

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
October 2020***

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 12, 2020 via teleconference. Misti opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey, County Commissioner gave his monthly report.

- Approved building a new entrance to the county building and a sally port, which is a secure way to bring in detainees for trials or hearings. They will also update the few holding cells they have.
- Enlarged the dog run on the Dumont Lake facility.
- Indigent defense systems standards are being reviewed.
- Started discussion on setting aside money to retain an environmental consultant to demolish the Rock-Tenn property.
- Tax limitation millage is on the county website with explanation

5. New business

a) Scott Beltman presented a resolution asking townships to support an Allegan County wide ORV ordinance. Townships would be able to mark off the roads they want included and the road commission has the final say. Motion was made by Harvey supported by Boerman to accept the resolution. Roll call vote: Harvey-yes, Lindholm-yes, Meiste-yes, Jones-yes Boerman-yes.

b) Request from Allegan County Resource Recovery to approve the surcharge collection on the winter tax bills. The agreement would be in effect from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2031. Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to approve. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Boerman-yes, Meiste-yes.

c) Resolution to purchase property from Cory and Michelle Potter which is adjacent to the Heath Township Cemetery. The fair value of the property is \$6,880 plus closing costs, transfer fees and recording fees. Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Lindholm-yes, Boerman-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes, Harvey-yes.

d) Resolution to grant an easement to install overhead lines and a pole on property located within Overisel township. The resolution gives the Township Supervisor authorization to execute all documents required to effectuate the grant of the easement to Consumers Energy. Motion was made by Boerman supported by Meiste to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Meiste-yes.

e) Request from American Red Cross to hold a blood drive in the township. At this time, the Reformed Church holds a blood drive and the township meeting room is inadequate.

f) Request from a youth group to use our township restrooms and concession stand during the winter. Discussion was held and it was decided against this as there is no heat or plowing to the back. There is power in the gazebo year-round and they are welcome to use this.

g) Clean-up day went well and Hilda would like to see two clean-up days in 2021, possibly in the spring and the fall.

h) Hilda questioned when to close the restrooms. Due to the colder weather, they should be closed by this weekend. Schutmaat Park gates will stay open all winter and the portable toilets will be removed soon.

i) Next month the board will look at Quinn Drews proposal for disc golf.

j) The Veteran memorial hydro seeding will be done either today or tomorrow.

6. Zoning update

a) Planning Commission meeting met and approved a sand mining operation. An engineering company is going to come up a bond amount, which will go to the planner, and will come before the board at a later date.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to pay the township bills. Roll call vote: Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes.

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 7:48.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Meiste, Clerk