Heath Township Meeting Minutes February 2019

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 February 11, 2019 at the township hall. Hilda 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, Allegan County Commissioner. New visitor guides for Allegan County are available at the township.

5. New business

- a) Reappoint Bill Harvey to a three-year term on the ZBA expiring February 28, 2022. Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.
- b) Apply three applications of dust control by SWB Enterprises LLC for \$7,980. Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved
- c) Amend poverty exempt Resolution 82 with the 2019 federal poverty income guidelines. Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved.
- d) Resolution to change the second meeting for the Board of Review to begin the Tuesday following the second Monday in March to accommodate attendance by the assessor and board members. The Board of Review will hold meetings for public appeals Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 14. Roll call vote: Boerman-yes, Harvey-yes, Meiste-yes, Jones-yes.
- e) Update from Bill on the January Road Commission meeting. Asphalt will be increasing by 29-32%. They will be paving 134th Avenue from M-40 to 41st Street
- f) Discussion to keep clean-up days a full day. It will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00-3:00 at the Hamilton transfer station on M-40.
- g) Allegan County Community Foundation has agreed to collect the funds for the Veterans Memorial for \$50 a month. Motion by Harvey supported by Meiste to approve the fee. The township lawyer will draft an agreement with the foundation. Discussion was held if the board would like the park to be named Heath Township Memorial park, seeing

it is on township property. Hilda will be contacting Tiffany at M.C. Smith for a quote from them to be the project manager and work with Helen Zeerip.

- h) Discussion on putting a sign at the top of the hill going down to the dam. Sign will read "Road not maintained during the winter months. Heath Township Board." Hilda will be checking with Signs Now for two signs.
- i) Bill noted the Allegan County Road Commission has a Facebook page for updates on hours and road conditions.
- j) The board received a FOIA fee appeal letter from Mr. Mike Winkler. He does not like the \$32 fee which the board does not feel the fee is unreasonable or unlawful. Mr. Winkler was informed of the meeting date and was not present to discuss his appeal. A motion was made by Meiste supported by Boerman to waive the fees to avoid costly litigation which would exceed the \$32 fee and to save taxpayer money. Motion supported by Meiste, Boerman, Jones and denied by Harvey. Ron will be putting a letter together from the board to inform Mr. Winkler.
- k) Applied for a "Love Your Hometown Grant" for a \$1,000. The township is in the running for this. Grant recipients will be announced in June. They may be using the township park for this.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Harvey supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 8:13.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.