

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
December 2011***

**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 December 12, 2011 at the township hall. Misti 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**

Representative Bob Genetski presented a legislative update from Lansing. For the first time in a long time a budget was done by June 1, 2011 and is a balanced budget. Michigan is in much better shape. Issues in Lansing are the bridge crossing from Detroit to Canada and no-fault insurance.

A resident questioned if pensions would be taxed soon. There are a lot of details on it and Bob can send the information to anyone whom would like it.

Ron questioned how Mr. Genetski views Snyder's approach to grass roots government. Gov. Snyder is in favor of smaller governments and consolidation. Mr. Genetski feels the governor wouldn't have backing for it. As far as county road commissions, he does not see the state taking this over.

Dick questioned what Gov. Snyder's stake is on collective government bargaining.

**5. New business**

a) Approval and adoption of the new zoning book the Planning Commission has been diligently working on for the past year. Motion was made by Meiste to approve the resolution to adopt the new book. Lindholm supported. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Schipper-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-yes, Boerman-yes. Motion approved. It will be given ordinance #81 and Hilda will contact our lawyer to publish it. The new book will be effective eight days after publication.

b) Jan Brondyke, daughter of Harvey Koop, has placed the wreaths on the bridge on M-40. The community greatly appreciates her thoughtfulness. Permits were acquired from MDOT and the wreaths need to be down by Jan. 15.

c) Annual inter-local fire department meeting is Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 a.m.

d) Dick will be attending the 2011 Primary Road Millage Program on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**6. Zoning update**

- a) The Planning Commission will meet in 2012 on January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**7. Bills**

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

**8. Adjournment**

- a) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:25.

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