

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
June 2012***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:15 on June 11, 2012 at the township hall.

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

- a) John Brush, who is running for County Drain Commissioner introduced himself to the board.
- b) Steve McNeal, who is running for Commissioner for our area, was present. Discussion has been held if there is a possibility of holding a debate in our township meeting room. He updated the board on the Sheriff Departments road patrol coverage and the way they have redistricted the areas. The township board would like the commissioners to know they are not in favor of hiring a deputy.

5. New business

- a) Motion was made by Boerman, supported by Lindholm to adopt the 2012 – 2013 budget. Motion by Boerman, supported by Schipper to approve \$500 wage increase to Clerk and Treasurer's salary. Roll call: Schipper-yes, Jones-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-yes. Motion carried.
- b) Three members of the Hamilton Lions Club were present with a letter requesting to hold a Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day at the Heath Township Hall and Hamilton Fire Dept. Stan Gates had questions about how this process would work. This is a fund raising event for the Lion's Club. Ron explained the fire building is owned and maintained by three townships. Therefore, approval would have to come from all three townships. Chief Haverdink updated the board on the fire department's response to this request.
 - o The fire department was taken by surprise when they heard and read about this event being planned and they were never contacted by the Lions Club.
 - o Fire department personnel discussed this and the guys mutually agreed they did not want to participate on a holiday.
 - o The insurance company does not allow the fire department to hold events like this on township property without a rider attached.
 - o The fire guys were not adamantly opposed and would appreciate being on the front end of the discussion instead of the back end.

- It is easier to take a truck or two out offsite than to have it held in the building. If there is a call, then what?
- The fire department has been approached by other groups to hold fundraisers on the property. Where do they start and stop with fundraisers? Whom do they include/exclude?

The Lions Club would like to have a committee formed and are not trying to start a dispute with the board/fire department. They have cancelled the pancake breakfast for this year and are looking for fundraising events and ideas.

Sheila questioned if they have liability insurance. The Lions Club just purchased it when they became incorporated this year.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 to work on the townships Master Plan, re-hear the tabled items from the May meeting and look at the site plan for rebuilding of Post Brothers sawmill. Thirty two people responded to the Planning Commission survey.

7. Bills

- a) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman 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 8:17.

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