

**Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
July 2017**

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 July 10, 2017 at the township hall. Bill 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

William A. Baillargeon, Chief District Court Judge in Allegan County:

- The Annual Report for the 57th District Court was completed and is available online at www.allegancounty.org under the District Court tab. Included in the Annual Report is the Public Satisfaction Survey which scored very high marks.
- Introduced the Michigan's Problem-Solving Courts Report.
- Drug Treatment Court has been operating for 7 years with great success. Thirty individuals have completed the course and graduated.
- Veteran Treatment Court has been operating for 3 years in collaboration with Ottawa, Van Buren and Allegan county's. Have hosted 7 graduations so far.
- Sobriety Court is fairly new, operating for just 2 ½ months and is alcohol specific. The people in this court have 2 or more OWI's. Gives opportunity to get a restricted license after a period of time with a Blow-N-Go installed in their vehicles to get from home to work or home to treatment.

Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk

- Handed out a list of services that they provide out of the County Clerk's office. Some of the items on the list have since been updated and are not on the County website yet.
- DD-214's for veterans they suggest that you file a copy with the County Clerk's office. In the future if needed it then can be accessed through their office rather than going through Veteran Affairs.
- New Dominion Voting Systems are coming next year throughout the County. Current voting systems are approximately 12 years old. This was paid for with grants.
- They are trying hard to get forms online to make the process easier on residents.

Travis Williams and Jamie Krupka, Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway

- The ODCMG purchased 65 acres off from 135th Avenue in Hamilton along the Rabbit River from Al & Marcia Elgersma. They are potentially calling this area the “Rabbit River Preserve”.
- They plan on having a small gravel parking area and foot trails throughout the property.
- This area will only have foot traffic on this site.
- They plan on hosting school groups and be open to the public.
- Al Elgersma will be helping them with the drive and parking area.
- The first week of October Herman Miller will be providing funds and volunteers to help get the site ready to be open to the public.

Ryan Deery, Allegan District Library

- Applied in November for a USDA Development loan and they just found out last week they were approved. They should have funds by September to start their construction on the Library. They hope to complete the construction in 11 months.
- They do not expect for the Library to be closed too much – maybe just a day or two here and there.
- The construction will provide for access to the Library with study rooms, area for teens, more public space, digital lab, etc.
- This will give the Library approximately 50% more space and approximately 15% more in inventory.

5. New business

Resident, Stephanie Smith, questioned the gas lines along M-40. Jones replied that they are moving the utilities now to be prepared for the construction on M-40 next summer. They will be widening M-40 from 134th to the Post Office and then it will remain the same width as it is now to 136th. She also questioned a light by the Mobil station. Jones replied that MDOT in the past had stated that they feel it would be more dangerous to install a light at that corner.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commission will not be meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 17.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 7:44.

Minutes submitted by Treasurer Misti Lindholm