

***Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
May 2020***

**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 May 11, 2020 via teleconference. Misti opened with prayer.

**2. Members present**

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**

Myrene Koch, County Prosecutor updated the board on the latest summaries of the Governors Executive Orders. Bret Padgett of MTA introduced himself and answered questions in regards to a soft opening of the township and restrooms at the park. At this time, it will stay closed until the stay at home is lifted, currently May 28. Jim Storey, County Commissioner reported on the following:

- Updates on meetings with the Health Dept. in regards to COVID-19 cases
- Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be a drive through test clinic in Pullman
- The commissioners are looking at procuring equipment to stream meetings
- Shoreline erosion and the strong turnout for the May election
- New contract with Wishbone of Allegan County
- County will have 2 millage questions on the August ballot

**5. New business**

a) Reviewed the current years budget. Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to make any needed budget amendments to the 2019/2020 budget prior to the annual budget hearing on June 8. Roll call vote: Meiste-yes, Jones-yes, Harvey-yes, Lindholm-yes, Boerman-yes.

b) Discussion on township clean-up dates for the fall. Looking at October 3 from 8-3. Hilda will check with Republic and when a date is finalized Misti will include the notice in the tax bills. Motion by Harvey supported by Lindholm to approve. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Meiste-yes.

c) Sally informed us there are a few graves in the cemetery which are on Cory Potter's property. 42North quoted us a price of \$1,190 for a boundary line adjustment. Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to approve. Roll call vote: Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes.

d) Discussion on putting fertilizing and weed killer on the grass in the cemetery and Schutmaat park. Concerns were raised in regards to no sprinkling and proximity of grass to the water. Received a quote from Straightline to spray and fertilize at \$1,650 per application. Sheila will contact Aaron and ask him to follow the guidelines necessary with posting when spraying in a public area.

The insurance company contacted the township in regards to insuring the white shed in the cemetery. Discussion on whether to keep it or take it down. Sheila will contact them to see how much insurance would be.

e) Hilda questioned where we are in the grant process and the acquisition of property. Bill will contact the owner and report back.

f) The Memorial Day Parade, breakfast and dedication has been cancelled. Helen will be doing a prayer at the Veterans Memorial flag pole at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day. She has ordered the bronze plaques for the seven benches. Yellow caution tape is up since pavers were pulled to be engraved. May 18 a crew will be coming to remove all the stones, lay out the plants and plant them, lay the drip/irrigation lines, put the stones back in and finish with the perimeter. If it rains, this will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

g) Bill questioned why the fire departments annual bill has not been paid. Sheila explained the process of how the townships pay their share when their respective budget years begin and ours will be paid July 1. Ron explained how in previous years our township would float the money to the fire department when the other townships had not yet paid and the fire department was overdrawn. Moving forward, the fireboard will be proposing the fire departments fiscal year be changed to match our townships of June 30-July 1 since we are the majority holder.

## **6. Zoning update**

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting June 18, probably via telecom.

## **7. Bills**

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

## **8. Adjournment**

a) Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Roll call vote: Harvey-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste

