

**Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
October 2016**

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Jones at 7:00 on October 10, 2016 at the township hall. He also opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

- Mary Whiteford, State Representative

- Introduced House Bill 5882 which would require the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to notify township supervisors and 911 dispatch of any prescribed burns that are scheduled to happen on DNR owned land in their township.
- Supported House Bills 5469 – 5478 which will improve government accountability and allow citizens to better participate in the democratic process by providing them with complete information regarding the actions of all public officials and employees who serve them.
- Assisting with House Bills 5838 and 5839 which would establish new penalties for knowingly providing or facilitating travel for the purpose of engaging in human trafficking or prostitution in another jurisdiction.
- Mary will be holding some District office hours on October 14 at Southside Inn in Holland from 9:30 - 10:30, Saugatuck City Hall from 1:00 – 2:00 and Fennville District Library from 3:00 – 4:00.

- Jim Storey, County Commissioner

- Met with Dave Tebo from Hamilton Community Schools and Larry Brown from Allegan County Road Commission to discuss the blinking alert sign in front of Blue Star Elementary – it was off schedule. Larry Brown informed him at that meeting that the State is looking to redo the corner of 48th Street and M40 (not in Heath Township).
- Jon Campbell, Commissioner for District 6, will be resigning. Gayle Dougan will hold the next 2 year term for that District.
- October 26 will be next Allegan County Leadership Conference.
- On October 13 a Notice of Intent will be given to issue bonds to fund the \$900,000 short in the budget for the County Employee MERS program.

5. New business

- a) Discussed road paving for 2017. Ron is recommending 126th from 38th to 36th at a cost of \$160,000. Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commissions next meeting will be November 10 at 7:00. At their last meeting in September they approved the VanDyke brothers for a buy/sell lot adjacent to Bruce's Party Store.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 7:25.

Minutes submitted by Misti Lindholm.