

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2012***

**1. Call to order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order on February 13, 2012 by Supervisor Ron Jones. He also opened with prayer.

**2. Roll call**

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

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Previous months minutes were approved.

**4. Reports**

John Barkel gave a report on the Rabbit River Watershed. Allegan County Drain Commission is increasing drains and drainage area, which increases the watershed.

Ben Williams, from Allegan County Resource Recycle program, gave a presentation. Most of the information will be available in the township newsletter or a copy of the presentation is available at the township office.

This years' cleanup days will be April 7 and 21. Ben recommends the township pay for the hazardous waste collection. A motion was made by Boerman, supported by Lindholm to approve the cost. All ayes. Motion carried. Hilda requested the community service workers be picked up earlier. Ben agreed to take care of this.

**5. New business**

a) Approval of three applications of dust control for 2012 at a cost of \$3,360 each. Motion by Boerman, supported by Lindholm to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Approval of two additional roadside mowing at an est. cost of \$3,786.70. Motion by Meiste, supported by Boerman. All ayes. Motion carried.

c) Gravel program for 2012. 1.5 miles on 125<sup>th</sup> from 38<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> at a rough cost of \$10,000. Motion by Boerman, supported by Meiste to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

d) Re-appoint Planning Commission members Don Wickstra, Hilda Boerman and Irv Immink for a 3 year term expiring 1/31/2015. Motion by Meiste, supported by Lindholm to approve appointment. All ayes. Motion carried.

e) Re-appoint Construction Board of Appeals members Irv Immink, Joe Cross and Leon Meiste for a 3 year term expiring 1/31/2015. Motion by Boerman, supported by Lindholm. All ayes. Motion carried.

f) Hamilton Lions club would like to replace and update the Hamilton signs on both ends of town. 1/3 paid of the sign would be paid by Heath township, 1/3 by Overisel township and 1/3 by the Lions Club. Total cost would be approximately \$6,000. Sign would be similar to the Fennville sign but with a locomotive on the top. Motion by Meiste, supported by Boerman to approve the funding. All ayes. Motion carried.

g) Nate Genzink with Straight Line Lawn Care approached the board on extending or renewing the contract we currently have with them. Heath Township is their largest account and he would like to secure the future of it. The township contract is not set to expire until April 1, 2013. Nate would like to keep all rates the same except the hourly rate to the curbside leaf pickup. The increase would be for overtime of his crew.

Sheila mentioned she would not be interested in renewing a contract a year early without other bids, as this is township policy. The other board members agreed and will be getting more quotes and looking at contracts around Nov. of 2012.

h) Misti checked on the Neighborhood Watch Program with the Allegan County Sheriff's department. The Neighborhood Watch is set up, paid for and run by people in the neighborhood.

#### **6. Zoning update**

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00. Last meeting, the election of officers was held and a presentation was made by Mark Sisson. Misti has been questioned by the secretary of the Planning Commission as to why she has not been noticed when there is a meeting. The township board has approved her as the secretary. The chairperson, Don Wickstra, has been taking minutes but is not allowed to chair and take minutes. Hilda will speak with Don about this issue.

#### **7. Bills**

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

#### **8. Adjournment**

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.

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