

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
February 2022***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:00 p.m. on February 14 at the Township Hall. Hilda opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

- A. Jim Storey, County Commissioner gave his monthly report:
 - Update on the new Mental Health Building and talked about the use of the space of the old building when the move happens
 - Talked about ARPA funds at the County level
 - Discussed the approval of the purchase of body cams for the Sheriff's Dept.
- B. M.Harvey reported that the Election Commission met and passed Resolution #97 to approve precinct changes in Heath Township by allowing Precinct 1 to be Hamilton School District voters and adding Precinct 2 and allowing this precinct to be Allegan School District voters.
- C. Boerman reported that the Deed was found for Brookside cemetery and she will need to have an affidavit to replace it and file with the County.

5. New business

- A. With a motion from Boerman and a support from Lindholm to reappoint Bill Harvey to the ZBA board with term to expire 2/28/2025. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.
- B. Dave Haverdink, Hamilton Fire Chief, gave the 2022-2023 Fire Budget and report. Motion from Boerman with support from B.Harvey to accept the Capital Operational Budget as presented. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed. Motion from Lindholm with support from Boerman to accept the wage increase of 2.5%. Vote take, all in favor, motion passed. Motion from Boerman with support from B.Harvey to approve purchase of the Light Duty First Response Rescue Truck as well as the Building improvements as presented. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.
- C. Motion by M.Harvey with support from Boerman to present Resolution #96 to change the starting date of March Board of Review to be March 15, 2022. Roll call vote: Jones – yes, M.Harvey – yes, Lindholm – yes, Boerman – yes, B.Harvey -yes. Resolution passed.
- D. Motion by Boerman with support from B.Harvey to present Resolution #98 to oppose incorporating Heath Township as a Charter Township. Roll call vote: Jones -yes, M.Harvey – yes, Lindholm – yes, Boerman – yes, B.Harvey -yes. Resolution passed.
- E. Motion from Lindholm with support from Boerman to accept the bid from the Allegan County Road Commission for 1 additional roadside mowing for the cost of \$1848.20. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.
- F. Scott Beltman introduced himself to the Board. He is a member of the Allegan County Broadband Action Workgroup.
- G. M.Harvey discussed:
 - Looking into changing Auditors for the Township
 - ACRC estimates and the fact that the Township is paying about 6% more than what the estimates are coming in at.
 - With election changes due to the addition of a precinct, Heath Township will need another Tabulator and there will be more costs in supplies and workers. Also, the new precinct will still be able to vote in house at the Township Hall.

- Republic has been overcharging us on dumpsters so that was addressed. Also, they are going to get us an estimate of costs for Township Cleanup days to help us with our budget.
- Ideas for spending our ARPA funds. Residents would like to see our sidewalks taken care of better and possibly replaced if needed and also would like to see our cemeteries taken care of better and cleaned up and possibly plowed in the winter.

6. Zoning update

- A. Boerman reported that the Planning Commission met in February to amend the December minutes. Waiting to see when the next meeting will be.
- B. B.Harvey reported the ZBA met to reappoint officers.

7. Bills

Motion by Boerman supported by Lindhom to pay township bills. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by M.Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Missy Harvey.