. The commissioners are in the process of looking at a new jail of 114,000 square feet and 327 beds. The cost would be between 17-19 million and would be funded with funds already set aside.

c) Sally Brooks reported the county is looking at redrawing the county commissioner's districts. Right now there are a total of 11 commissioners. They would like the boards to vote on going from 9 to 7 commissioners. Right now the average cost of a commissioner is \$25,000.

d) Report from Bob Kaarlie, Allegan County Road Commission. The bids for paving roads came in better than last year. The road mowing is being re-bid.

5. New business

a) Reappoint Mike Winkler to a 3 year term, expiring 4-30-2014. Motion by Boerman, support by Lindholm. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Jeff Lampen questioned how the assessor and board of review are run. He came to the board of review and the assessor was not present. Misti informed him the assessor had a medical appointment that day. Ron informed Jeff the board of review is the power and the assessor is present to give direction. Jeff was concerned if the information he presented was passed along to the assessor.

c) Mark Sisson has been working with the Planning Commission on the townships master plan and zoning ordinance. He is present tonight to answer any questions the board may have on the medical marijuana issue. They are recommending the board consider zoning medical marijuana as a home occupation permit. The state limits caregivers to grow and distribute to no more than five registered patients. There would be only one care giver per address.

d) Residents reported on debris on the side of the road by Mr. Weichman's house again. Nancy Jones was disappointed in the quality of the snow removal this year on the sidewalks. Straight Line's new machine does not work as well as the old one.

e) Sheila reported in March there were 31 incidents from the sheriff's department. The 2010 census report has come back and the population increased by 217 residents since 2000.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 to continue working on the zoning book. After this is complete, they will start working on the townships Master Plan. The Master Plan should be done by this time next year.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Boerman, supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 8:10.

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