

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
March 2016***

**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 14, 2016 at the township hall. Boerman 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, Allegan County Commissioner

- Talks of moving the probation officers out of the county building and into the jail.
- Reviewing new park ordinance for the county parks. Latest issue is drones and the threat to privacy. The new ordinance would not allow them in county parks. How would the ordinance be enforced?
- County Economic Development Director has created new jobs in the county by utilizing a buyer for the Haworth Plant in Douglas, a Tool & Die company in Dorr and initiated the "Save Perrigo" claim.

**5. New business**

a) Randy Rapp, Environmental Health Supervisor was present to answer any questions regarding the Recycling Surcharge, Interlocal Agreement and wording for the August 2 election. This surcharge would be an increase from \$25, based on 1,171 homes, to \$36 and give the township an increase of \$5,200. This year our township ran a deficit of \$7,567. Currently, residents can waive the fee. If the surcharge passes in the August election, residents cannot waive the fee.

Hilda questioned how much our township is charged at the Resource Recovery site since Republic does not check township cards. Also, the Republic facility is in need of repairs and clean-up. Randy will check into this as well as finding out if the cost at the Republic site is separated per township or if this is pro-rated.

Motion by Harvey supported Boerman and unanimously approved to sign the letter of intent for the recycling surcharge-interlocal agreement and election.

b) Next item on the agenda was approval of 2016 dust control from Bruce Allen Enterprise for \$3,360 per application. This would take place three times for a total of \$10,080. Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

c) Update from Hilda on the park.

- Austin Hamelink from Eagle Scout troop #33 will be working on our sign. He will be bringing it in for us to review.
- The park will be done this spring. Fill dirt will be hauled in. Plexiglass is gone from the county sign down by the park. Jim will contact the county.

e) Ron gave an update on the M-40 project and it is still scheduled for 2018. **No** bridge work will be done. Public hearings will be held in the fall of 2017.

f) Nancy J. questioned if residents can have a fire pit with the burn ordinance. A write up regarding this will be going into the township newsletter this spring.

## **6. Zoning update**

a) The Planning Commission will not be meeting this month but will meet on April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

## **7. Bills**

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

## **8. Adjournment**

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.