

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
May 2013***

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 May 13, 2013 at the township hall. Harvey opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

Supervisor Ron Jones, Clerk Sheila Meiste, Treasurer, Misti Lindholm, Trustee Hilda Boerman, Trustee Bill Harvey. Trustee Hilda Boerman was absent.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey, County Commissioner.

- The County Commissioners passed a resolution to have Sudafed be a prescription only drug to reduce the meth-amphetamine problem. 40% of the jail inmates are housed due to meth offenses and the average cost of processing a meth criminal from beginning to end is \$235,000.
- 911 fees will be increasing \$2.90 per unit/per month beginning July 1. This will begin building up their future reserve.
- 300 concealed weapon permits issued in the county in 2012. At this time, the clerk is processing 80 per month.
- Equalization Director reported the value of land and property increase 2.7% over last year.

Dennis McKee, Consumers Energy. Consumers will be replacing meters on households to the new smart meter. The meters will let Consumers know when customers are out of power without the customer having to call them. If a customer chooses not to have the smart meter installed, which is free, it will cost them to have it installed later and to have a meter reader come each month.

5. New business

a) Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey to amend the 2012/2013 budget. All ayes. Motion carried. Next month will be the yearly budget hearing with copies of the budget available.

b) Straight Line will be edging the sidewalks and Ron Van Dyke will be installing a fence by the culvert on the new sidewalks on 136th Ave.

c) Discussion on how much to spend and what equipment to install in the township park. Consumers Energy Foundation has grants we can also apply for. The Peter Wege Foundation also has grants available. Ron will be meeting with M.C. Smith on Thursday with the changes.

6. Zoning update

a) The ZBA met and appointed new officers.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Lindholm supported by Harvey to pay township bills.

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 8:00

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