

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 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 at the township hall. Meiste 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**

Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner presented his monthly report.

- The commissioners are looking if there is a way the county can collaborate to help townships.
- The county can fund \$16.5 million for the jail before dipping into the general fund.
- As a way to save money, the county planning commission was absolved.
- Seven to eight police officers are retiring saving the county \$300,000. The police department is 60% of the county's budget.

**5. New business**

a) Resolution to approve updated street light agreement with Consumers Energy. This contract has not been updated since 1980. Motion by Boerman and supported by Schipper to approve the resolution. Roll call: Jones-yes, Schipper-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-yes. Approved.

b) Approved bid to R. Smith & Sons Trucking in the amount of \$191,800.00 for one mile of improvement on 135th between 38th and 36th Street. Engineering estimate was \$268,883.00.

**6. Zoning update**

a) Planning Commission needs board approval to amend the zoning ordinance to include definitions involving medical marihuana. Our lawyer stated a ruling came down from the Attorney General's office stating there will be no cooperatives and no sharing of plants. . Motion by Schipper supported by Meiste to amend zoning ordinance. Roll call: Lindholm-yes, Boerman-yes, Schipper-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes. Approved.

b) Next Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 7:00. They will be discussing sign issues and the last part of the master plan.

**7. Bills**

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

## **8. Adjournment**

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

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