

**Heath Township  
Meeting Minutes  
May 2018**

**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 14, 2018 at the township hall. Bill 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**

a) Judge Baillargeon gave an update and left a copy of the 2017 Annual Report of the 57<sup>th</sup> District Court.

b) Ryan Derry gave an update on the Allegan District library and left a facts sheet. On August 7 there will be a .85 mills library operation renewal on the ballot.

c) Michael Villar introduced himself as the Republican nominee for Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney.

d) Jim Storey, County Commissioner could not make tonight's meeting. He dropped off a copy of the Allegan County Sheriff's office 2017 Annual Report as well as flyers for the re-dedication of the WWI Memorial at West Side County Park on Monday, May 28 from 2:30-3:30 pm.

**5. New business**

a) Dylan Weerstra presented a new flag pole project he is working on for his Eagle Scouts badge. This would be at the Riverside cemetery. He would like to add a new light as well as four benches and a sign. He plans on getting contributions and Ron mentioned the board would like to help with the cost. Motion by Harvey supported by Lindholm and unanimously supported to approve the concept.

b) Before AMAR meets with our assessor, we need to adopt the policy and application for tax-exempt non-profit charitable institutions. Motion by Boerman seconded by Harvey to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Meiste-yes, Boerman-yes, Jones-yes. Motion adopted

c) AMAR also needs a resolution regarding waiving penalty fees for failure to file a property transfer affidavit. Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Meiste-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Boerman-yes.

d) The Planning Commission has adopted the 2018 Master Plan and is recommending the township board adopt it as well. Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey and unanimously approved.

e) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved to amend the 2017/18 budget. Next month will be the budget hearing with copies of the budget available.

f) M.C. Smith provided a proposal for the update of the 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan at a cost of \$6,800. Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved.

g) Reviewed the work order from the road commission for spot paving on 41<sup>st</sup> Street north of 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue for \$4,600. Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey and unanimously approved.

h) MDOT will be holding a public meeting in regards to the M-40 work beginning in June. The meeting will be held at the township on May 24 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

i) The Lions Club approached the board on getting more decorative lights on the M-40 Bridge. They are proposing four lights at a cost of \$19,612. The board approves the concept and would like to know how much they plan on contributing towards the cost.

j) Ron was approached by a resident who has property on 36<sup>th</sup> Street, which is a seasonal road, and is shared with Monterey Township. He would like the township to pave this road and share the cost with Monterey. This is a swamp area and would cost approximately \$400,000 for one mile. This road is not on our future road work.

k) Clean up days are June 9 at the Republic site on M-40 and not at the township.

## **6. Zoning update**

a) The Planning Commission will not be meeting in May but in June.

## **7. Bills**

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to pay township bills.

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

## **8. Adjournment**

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 7:57.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste