

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
November 2015***

**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 November 9, 2015 at the township hall. Bill opened with prayer.

**2. Roll call**

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

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

Previous months minutes were approved.

**4. Reports**

Jim Storey, County Commissioner.

- The county will be getting a report from a consultant on a compensation study with classifications.
- The Wishbone organization will continue to staff the animal shelter.

**5. New business**

a) First item of business is the CHS Zoning Request. At the last planning commission meeting CHS requested the same rezoning for the eggplant, except with conditions. Hilda relayed to the board that after hearing from the attorneys and listening to the neighbors, the planning commission felt CHS had not done enough due diligence in finding a buyer for commercial and there were numerous concerns about the water and other items which CHS wasn't able to answer. Therefore, the planning commission was not comfortable with rezoning this property. In the meantime, CHS' attorney requested Bob Jones ask the township board to table this item until December. Hilda contacted Mr. Fenton to confirm this was what CHS wanted and asked him to send the board something in writing by tonight. This did not happen and she is recommending the township board deny CHS' request.

A citizen questioned how often CHS can keep coming back with the same request. Ron asked Hilda to check with our attorney about this. He noted our township board is already requesting the planning commission to revisit the Master Plan. The Master Plan is a guideline; it is not set in stone. Hilda mentioned even if the master plan is changed, people can still come and ask for a rezoning.

Motion by Meiste supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved to deny the CHS request per the planning commission recommendations.

b) Adopt a resolution for Heath Township and Hamilton Fire Department to amend and restate the Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan which will replace the current plan document. This resolution is required to bring the plan into compliance with the IRS and the Pension Protection Act of 2006. It will not result in any new fees or charges to the plan or participants. Motion by Boerman by supported Harvey by and unanimously approved.

d) Review recommendations from the insurance audit and information was taken under advisement.

e) Hilda reported the lighting is in at the park and there will be more lighting directed toward the trestle bridge.

f) Renew the surcharge contract for recycling program for 2016 with the county at \$25 per household. Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste and unanimously approved.

g) Request from the county for local unit of governments or veterinarians to issue and sell dog licenses. This can also be done online. Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to deny the township issuing dog licenses.

h) A resident questioned if Straightline has set times for leaf pick-ups? No, they do this at their convenience.

## **6. Zoning update**

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00.

## **7. Bills**

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved to pay township bills.

b) Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to pay fire department bills.

## **8. Adjournment**

a) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.