

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
March 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 on March 12, 2012 at the township hall. Meiste 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

Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner presented the board with the District Five Commission Newsletter. Copies will be available at the township office.

5. New business

a) The rental rates of the township building were discussed. The rates for rental of the township hall have not increased for many years. At this time, the board prefers to keep the rates the same to encourage citizens' use. If people desire to use the park pavilion, they may fill out a form to reserve it, at no cost, and there will be a notice posted in the case on the concession building. If they wish to use the kitchen, there will be a fee charged and they will be required to have one day training from the health dept.

b) Misti presented bids for township clean up days. Chef and Republic quoted. Republic was cheaper but the turnaround for containers would be longer since Republic comes from Jenison and Chef from Holland. Ron questioned if Republic could have extra containers by the recycle station in Hamilton. Or, as long as they were strategically placed, the township could have all four containers delivered at once. A motion was made by Boerman, supported by Lindholm to approve the bid from Republic. All ayes. Motion carried.

c) Sheila questioned if we need to replace the toilets in the concession building with power flush units. Ron will check with Daryl Eding on this. She also wondered if the recreation dept. will be using the fields this spring. Ron will contact the school.

d) For sanitary and health reasons, as well as cleanliness, Sheila also wondered if we couldn't have a portable toilet down by the dam instead of the drop toilet. Misti will be checking prices on this.

e) Discussion was held regarding per diem pay for meetings board members go to outside of their general elected office meetings. A motion was by Boerman, supported by Meiste to approve at \$75 per meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

f) Reappointed Dick Schipper to the ZBA for a three year term expiring 3/31/2015. Motion by Boerman, supported by Lindholm. All ayes. Motion carried.

g) Hilda questioned if the board would like to adopt a policy regarding tornado watches. At this time, members agreed they prefer not to.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00 to work on the townships Master Plan. Hilda noted in the MTA magazine there is a new 'complete streets' legislation which impacts townships. It was also noted by the planner that in a master plan, it is now required by the state to have Planning Commissions involved in any physical infrastructure in the township. The township board would have to overrule this by resolution if they do not wish to have the Planning Commission involved. Ron questioned what the advantage would be and would it become more complicated or be more advantageous to the township. Ron can also appoint a road committee to look at roads and sidewalks. Sheila would like to have our lawyer's opinion on what other townships and planning commissions have done and see the pro's and con's of it. Hilda will contact the lawyer.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 7:52.

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