

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
April 2012***

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. 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

- Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner. The Parks & Recreation committee is looking at a new idea of a community campground at West Side Park. \$80,000 funding is available plus grant money. The next step is to get a landscape architect to develop a plan for 20-40 camping spots.
- The Health Dept. is gathering input in regards to declaring a smoking ban on county property. Commissioners would like input on this idea.
- Commissioners went to a meeting and learned more about Gov. Snyder's idea of eliminating personal property tax.
- Steve McNeal introduced himself as our new commissioner as of November 2012.
- The county has traced down the individual responsible for the robo calls. They were not coming from a jail mate.
- A few fun facts about the new jail. It will be a 325 bed jail and will be operated with exactly the same amount of personnel as the current jail. Construction costs are 1/3 - 1/2 of what was projected. By not putting the jail on a millage the commissioners saved taxpayers approximately \$40 million.

5. New business

- a) Sheila gave update on the last Allegan County Sheriff's meeting and their proposed five precinct model and what this would entail.
- b) Dollar General has asked for a license for beer and wine sales. Zoning is approved so the board does not have to take any action.
- c) Hilda reported a great clean-up day on Saturday. Nine dumpsters used instead of the usual four.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commission will not be meeting this month. They are hoping to have many residents fill out the online or paper survey. This will be on the agenda for next month. They are hoping to have a meeting for public input

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:40.

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