Heath Township Meeting Minutes April 2014

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 April 14, 2014 at the township hall. Ron opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey, County Commissioner

- 1,000 people attended the jail open house. The goal is to be moved in by early summer.
- The commissioners will be drafting a letter to the state police about keeping the county law enforcement with WMET.
- Joshua Driscoll, Manlius Township, would like to see ORV availabilities within the county. This will be discussed at their next meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00.
- The treasurer's office has seen a fluctuation in dog licenses. There has been no dog census for 14 years. They are looking for ways to regulate this.
- Jim has re-filed for our county commissioner.

5. New business

a) Reappoint Mike Winkler to the Planning Commission for another three year term, expiring April 30, 2017. Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

b) Michigan Gas is looking to remove pipelines from as many bridges as possible and are requesting an easement by the river to install a 4" plastic main which will tie onto a main on Washington Ave. They will be able to bore 10 ft. under the bottom of the river. Boerman asked how deep the line through the park would be. It will be 36" of cover with 50 lbs. of pressure. They would like to have this done by Labor Day. Hilda will be checking with M.C. Smith on the time table for park reconstruction. Bill questioned about having a hook-up from the line into the park. This would be a separate transaction with a fee. The application is online.

After speaking with the assessor and attorney, the payment to the township for the easement consideration would be \$6,000 and the temporary easement consideration would be \$2,000. Ron would like Michigan Gas to meet with M.C. Smith in regards to elevation, property lines, etc. The board has further questions on the document for our attorney and insurance company and will tabled for another month.

c) Mary Whiteford introduced herself as the Republican running for State Representative.

d) Approved Apex software for assessing at a price of \$545 and a yearly maintenance fee of \$235.

e) Clean-up days are on Saturday, April 19. There will be a few young men doing cleanup around the property.

f) Hilda and Ron will be meeting with M.C. Smith next week Tuesday to go over a punch list of items which need to be addressed at the township park and the Trestle Park.

g) Misti questioned what to do with the extra tubing from the top of the fences in the ballpark. She will contact Eric about this.

h) The board members need to decide on a sign design to replace the current one.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday April 17 at 7:00 to review the site plan for Superior Poured Walls.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Harvey supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 8:05.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.