

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
August 2011***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Trustee Hilda Boerman on August 8, 2011 at 7:00 on at the township hall. Schipper opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

Clerk Sheila Meiste, Treasurer Misty Lindholm, Trustee Dick Schipper, Trustee Hilda Boerman. Absent: Supervisor Ron Jones.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

None

5. New business

a) Item one on the agenda was tabled. One more proposal to pave the driveways in Riverside cemetery was needed. Ron is requesting the board appoint two other people and him to meet to approve the quotes for the cemeteries and paving of sidewalks. These quotes should be available by the end of the week. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Schipper and supported by Meiste to appoint Misti and Sheila to meet with Ron in a special meeting. A notice will be posted 24 hours in advance.

b) Misti will be meeting with Chemical Bank to look at accepting credit cards for tax payments. The cost would be passed on to the individual.

c) Dick noted the ZBA will be meeting for special use permit. Hilda reminded him they also need to appoint officers at this meeting.

d) Nancy Jones questioned who cleans the overgrown grass and weeds on M-40 right of way and vacant properties. Misti will contact our township helpers and ask them to take care of this. She also wondered why 134th was resealed when the road was already good? The board stated to contact the road commission on this as it is a primary road. We assumed it is to preserve the road longer.

e) Darlene Wilson questioned what could be done with the 25 mph speed limit sign on 134th and Hubbard which is covered with branches and needs to be cleaned off. Misti will contact the road commission and ask them to take care of this.

f) Dick wondered if the roots would be ground down or trees removed when the new roads are put in the cemetery. We do not want them to buckle because of roots. Misti questioned when the stumps will be ground down from trees previously removed. Sheila will email Ron on this.

g) Sheila read a letter from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners who are working in conjunction with the Michigan Township Association to host a joint meeting to discuss the current status of Law Enforcement services within Allegan County and develop a plan to ensure the safety of our citizens moving forward. They would appreciate townships sending a representative to attend this meeting on September 29 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. We need to RSVP by August 19.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. to review the new zoning book. The October meeting will give the public a chance to review and approve the book. After this it will come before the township board for final approval.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Schipper supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30.

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