

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
October 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 Monday, October 10, 2011.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Update from Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner. The MTA September 29 meeting was well attended. A good discussion was held on alternate ways to fund law enforcement, which is the largest budget item in the county. The parks system funding and jail financing are going well.

Report from John Barkel on the Rabbit River Watershed Project meeting on October 7.

5. New business

a) Cost Recovery Ordinance. This ordinance will help the fire department recover any costs incurred where the emergency requires immediate and sustained demand for personnel, equipment and service over and above normal service. Motion by Boerman, supported by Schipper. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Charter Communication Franchise Agreement. The previous agreement had not expired but Charter can issue a new uniform franchise agreement at anytime to replace the old franchise. The township lawyer has reviewed the agreement and is recommending the township make a motion to set the franchise fee with Charter at 5%. Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing regarding the new zoning book on Thursday, November 10. The ZBA is meeting on Thursday, October 13. The meeting was published incorrectly in the newspaper as Wednesday. A notice will be posted on the door with the correct day. Sheila informed Dick the ZBA meeting minutes need to be kept at the township.

b) Clean up days on October 1 was slower and less tonnage. A concern was raised if residents are required to throw things over the dumpster or are we going to supply a loader? At this time, if residents can load their materials on a trailer and bring it to the township, they are also required to unload it. The township board will be reviewing the program before next spring.

c) Leaf clean-up should be starting soon. Ron will contact Nate Genzink in the morning.

d) Al's Excavating will be starting the sidewalks and the cemetery next week. A section of the sidewalk on 136th (by Dan Reimink) will be left out until next spring due to culvert work being done by the county.

e) Bathrooms will be closed by the end of October until next spring.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman to pay township bills.

b) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.

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